



The Brolga Bulletin

Townsville and District Rugby Union Inc

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Welcome to all the players, parents and supporters of Townsville Rugby.

Once again, growth and sustainability has been a large part of our focus as we head into Season 2012. In the off-season, the TDRU undertook a significant upgrade of our grounds to accommodate more games for our junior competition. With the assistance provided through the various Government Grants available to us, we were able to establish an additional playing area for the Under 10's and 11's and upgrade the lighting at the northern end of Field 1. The Friday Night Juniors will continue to be the cornerstone of our competition so we can ensure our juniors have a clear and enjoyable pathway to representative rugby and eventually our senior competition.

With the assistance of the QRU and St George Bank, we are pleased to have Quade Cooper in Townsville to launch our 2012 Season at Hugh Street this Friday. As one of our codes elite players, we would like to acknowledge the QRU and St George for their assistance and cooperation in bringing Quade to Townsville. This is a great acknowledgement by the QRU as to the importance of raising the profile of rugby in regional Queensland.

I would also like to recognise our sponsors, coaches, managers and volunteers whose efforts ensure that rugby will always have a place on the Townsville sporting landscape.

Lachlan Bell

President – Townsville and District Rugby Union.

Sponsor of the week..... Mike Carney Toyota...

Mike Carney Toyota have been a loyal sponsor of Townsville Rugby Union for over 15 years, contributing heavily to the growth of our code in North Queensland. In 2011 Mike Carney Toyota became the naming rights sponsor of the TDRU facility on Hugh St in Currajong and with the support they provide with signage and staff vehicles they have become the TDRU's major sponsor. The TDRU Thanks Mike and his team for their generous support they have provided over the years. For the best cars new and second hand cars visit Mike and his team.

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Season Pass...

Great Discounted Price...

Save \$\$\$

Season Gate Pass – individual - \$70.00

Season Family Pass - \$100.00

Buy them from the ticket box!!!

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If you have any stories or information for the Brolga Bulletin please email Denise at the TDRU office:

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Current Senior Rep Calendar

13th Mar	Tuesday	19 and A Training	6-8pm
15th Mar	Thursday	19 and A Training	6-8pm
17th Mar	Saturday	Brolgas v Cairns (Home)	
20th Mar	Tuesday	19 and A Training	6-8pm
27th Mar	Tuesday	19 and A Training	6-8pm
29th Mar	Thursday	19 and A Training	6-8pm
31st Mar	Saturday	Brolgas v Mackay (Burdekin)	
17th Apr	Tuesday	19 and A Training	6-8pm
19th Apr	Thursday	19 and A Training	6-8pm
21st Apr	Saturday	Brolgas v Cairns (Away)	

Who's playing who....

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	19	3RDS	2NDS	1STS
Brothers	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Burdekin				1				1	1		1	1
Charters Towers			1	1		1		1			1	
Ingham								1			1	
Teachers West	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ross River										1		1
University										1		1
NWOB									1	1	1	1
West Devils	1		1		1	1		1	1	1		
Grammar	2	2	1	1	1		1	1				
North Ward Sandcrabs	2	1	1	1	1		1					

Junior Club Championship

Brothers
 Teachers West
 Grammar
 Charters Towers
 North Ward
 West Devils
 Burdekin

Senior Club Championship

Teachers West
 Burdekin
 Brothers
 North Ward Old Boys
 Ross River Redskins
 Ingham
 Charters Towers
 University



Who's doing what this weekend.....

