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# THE BULLS ROAR

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

### **UNDER 17'S GLORY DAY IS NEARING!**

We wish the Under 17's the best of luck in the Grand Final on 11<sup>th</sup> September. If you are able to go along & support the boys for this exciting occasion, the game kicks off at 12.15pm this Saturday at Hugh Street. We are proud you represent our club - **GO BULLS!**

### **INVITATIONS TO JUNIOR PRESENTATION NIGHTS**

Please find attached your invitation to the Presentation night for the Under 17's, 15's & 14's combined. Also attached is your invitation to the Under 12 & 10 combined Presentation night.

### **CONGRATULATIONS...**

To all the teams who made it through to the finals, what an awesome effort, even if the end result was not what you hoped to achieve. You have all done your families, supporters & the Charters Towers Rugby Union Football Club proud. With the standard of football set this high we look forward to another stellar year next season.

### **WALLA U10 GRAND FINAL & U8 PRESENTATION**

This Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September sees the Bulls & Hornets go head to head in what should be a nail biting game of rugby in the Grand Final. Following the Walla session we will hold a presentation for our youngest Bulls, the Under 8's. We look forward to seeing everyone there to cheer on & encourage these little fellas in what has been a great season - some will move up to U10's next year & others will hopefully return to continue learning & honing their skills.

### **JOB VACANCIES 2011**

The club is looking for people to volunteer their services and become involved in the running of the club for the 2011 season - can you help out? Below is a list of vacancies - if you are unsure of taking on a major role having not done that sort of thing before, why not join the committee, have your say and see what goes on from that perspective.

Positions becoming available the 2011 season

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Member
- Grants
- Reserves Coach
- First aid officer
- Trainer

- Strapper
- Canteen convenor
- Web page

Please email [harro@hotmail.com](mailto:harro@hotmail.com) for more information.

### **CTRUF 30<sup>TH</sup> REUNION BALL PHOTOS**

If you would like copies of photos taken at the Ball please contact Adrian & Liz Guldbransen, PO Box 545, Charters Towers Q 4820  
Mob: 0419 749 900 [gullys@skymesh.com.au](mailto:gullys@skymesh.com.au)

### **EAGLE BOYS PIZZA**

Come & get your hot pizza from Eagle Boys, selling 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.

## **TEAM REPORTS & INFORMATION**

### **BARR'S BATTERIES & TYRES RESERVES**

Season finished

### **CHARTERS TOWERS VETERINARY SURGERY U17'S**

Grand Final this Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 12.15pm Hugh St

### **EAGLE BOYS UNDER 15'S**

The Under 15 Eagle Boys Bulls missed out on a fairytale ending to the season on Saturday, suffering a 1-point upset loss to Grammar in the preliminary final. Preparation for the match was hampered by many players missing training during the week. However, the boys still went into the game confident and ready to play. A pre-match talk from Qld Reds player James Horwell also boosted the Bulls' spirits. From the kick off, things didn't go the Bulls way, with Grammar regathering the ball and putting pressure on our defence, leading to an early try. From this point, the Bulls seemed to panic somewhat, with Grammar's defence and kicking game disrupting the Bulls game plan. Some individual brilliance from Dan Webb, Doug Rayment and Shannon Bailey lead to a Bulls try before half time, but Grammar managed to strike back, the Bulls going into half time 10-7 down. The second half did not start well for the Bulls either, with a questionable decision handing possession to Grammar from the kickoff and a defensive lapse allowing the Grammar halfback just enough room to sprint down the blindside wing to score again. From this point the Bulls dug deep, pounding the Grammar forwards in defence and returning their incessant kicking in the backs with confidence. The Bulls scored again and converted to bring the score to 14-15, but failed to capitalise on late opportunities, Grammar hanging on to win by one point. Although the result was extremely disappointing to say the least, the young Bulls can only take the words of Will Chambers in the shed after the game and grow from this experience. We can only train harder, get better and remember the feeling on Saturday, and vow to do all we can to never let it happen again. It has been a pleasure to work with the Eagle Boys U15 Bulls this year. They are a talented group of young footballers who work

extremely well as a team, and show great spirit in what they do. Thanks for a great season boys. Rob Sweeper

#### **A & D WRIGHT AUTO ELECTRICAL UNDER 14'S**

The A&D Auto Electrical U14's took on Brothers in Townsville for the Elimination Final, for the right to play Teachers West in the Grand Final. The game started without the intensity that we were used to, with Brothers dominating the breakdown from the very start. The young Bulls soon rallied and found their feet and were able to apply pressure and score points just before half time taking the half time score to 12-10 to Brothers. After half time the coaches were able to get the boys back to the game plan. There was a marked improvement in player attitude and energy across the field. Both sides traded ground and several tries a piece. The Bulls backline really dominated and made ground every time they ran it wide. Unfortunately it was a case of the Brothers forward pack being slightly more dominate on the day, which proved a telling factor. The young Bulls never gave in, which showed in the 20-17 lead to Charters Towers with 10 to go. Charters Towers did not disgrace themselves at all and left nothing on the field. All players gave it their all but the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Final spot has alluded us again. The final score was 29-20 with two tries a piece to Anfernee Henry and Martin Brennan. Congratulations to the team for making it this far. They came a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 6 teams. We all look forward to catching up with parents at the Presentation night and trust your boys have enjoyed their rugby this year. Ted, Graeme, Troy and Mick.

