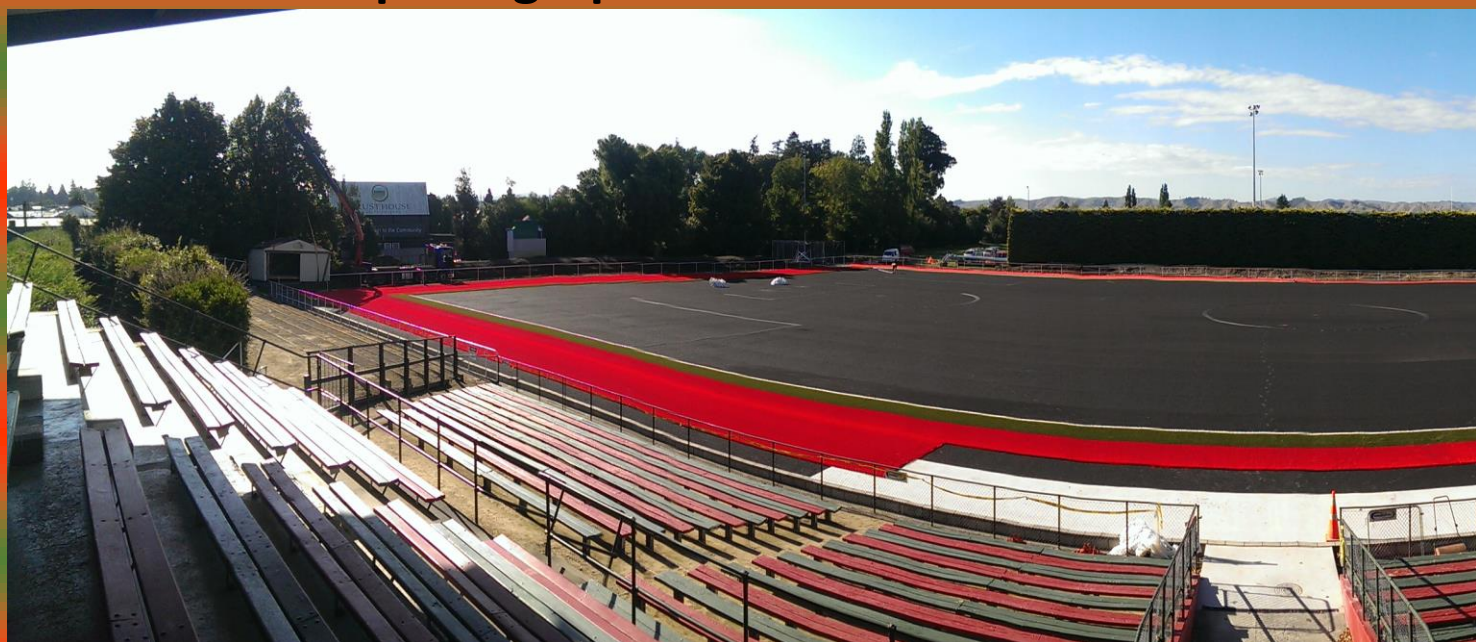


Wairarapa Bush Newsletter Trust House Memorial Park



23rd March 2015

We are back for 2015 Live From Trust House Memorial Park Opening April – Details to follow



Weekly News

Memorial Park Update Page

Council of Club Update Page

Situation Vacant:

There are 2 roles currently available

1. Operations and Event Managers
2. Board Secretary

Go to waibush.co.nz for more information

Club Rugby

Club Rugby Starts 11th April 2015

The DRAW is OUT – go to

www.waibush.co.nz

Our page views since January 2014 is now 98,018
Our rugby community – JUST BRILLIANT

Trust House Memorial Park Update



Power cables for the lights on No 1



Announcers /Coaches Box Gets a make over



Moulds for the Light towers



Higgins Crew hard at Work on No 1

2015 National 7's Team in Rotorua



Even though the Wairarapa Bush 7's team didn't win a game at the National 7's tournament the team competed and pushed the best teams to the wire.

Not winning a game over the 2 days while disappointed coach Eli Telford and captain Sam Monaghan believed team developed and progressed over weekend.

The results where

Wellington lost 35-12, Waikato lost 35-10, North Harbour lost 26-24, Manawatu lost 21-7, Canterbury lost 26-12

Congratulations to Nathan Hunt who played for a Barbarians team that played NZ 7's team during their preparations for the Wellington 7's.

Also Congratulations to Sam Siaosi from Chanel College who made the tournament team from the New Zealand Marist College Sevens from the weekend.

Council of Club Update

11th April 2015 is the confirmed start date of the Premier Competition. This year will see 8 Senior teams play 2 full rounds, followed by semi's and Grand finals Day on 1st August.

Please note you can drop your player registrations into the office anytime or pop in our new secured letterbox at our office @ 149 Dixon Street, Masterton.

Senior reserve registrations required 7 days prior to commencement of competition.

Newly appointed Wairarapa Bush coach, Josh Syms presented his plans for the season to the Council of Clubs.

Ranfurly Shield Challenge



Thursday 9th July 2015
(Time to be confirmed by Sky TV)

McLean Park, Napier

More details to follow - Book in this date.

JAB Rugby

Any changes to your club details?

Just a reminder to advise the office the contact details of any new officer bearers, Coaches and Managers and update your clubs transfers signatories. This information will be used on our website and in the 2015 Handbook.

Forms

Transfers, under-age consent forms, club rules, 2015 registrations, international clearance forms are available on our webpage under "Download" tab.