Under 10	Round 1	North Ward Blue	v	Brothers	Hugh St A	5:15 PM
Under 10	Round 1	Teachers West Blue	v	Western Devils	Hugh St B	5:15 PM
Under 10	Round 1	North Ward Red	v	Teachers West Maroon	Hugh St C	5:15 PM
Under 10	Round 1	Grammar Black	v	Grammar Gold	Hugh St D	5:15 PM
Under 11	Round 1	Teachers West Blue	v	Teachers West Maroon	Hugh St B	6:00 PM
Under 11	Round 1	Grammar Gold	v	Brothers	Hugh St C	6:00 PM
Under 11	Round 1	North Ward	v	Grammar Black	Hugh St D	6:00 PM
Under 12	Round 1	Charters Towers	v	Brothers Blue	Hugh St 1	6:45 PM
Under 12	Round 1	North Ward	v	Brothers White	Hugh St 2	5:15 PM
Under 12	Round 1	Teachers West	v	Western Devils	Hugh St 2	6:15 PM
Under 13	Round 1	Teachers West	v	Charters Towers	Hugh St 2	7:15 PM
Under 14	Round 1	Teachers West	v	Brothers Blue	Hugh St 1	2:30 PM
Under 17	Round 1	Burdekin	v	Brothers	Hugh St 1	3:30 PM
Under 17	Round 1	Teachers West	v	Western Devils	Hugh St 1	4:40 PM
Under 14	Round 1	Grammar	v	Brothers White	Hugh St 2	2:30 PM
Under 14	Round 1	North Ward	v	Western Devils	Hugh St 2	3:30 PM
Under 17	Round 1	Charters Towers	v	Ingham	Hugh St 2	4:30 PM
Under 12	Round 1	Grammar	v	BYE		
Under 13	Round 1	Grammar	v	Bye		
Under 17	Round 1	Grammar	v	BYE		
Under 13	Round 1	North Ward	v	Burdekin	Postponed	

Coach Education

Sundays Foundation Course saw over 60 participants attend the course to set them on the path of achieving their Level 1 coaching and refereeing certificates.

Well done coaches and clubs for the strong numbers who attended the course on a hot Sunday morning.

It is the most attendees at one course in the history of the courses being run all over Queensland.

SMART RUGBY: The next Smart Rugby Course is being run on Monday the 26th of March @ Mike Carney Toyota Park 6-8pm

Reminder that all coaches must have current Smart Rugby to coach at any level.

Please contact Dan Withers at the TDRU office for more information.

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2012 TDRU Art Union

The Townsville and District Rugby Union is excited to announce our Art Union will be back bigger and better in 2012. With the generous support of Mike Carney Toyota we are pleased to be able to offer you the chance to win a brand new Toyota Yaris valued at \$18,500.

All proceeds will go to the Rugby Union community and we hope to make this a great success.

Tickets will be available soon through your club and the prize will be drawn the week before Grand Final day



Junior Tour to Japan...

In 2012 the Townsville Brolgas will once again be venturing to Japan with an U18 Representative side. The boys have been training hard over the off season, doing some hard work on each Sunday afternoon at Mike Carney Toyota Park.

The squad departs for Japan on the 9th of April and will return on the 21st of April. Coaches John Rauch and Terry Shiells have been happy with the commitment shown from the players and look forward to a successful tour.

The squad is made up of the following players: Daniel Ahern, Shannon Bailey, Kieron Bateup, Patrick Brennan, Daniel Carman, Scott Cerqui, Steven Daniel, Liam Dillon, Ryan Grevsmuhl, Matthew Hagan, Shane Kennedy, Jim Lord, Ross Leggett, Clay MacLean, Matthew Miller, Blair Morgan, Cody Muir, Jake Murdoch, Jarvis Nolan, Josiah Phillot, Jarrod Pickering, Doug Rayment, Callum Smith, Ben Terry, Zach Toigo and John John Wak.

Quade Cooper to kick off the 2012 season...

Off-season surgery and the generosity of St George Bank means that Queensland Reds and Wallabies star Quade Cooper will be on hand to kick off the season and meet with players and supporters. Cooper burst onto the rugby scene in 2007 when he made the big step from Schoolboy Rugby into the then Super 14 competition. Played against teams based in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, the Super Rugby competition is acclaimed as one of the toughest in the world but Cooper has grown into on the game's superstars in just 4 seasons.

TDRU Director of Rugby, Terry Shiells, said Cooper's presence at the season launch is both an opportunity and an acknowledgement for the TDRU. "Quade is one of the biggest names in the game and to have him interact with our players is a great encouragement for them to see what they can achieve in rugby," Shiells said. "For the TDRU, a visit from such a high calibre players means that we are being acknowledged for the quality of rugby here in the Townsville region."