#### **TOWN & COUNTRY FOODWORKS UNDER 12'S**

The Under 12's travelled to Townsville last Friday night for what would be their last game for the 2010 season. As family, friends & supporters (a special thank you to Ron Edgar, James Doyle & Greg Smith) nervously awaited the kickoff, we were rewarded with the most incredible start to the game - within the first 5 minutes, our boys had pulled together to cross the line for their first try of the evening. Lachlan Harrison scored with a successful conversion by James Kirkwood. Things were looking good! Grammar seemed shocked by this turn of events & it caught them off guard. We were able to follow through the rest of the half working really hard, gaining ground and really coming together and playing like a well oiled machine...until the ball fell into the hands of Grammar's two centres who were lightening fast. That was the only downfall to our game, not being able to outrun them. The score line rose sharply in favour of the opposition but as I've said before, does not justify just how wonderfully our boys played. From those early games, it is so impressive to see how far we've come as a team. How the boys have learned to work together and what is particularly impressive is how they all, always keep their cool, through the frustration and disappointment, and act as mature young men with respect for the referee and opposition players. I can't even pick stand out players this week - they all stood out. James Kirkwood again converted our second try by L. Harrison. Needless to say the game was a runaway success for Grammar with a score of 48-14 at full time. To me, it was also a success for us to see how the kids have matured into fine rugby players who I will be proud & honoured to coach again next year and who will be a force to be reckoned with. Jon Harrison

#### **TOWN & COUNTRY FOODWORKS WALLA**

##### **Under 10's News**

##### **Bulls Under 10 Match Report**

(Results up to and including 5/9/10)

The Hornets are back in town. What a game on the weekend. With the final looming quickly this weekend, the title may go either way. While the game was very tough, it was heartening to witness the sportsmanship displayed by both teams. Tai Laidlow and Ronnie Berryman thoroughly deserved their 'Man of the Match' titles with their inspiring displays. Tickets are selling fast. So don't miss a moment of the action this weekend. Kick off is at the usual time. Go the Bulls and Hornets!!!!

### Match Summary

Match #	Bulls	Hornets	Player of the Day
1. 25/7/10	20	10	Dominic Brennan
2. 1/8/10	20	10	Thomas Phillips
3. 6/8/10	20	10	Brendan Stone Max Harrison
4. 15/8/10	10	40	Lachlan Reddicliffe Connor Neville
5. 22/8/10	10	20	Harrison Lessells
6. 29/8/10	25	5	Harrison Lessells Watson Blaikie
7. 5/9/10	15	20	Ronny Berryman Tai Laidlow
<b>Final</b>			

### Points Table

Team	Win	Loss	Draw	Bonus Point	Total
<b>Bulls</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Hornets</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>

### Leading Try Scorers

Tries Scored	Player
11	Lachlan Reddicliffe
8	Jack Mitchell
5	Max Harrison
5	Kyle Richards
3	Jamie Lessells
2	Paul Drewitt
2	Watson Blaikie
2	Max Cooke
2	Harrison Lessells
2	Calvin O'Connor
1	Timothy Tuiqali
1	Ronnie Berryman
1	Hayden Cluff
1	Tai Laidlow

Yours in Rugby, Keith Blaikie

### **Under 8's Walla News**

We had a neat dozen boys turn up for under 8's walla last weekend. We did our usual thing with some warm ups and ball handling drills before practising some ball popping. During our game of 2 handed touch we concentrated much more on popping the ball to restart play after the touch. This encourages the boys to follow the play and improves the fluency of the game. This in turn led to a higher scoring affair with the Blue Bulls getting over for 4 meat pies while the Super Hornets scored 3. But as usual the differential scoring system kicked in and somehow scores were even and everyone went to the chips and poppers with a smile on their face. Next week is our last afternoon of walla. Afterwards there will be a small presentation to the under 8's and a light barbecue also. So please come on down at 4:00pm on Sunday arvo to celebrate the year. Thankyou to Michael Lyons and Mick Kingham for helping run the boys. Cheers, Chris Kirkwood

### **CL UB MEMBERSHIPS 2010**

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If there is any news or photos you would like to share in the Bulls Newsletter please send to Jon at [harro@hotmail.com](mailto:harro@hotmail.com). If you know of anyone who would be interested in receiving this newsletter please let me know & I'll add them to the list. If you do not want to receive the newsletter please advise me also & I will remove you from the list.

### **And finally, special thanks to the following sponsors ~**

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