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Greetings to our sponsors, players, Golden Oldies, past players and lovers of rugby!

Home Games Saturday 17th April

All grades will be playing at home on Saturday 17th April. The schedule is:-

Town & Country Foodworks U12's at 12.20am vs. Teachers West

A & D Auto Electrical U14's at 1.20pm vs. North Ward

Eagle Boys U15's at 2.20pm vs. Teachers West

Charters Towers Veterinary Clinic U17's at 3.20pm vs. Ingham

Barrs Batteries & Tyres Reserves Vs. University at 4.30pm

WALLA START UP

If you know of any youngsters interested in coming along & learning about the game of rugby while having loads of fun in a safe & friendly environment, tell them to come along to the Walla sign up on Sunday 18th April at 4pm at the Dave Thomas Oval.

JAPAN TRIP

Good luck to our boys and coaches travelling to Japan to play for the Brolgas'. We look forward to hearing all your stories!

WOMENS RUGBY

Training has now started! Come along on Monday nights 5.30 - 6.30pm. Our first game is planned for April 17th! All welcome, no experience necessary, come down and have some fun. Contact Sarah on 0438913903 for more information, or I'll see you at training!

THANK YOU TO WORKING BEE PEOPLE!

Big thank you to all the people who came along last Friday & contributed their time & equipment to make the grounds look fantastic for our first games on Saturday. It was the biggest turn out in years!

EAGLE BOYS PIZZA

We are now selling Eagle Boys Pizza from the canteen at home games! And don't forget, all players in the TDRU comp for 2010 can get this great deal from the U15's sponsors EAGLE BOYS. Just show your 2010 TDRU players card when purchasing from their store and an \$11.95 pizza will only cost you \$8.95.

FERDINAND

Check out the Bulls home page on the web to see yet more photos of where in the world our rugby jersey has been sported!

TEAM REPORTS & INFORMATION

BARR'S BATTERIES & TYRES RESERVES

Reserves had a bye. Next game 10th April vs. North Ward Old Boys at Hugh St 2 at 3pm

CHARTERS TOWERS VETERINARY SURGERY U17'S

Fans, families and friends of the Bulls rugby club were treated to an afternoon of 'champagne' rugby by the CT Vet Surgery U17's on Saturday. The young men scored 5 tries and converted two. Grammar kicked two penalties for a 29 - 6 final score. The forwards played a grand game in securing the necessary possession and feeding the entertaining backline. This also allowed Tom Vinson and his group to try out some of the team's moves. One of these moves led to the first try by Darren Knuth in the corner. Another backline move saw Anton Wolmby score before Darren went in for his second for the day. Jack Pickering scored under the posts off the 'Fiji' move when the team had Tom Vinson in the sin bin. Max Burgess also played magnificently, scoring on one of his solo runs to the line. Two of the five tries were successfully converted. The loose trio of Callum Smith (6), Daniel Buck (7) and Daniel Tuiqali (8) were at their usual best, scavenging for that loose ball in defence. Eddie Buck was the 'silent assassin' who always present in every breakdown. Would like to thank Grammar for making the trip and for being worthy opponents. The boys played well but, being a backline man myself, the backs dropped a few vital balls and it is a 'sin' to drop the ball in the backline when the forwards have put in the effort to win that possession. We copped two yellow cards in this fixture and this is unacceptable if we need to be competitive throughout. Coaches points : 3 - Darren Knuth 2 - Callum Smith 1 - Jack Pickering . We play Brothers Tuesday 30th in Townsville at 7pm. Coach Jone Tuiqali

EAGLE BOYS UNDER 15'S

From before the warm up it was clear that the U15 Eagle Boys Bulls were much more focussed on the game ahead. After watching the younger Bulls play, the U15s warmed up well, focussing on a game plan of moving the ball quickly up the middle before shifting it wide. A common phrase during this warm up was "we don't lose at home" and the boys obviously meant every word of it. This game plan was immediately put into effect, with the Bulls dominating Grammar in the ruck with a fast pick and drive game. Josiah Phillot, Adam Fry, Harry Campbell and Jack Clarke were fine exponents of this type of play proving nearly impossible to defend against for Grammar. The early pressure converted to points on the board quickly with the Bulls racing to a 14 point lead. However, some ill disciplined play in our own 22 saw Grammar sneak in a try just before half time. The half time talk focussed on not over-committing to the ruck and lifting our intensity. An increase in intensity was obvious straight after the kick off with the Bulls scoring another try soon after the kick off. Grammar then scored again to stay in touch with the Bulls. Shannon Bailey's impact off the bench was then felt very quickly when he returned the kick off, beating a number of defenders before off-loading, then supporting well to re-gather the ball and score. Luke Holdcroft and Ryan Trindle both played excellent games at the back, returning kicks bravely and making many metres in attack. The Bulls dominated play for the rest of the game scoring again to finish the game 33-12. Coaches points went to Josiah Phillot 3, Luke Holdcroft 2 and Ross Leggett 1. Refs points went to Josiah Phillot 3 and Ryan Trindle 1. Next game 17th April at home vs. Teachers West at 2.20pm