Heartland Rugby 2015



With the 2015 rugby season just around the corner, I would like to formally take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Josh Syms, and as you may or may not be aware, I have recently been appointed as the Head Coach of the Wairarapa-Bush Heartland Championship side for the 2015 season. Firstly I would like to thank the Wairarapa-Bush Rugby Union and Board for appointing me to this important and prestigious position. I look forward to the challenges it will provide and I am prepared to meet them head on. Secondly I would like to thank the Wairarapa-Bush Rugby public; your welcome and encouragement in the past six weeks, as well as your support and guidance, have been much appreciated. I am sure with your continued support, 2015 is going to be a very successful year. Thirdly I am pleased to welcome Wayne Roach (Assistant Coach), and Gavin Hodder (Manager) to the management team. Both men are highly regarded in the region and I am excited to have them on board for the season.

The 2015 season promises to be an exciting season with many opportunities for the Union to shine. The opening of our new playing surface, the possibility of playing night rugby in the Wairarapa, the 2015 Heartland Championship Season and, of course, the Shield challenge in July, are just a few of these.

With this in mind there are five key areas that I would love to address that have a direct influence on club rugby, and club rugby players over the upcoming weeks.

Representative Rugby Nominations - At the Council of Clubs meeting on the 9th of February, I called for all clubs to nominate all prospective players for the wider heartland squad for 2015. I wish this process to

This year we are looking for JAB teams or coaches to send in weekly articles about their teams.

Remember – participation and enjoyment of playing is what our junior rugby players want.

Preseason Rugby It is my desire to be available to watch as much club rugby as possible before the season starts. So with that in mind I would appreciate the opportunity to watch as many pre-season fixtures as possible. With the season dates now in place and clubs able to lock in fixtures, I would appreciate it if clubs could forward there pre-season fixtures to me as well as kick off times and venues.

Training Nights I would also love the opportunity to attend your club trainings, both pre-season and during the season, just as a selector but also as a coach. Wayne Roach and I are both keen and available to attend trainings and help out coaching should you require any assistance. I only ask that if you would like some help or even just a different voice for a particular training, that you give us both the opportunity to prepare a worthwhile session. Feel free to give me a call and we can work a time out that will benefit both the coaches and the players.

Preseason Tournament At the Council of Clubs meeting on the 9th of February I asked clubs if they would be interested in playing in a pre-season tournament hosted by the union. It would be an informal shortened game tournament allowing coaches to change players and play numerous oppositions. The general consensus of the room was that this was an idea that would be worth exploring. The mooted date was [the 28th of March](#), but this could change dependant on club availability. I would love to have an expression of interest from all clubs as to whether they would like to be involved in this tournament. If the club coaches could email me at the address provided above as to their availability, this would be greatly appreciated.

be an open and transparent process where all clubs and club coaches have the opportunity to nominate all deserving players for selection to a wider training group which will assemble in April.

2015 is already lining up to be an exciting year for rugby in the Bush and with your help I am sure it will also be successful.

Yours in Rugby

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The nominated players list is now available at www.waibush.co.nz

The Whistle Blower



There's no such thing as a Rugby Season anymore. Look at the work load for Alistair Payne.

He started refereeing club rugby warm-up matches last March. After our Club Season his Heartland Championship commitments took him right through to late October. And then he was appointed to referee at the Central Districts 7's and last weekend he was a match Official at the Cake Tin for the World Series 7

And Rebecca Mahoney, having refereed college fixtures played rugby for Manawatu up to Mid-October and then refereed at three 7's tournaments before she went to Rotorua for the national 7's Tournament in mid-January. There she was so impressive she has been drafted into the National Women's 1st Class Panel. This means she will be refereeing women's 1st class rugby at the end of next season.

In refereeing circles at least, Rugby is a year-round sport.

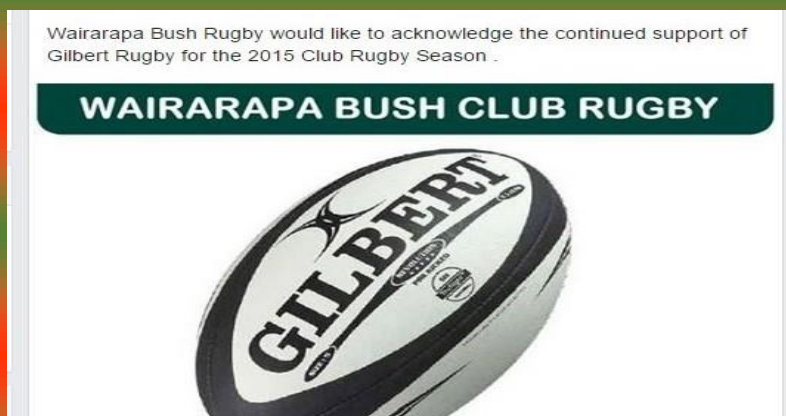
And this year the Referee Panel in the Wairarapa is brim full of talented referees who will be pushing hard to knock Chris Jefferies, Alistair Payne and Scott Andrew off their top three perches in our Refereeing ranks. Ryan Hardman, Mike Wakefield, Rebecca Mahoney and Paul Thomson are just so full of promise that poor performance early in the season by last year's Premier Panel may see some of our incumbents struggling for Top of the Table appointments.

And isn't that what you want. The best referees getting pushed to improve. The new Refs bringing fresh ideas and modern influences.

Better refereeing leads to better rugby which leads to better individual player performance.

That's what I will be looking for. I hope you will be as well.

The Whistle Blower.



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Hurricanes vs Crusaders on 2nd May in Wellington
Thanks to Gilbert Rugby**

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