



The Eagle Times



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Dear Eagles Life Members, Foundation Members, Sponsors, Players & Supporters,

Welcome to another season of Eagles Rugby. 2009 looks like being the most exciting and anticipated seasons in years. The Eagles are very confident on improving on their 2008 results under the guidance of new head coach and former Wallaby Marco Caputo who has returned to the club after over 10 years of playing professionally here and abroad and under some of the world's leading coaches. Marco will be assisted by two of the Eagles' favourite sons who were both members of the almighty 2003 John I Dent premierships-winning side. Tim Davis will oversee the forwards & Tony Whittaker will watch over our talented young backline. The club is looking forward to developing a closer relationship with the Brumbies, that will in turn lead to some Brumbies players (not included in the Wallabies squad) pulling on the Black & Red jersey.

Second Grade will again be coached by Michael Radnedge who is keen to claim that elusive Second Grade premiership that has, in his last two attempts eluded him. Michael will be assisted by club stalwart and one of the club's most consistent performers in Adam Gresham.

The Colts look to have the best chance of taking the premiership since the class of '97 which included many players that went on to be very good first/second graders. The return of Sean Connachie, Michael and James Lovell from a gap year in England and the addition of talented young footballers from Daramalan College, in Dan Mannix and Will Tavianou will boost the Colts team. We have also gained four young country boys; three from St Joseph's College Hunters Hill and one from Yanco Agricultural College. Third Grade will again be coached by "Mr Cool" Glenn Carey. Mik Adam and Mark Dawes will take on the coaching role of Fourth Grade.

This year is the 25th Anniversary of the Eagles first ever John I Dent triumph over arch rivals Royals. Throughout the year we will be reflecting on that 1984 premiership winning side including articles such as "Where are they now?" and interviews with former players. The club would like to officially recognise these players at our season launch and also in the 2009 season game against Royals.

This year the Melbourne Rebels (Victorian Rep Side) will be competing in the pre-season tournament formerly called the Vodafone Cup. The Rebels are drawn in the Eagles half of the draw with the game being held in Albury in late April. Another Melbourne team called "Eureka Rugby" have put forward a proposal to the Presidents of the Premier Division clubs & the ACTRU seeking admission into the Premier Division and the Colts competition. The proposal was quite impressive and the ACTRU has agreed to give them every opportunity to play in the competition and a definite answer should be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Congratulations to Andrew Barrell for taking out the inaugural Boags Gift on Saturday night at halftime of the Brumbies which saw the club receive \$1,000 dollars worth of Boags products.

The club is excited at the numbers attending trainings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Attendance at trainings is well up on previous years and this is a promising sign for the season ahead.

Dates For Your Diary

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| Preseason Trainings | Tuesday & Thursday | 6pm sharp to 7:30pm | Nicholls Oval |
| 7 March | Queanbeyan Sevens | 3 Eagles teams entered | |
| 14 March | Batemans Bay | 15-a-side Knockout | 2 Eagles teams entered |
| 25 March | SMART Rugby at Daramalan College. Register at www.brumbies.com.au It is mandatory that all coaches have Smart Rugby accreditation. | | |
| 4 April | Transact Cup (pre-season comp) kicks off (formerly Vodafone Cup) | | |
| 13 May Wednesday | Eagles Season Launch | | |
| 16 May | Premier Division Competition begins | | |
| Sponsors Day TBA | | | |
| 2009 Red & Black Ball TBA | | | |

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In conclusion I would like to encourage all players, supporters and sponsors to get along to the social events planned for 2009. This will help ensure a great year for this great club. Eagles Rugby is always seeking the support of sponsors. Sponsors of our club are greatly appreciated and we in turn support their businesses. If you know of a business that may be interested in becoming part of Eagles Rugby, please contact me or Cathy Donnellan.

Lee O'Sullivan
President Eagles Rugby

The 1984
Premiers



Back Tim Templeman, Steve Bryant, Bryan Connell, Leigh Donnellan, Mark Driscoll, Paul Foster, Chris Dainer, Matthew Hutchison, Jim Gordon
Front Greg Potts, Peter O'Neill, Craig Morton, Patrick McKeough, Tim Hutchison, Jeff Rumble Coach Stephen Howarth

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