A & D WRIGHT AUTO ELECTRICAL UNDER 14'S

Both sides were very evenly matched but the Junior Bulls did not seem as focused as their opposition. A try to Grammar in the first two minutes upset the team morale. In true Bulls spirit they gathered well to score a well constructed forwards try to lead 7-5. Thomas Lucas lead from the front and was deserving of this award. The try was

converted by Callum Brown who kicked a long shot from near the side line. A glut of possession to Grammar resulted in another try to bring the score to 10-7 at half time. As usual the Bulls were strong at the ruck and maul but need to work on their finishing. Grammar then scored again to take the score to 15-7. The Bulls were still in it and had their chances but couldn't finish them off. Only training and hard work can ensure this will happen smoothly. Positive points to come from the game were strong defence from the lads up front but some holes are still gaping out wide. Defence by outside back Roy Fisher was outstanding. Strong games by Ben Terry, Callum Brown and John Vinson. More positive play from Jack Fletcher for giving good service ball and Curtis Rayment who distributed well. Fullback Austin Fox, as always, tackled far and above his weight snuffing out several raids by the Grammar back line. Coaches will be looking for a better start and will work on player attitude to be more positive and to stay focused at all times. Coaches points went to: (2) Ben Terry and Curtis Rayment and (1) John Vinson and Harrison Phillott. No 3 points were given. Refs points went to Ben Terry who play another outstanding game. Next game Tuesday 30th vs. Teachers West at Hugh St 1 at 6pm. Coach Ted Vinson

TOWN & COUNTRY FOODWORKS UNDER 12'S

What a finish! Our boys started very slowly and weren't working together. We let Grammar score 3 unanswered tries in the first ten mins. Fortunately they didn't convert any. Suddenly we got it together and our first try came from one of our powerful forwards, Ned Mitchell, driving through their pack to place the ball near the up rights. James Kirkwood converted the try. We went into half time 7-15 down. After the break we were playing some great rugby, with forwards driving & clearing out in groups. The back running and passing with back up. Both teams were putting on a good show for the large crowd. Ned Mitchell was able to cross their line again with great team work from the forwards. The play went back & forward until Aiden Rediccliffe from full back ran 60 metres down the far side line to score a try. It was 17-15 to us with only minutes to go. When Grammar crossed our line easily, I thought it must almost be time & was waiting for the whistle to blow. From the kick off, our boys kept moving forward but it looked like Grammar would hold us out & win. We gave away a penalty on their 22 metre line. This should have been the last play of the day. Grammar won the scrum & kicked the ball into play when our super fast full back Aiden grabbed the ball & ran with it from the 10 metre line in our half to their 22 metre line. With a great show of team work he passed the ball to Lachlan Harrison who ran with players hanging off him to cross the line & score the try that won us the game. Final score 22-20. A great display of rugby from our boys in the 2nd half. All the boys are doing so well it's incredibly difficult to choose who the points should go to each week, because they all deserve them. Points went to 3- Aiden Rediccliffe, 2- Jack Dixon, 1- Jacob Day, 1- Ned Mitchell. Refs points 3-James Kirkwood, 1 Jesse Kyle. Next game is Saturday 17th April vs. Teachers West at home at 12.20pm. Coach Jon Harrison

TOWN & COUNTRY FOODWORKS WALLA Begins with sign on Sunday 18/04/2010 at 4.00pm

Calling Knackered Bulls

Sydney is the venue for the festival is September in 2010 and we want you to a part of it, we are putting together a team of players and supporters. We are booking our accommodation now so if you want to be in it let me know, cost for the festival package

is approximately \$2100 per person and in Australian Dollars. Packages include seven nights accommodation, airport, games and functions transfers and three all-inclusive social functions. All other costs including travel are up to the individual, we require a deposit of \$500 per person to the details below.

Any questions can be to Greg Smith smithgilaptop@bigpond.com or Ted Vinson ted.vinson@deedi.qld.gov.au

The account details for people to deposit the \$500 per person direct to our bank account are :- BSB 064805 Acc No 10121692 Account Name "Charters Towers Rugby Knackered Bulls". Also they will need to attach their name to the deposit so we know who it is from. If they are unable to attach their name they can E Mail me the details and date of deposit to toombabass@bigpond.com . Suggest that deposit be in by 15th September.

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Then join us in celebrating 30 wonderful years of GRASS ROOTS Rugby!!!! Please consider this as your PERSONAL INVITATION!

All you have to do is go to www.ctbullsrugby.com for all information regarding the 30 Year Re-union. There will be plenty happening and this is a wonderful opportunity for one and all to catch up and start reminiscing.

We urge everyone who receives this e-mail to pass it onto any past Bulls associates and supporters that you may have in your address book. We need this e-mail to go round the world - so pass it on. We know you're out there!!!!!!!!!!!!

COME JOIN US - we look forward to catching up with as many players and supporters as possible.....

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