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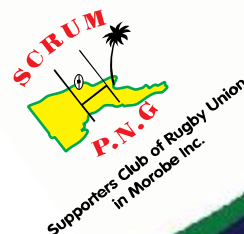
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Welcome SCRUM members to the Ruck and Maul newsletter which has been resurrected, bringing you updates on all SCRUM and PNG Rugby related activity on a quarterly basis.

SCRUM 45th Luncheon

Guest speaker Merv Hughes and entertainer Michael Meredith made the journey to Lae to join members and friends for our 45th lunch on October 9th. Unsurprisingly they were not disappointed with the warm reception they received.

Nor were all those present, who thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. The day as a whole was a big success and didn't waiver in its reputation as one of the best events on the Lae social calendar; "Quite possibly the best gig I have ever attended," big Merv Hughes himself reported back to SCRUM, when he was safely back in Australia after a few days recovery!

More importantly, over K100,000 was raised at auction, which will assist SCRUM in implementing rugby programs and improving infrastructure around SCRUM oval in 2016.

The next SCRUM luncheon will be in early 2016, date to be confirmed.

New SCRUM website and Facebook page

Have you visited SCRUM's new website featuring updates, photos and a more modern look and feel? If not, check it out today. It's easy to navigate (for our dinosaurs) and includes a little bit more about what SCRUM is all about.

We also have a Facebook page for our social media savvy members! It's the best forum to be kept up to date with our Junior Program. It also allows you to view discussions between players and coaches, with photos from weekend matches, competitions and general rugby banter. You can never get enough of that!
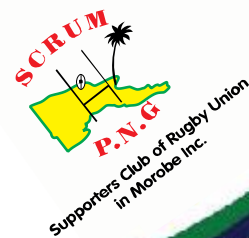

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Local SCRUM News

SCRUM boys did very well in their October tour to Queensland. They lost to Sunshine Coast Grammar 21 – 0 but the blow was softened after a win against Nudgee 19 – 15. During the tour a young PNG'ean boy showed his potential and was identified by Australian talent scouts; developments on that coming soon.

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Kalibobo 7s tournament in Madang took place on 14th & 15th of November. A Morobe Schoolboy side was able to participate thanks to a K2,500 contribution from SCRUM to cover accommodation and transport costs.

- Kimbe Rebels beat AROB to win the Cup & K20,000
- Morobe Hammer Heads beat Madang to win the Plate & K5,000
- Madang team 2 beat Goroka to win the Bowl & K3,000

Oceania Junior Rugby Trophy will take place in Fiji from 25th Nov - 5th Dec. Tonga, PNG, Fiji and Vanuatu are all competing in what will be a tough and physical contest!

Of the 44 PNG players in the squad, 18 are from Morobe Province. Touring squad will be trimmed to 22 players when they fly to Fiji on November 20th.

GOOD LUCK to all the boys up for selection.

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WANTED - Sports Gear

SCRUM is always on the lookout for donations of sporting gear of any sort. If you have old rugby gear, boots or jumpers, and want to assist, please get in touch: scrumpng@gmail.com

SCRUM recently received sporting goods from the Canberra VETS courtesy of Michael Lawrence from the Australian Federal Police.

Chemcare Group also recently donated a number of rugby balls to SCRUM. President Angus King is pictured here handing the balls to SCRUM'S RDO (Rugby Development Officer) Robin Tarere.

All sporting gear goes directly to Junior rugby and ensures that rugby programs reach far into the remote areas of Morobe Province and beyond, allowing young pikininis to get involved.

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Want to become a SCRUM member?

SCRUM offers Individual and Corporate Membership for the following fees:

- New Membership: K180
- Corporate Membership: K330
- Individual renewal: K100

Those attending SCRUM Luncheons are encouraged to join. Your membership not only assists SCRUM to continue to grow the game in Morobe, it provides an opportunity for kids to learn the invaluable life skills associated with being part of a team.

And you receive a free SCRUM tie!

Simply email us: scrumpng@gmail.com

We thank you for your continued support. Until next time.

Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year