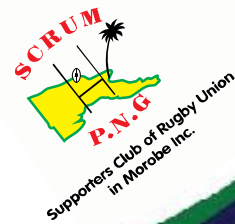


RUCK & MAUL

Official SCRUM Inc. Newsletter



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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 LUNCH DATE CONFIRMED!



WHEN: October 7th – Friday

WHERE: Lae International Hotel.

WHO: Wallaby - Benn Robinson. Comedian TBC

Put this in your diary ASAP. Not only are there cold schooners on tap, but it's a terrific day for a worthy cause. Throw in a comedian, a high profile sportsman, the best conference facility in the country and there's no other place you'd rather be. Bring your cheque books and have a punt on our auction items there is plenty on offer and a great way to entertain clients and network. More info on our Auction item will be emailed out prior to the luncheon.



Benn Robinson
32 years of age (retired)
Loosehead Prop
72 Aus Test caps
155 Super Rugby games
Most capped Waratah player ever.
Australia's second most capped Test Prop.

TERM ONE SCHOOLS RUGBY PROGRAM VISIT REPORT

Our visit to Markham commencing on the 28th – March – 16th April was a success.

SCRUM staff conducted a 2 day skills workshop for 30 participants who were teachers and community youth leaders.

12 schools were identified elementary and primary. 200 students attended our session each day.

2 classes of elementary and 2 classes of primary school children.

Total number of children who participated in the program was 2400- an impressive number.

Term one rugby expo was cancelled due to fighting amongst the villages along the Markham Highway and schools are still closed along the Highway.

Markham District has the potential to develop the code of rugby in Schools and we've seen some potential rugby players both girls and boys from the schools we visited. It has been well received, we just have to continue our program to keep the interest there.

Term two program concentrated on the Lae urban schools and Huon Gulf District School.

NEWS FLASH ->

WILLIE MALALA HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR THE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS SHADOW SQUAD!!!

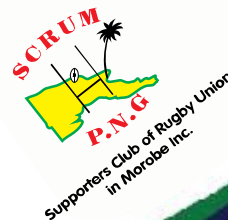
BLACK ORCHID 7s TOURNAMENT – June 11/12th

SCRUM recently supported the MRFU's Morobe Hammerheads with a K7,500 donation for travel and accommodation expenses and meals to Arawe in AROB.

Made up of several players from our SCRUM program, the Morobe Hammerheads did well but lost to eventual winners the Kimbe Rebels in the Semi finals. A great tournament none the less!



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MOROBE SCHOOL RUGBY HOLIDAY CAMP

Despite the continuous rain, The Mini and Pukpuk Rugby program for the Lae urban district ended its term two program with a rugby expo and holiday camp conducted on the 6th – 14th July 2016 at the SCRUM oval right here in Lae.



150 participants from 11 different schools both boys and girls attended the camp. Schools were; Igam, St Marys , St Martins, St Pauls, Tararka, Milfordhaven, Markham Rd, Coronation, Amba, Lae Primary and Omili.

The camp ended on Friday 15th July with medal presentation to the Participants (see above pics)

Three academy squads of U/14s, U/16s and U/17s were announced after the camp and will be monitored over the next 4 months leading up to the Provincial Schools Rugby 7s Carnival to be held at the end of November in Lae.

SCRUM'S SCHOOL VISITS

Volunteers and 2x SCRUM officers also completed their visitation program to 18 schools in the Lae Urban District assisting their sports teacher's.



The focus for term 3 will be to complete SCRUM's rural school rugby outreach program.

Targeted Districts will be right here in Morobe Province; Bulolo, Nawaeb and Finschafen. This rural schools rugby outreach program will be conducted in partnership with PNG Sports Foundation who have been our partner for the last 20 years.

PNGRFU PROVINCIAL RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIPS

SCRUM oval was the chosen venue to host the PNGRFU Provincial Rugby championships with SP Brewery the major sponsors. Provinces in the Northern Zone took part. 23 – 31st July in Lae.

With a number of visiting teams from various provinces, the tournament was played hard and showcased some quality rugby.

The Morobe Hammerheads came out victorious beating visitors the East New Britain Kaias 25 – 14. They then travelled to Port Moresby losing a tough encounter against rivals Capital Rugby Union Boromas 28 – 15, becoming SP Export 15s NPC Champions.

The Morobe Hammerheads boasted several young players from our SCRUM academy which is a positive sign. Our young stars need to continue playing rugby after finishing our SCRUM Program and it is encouraging to see that there is a pathway for them as they strive to play on and some day play for the PNG Puk Puks.

HORNIBROOK HARLIQUINS WIN MRFU GRAND FINAL

Congratulations! Mens Hornibrook Harlequin beat The Royals 17 – 12 in a terrific GF match at St Ignatius Kilage Stadium in Lae. Big congrats; The Harlies' dominated most grades on the day. All the teams that took part were littered with SCRUM boys from our program.