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THE BULLS ROAR

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't miss it - "Just the people we wanted to see" !!! Under 2 weeks to go, our final fundraiser for the year! **Saturday 30th August**, St. Pauls Playhouse at the top end of Mosman Street, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Entry is \$10 per person with a full bar available. The show is rated MA so it is suitable only for 16+ years of age. No prior ticket sales, just come along & pay at the door - don't miss out on a great night out!

The Charters Towers Rugby Union **Junior** Presentation evening is to be held on Friday 12th of September from 6:30p.m. Invitations were hand given to all players last week at training. Parents and family members would have received their's late last week as well. This night is a wonderful opportunity for all players to get together and enjoy the camaraderie of their team mates, talk about the highs and lows, watch a DVD of highlights of their season and all up enjoy some good old fashioned fun. The dress code is semi-formal, in which we make all players dress according (tie is to be included - jackets not necessary). Presentations are made to players who've achieved on and off the paddock (trainings play a big part in this) as well as some "funnies" directed the players way. The culmination of the night is the presentation by Club Patron, Ron Edgar, to the **Bulls JUNIOR Player of the Year**. This is also a night is which coaches and manager's are thanked for their persistence and dedication throughout the rugby season. This night is "Invitation only" due to the high number of families who attend and the size of the club house. Payment of tickets is taken "at the door" on the night. Please RSVP to Norah Vinson norted@bigpond.com.au or Cathy West cncwest@bigpond.com as soon as possible.

GENERAL NEWS

"Lights, Camera, Cocktails" was a great fundraiser, making a tidy sum for the club, along with the donation of a DVD player for the club room upstairs. We sincerely thank our sponsors W.Titley & Co., Griffiths Pharmacy, Hugs & Kisses Boutique, Fushia Belle Boutique, DiVinity Beauty Studio, Henry's Café & Restaurant, Subway, Zapp Retrovision, How Bizarre Hair Studio, Outback Traders, Furniture Court, The Sovereign Tavern, Swish, Queenton's Landscaping and The Enterprise Hotel. A huge thank you to the many helpers but particularly, **the boys of the club who volunteered** that night & acted as barmen, waiters, doormen, taxi drivers & cleaners! We really appreciated your time & effort.

Don't forget - Charters Towers Rugby Union Club's 30 Year Reunion - Queens B'Day weekend 2010. Are you interested in joining the sub-committee to have your say? Email Norah at norted@bigpond.com.au to register your interest.

ALFORD MOTORS RESERVES

Charters Towers faced Brothers in the final game of the season on Saturday. The game took on more than just a fixture game with the John Fry memorial trophy up for grabs. The Bulls had held the trophy for 2 years and were keen to put in a big effort to keep it for a third. As expected Brothers came with a big pack and experienced backline, and really looked to dominate the Bulls from the start. Brothers held the ball for an unbelievable 8 minutes of the first half, with the bulls defending their line wave after wave of Brothers attack. The Bulls finally secured some ball and stated to play some football in better field position. Brothers put the first try on the ball with a mid field bounce from a kick which appeared to be knocked on by a Brothers player, they regrouped and scored next to the posts to led 7 nil. The Bulls though would not be denied with great forward work taking on the bigger more experienced Brothers pack and coming up with a great rolling forward play for Dale Larpent to score. The conversion was missed and the game went to half time and 7-5. Brothers came out strong again in the second half and scored again through a kick to have the Bulls on the backfoot early leading 14-5. The Bulls tried gallantly to get into the second half but penalties and poor field position did not help there cause. Brothers running out winners 24-7 in one of the toughest games of the year. Everyone in the Bulls team put in a great effort considering the experience of the Brothers side that would be one of the favourites to take out reserve grade this year. Best players on the day were Ray Applegate 1pt, Jamie Gallager 2pts and Bob Andison 3pts. As coach I would like to thank all the players from this year who have shown the commitment to turn up week in week out, don't forget the "just the people we wanted to see!" night next weekend as well as the up and coming presentation night. Brad Burke.

EAGLE BOYS UNDER 16'S

Last week was a forfeit by Brothers (sorry for incorrect info in last newsletter) Next game is on Saturday 23 August when the boys are playing Grammar Black at 12.30pm in Townsville, Hugh St 1.

A & D WRIGHT AUTO ELECTRICAL UNDER 14'S

The A and D Auto Electrical Under 14's took to the field on Saturday against Brothers Blue. The day took on special significance not only due to the fact that it was our final game of the season, but more importantly, it was the annual clash for the John Fry Memorial Trophy. From the first whistle, the Junior Bulls played with an air of confidence scoring quickly and converting pressure into points. The forwards pick and drive game developed well which allowed some quality ball for the backs to use. The scrum was again strong and managed to secure two wins against the head. In the tight play Ross Leggett, Callum Smith and Quinton Miller again provided a solid base. Daniel Buck created a number of opportunities with his strong running and always led from the front. John Vinson provided an excellent option at half-back with the unavailability of Luke Holdcroft. Dougie Rayment's season continued to go from strength to strength as he provided clear directions to his outside backs. His running and ability to play what was in front of him was the catalyst for many forward charges. Angus McQueen, Jack Pickering and Zack Sellars all played well in the back line. Jarrod Clements continues to improve and provided some superb examples of stepping to beat an opposition player. Final score was 47-7. The coach's points went to John Vinson with one point. Ross Leggett was awarded two and Dougie Rayment with three. While the team is very disappointed not to make the semi finals, a can of soft drink and a warm meat pie provided by our kind sponsors, Arthur & Dianne Wright of **A and D Auto Electrical**

allowed their depressive state to quickly evaporate. Finally, a special thank you needs to go to Trish Buck for her superb management of the team this season. Another special mention also goes to Ted and Norah Vinson, Greg Smith and Ron Edgar for their unconditional drive and support of Charters Towers Junior Rugby Union. Last but not least, to our sponsors **A and D Auto Electrical** who have been very generous in their support of the Under 14 Bulls. Keith

THOMASSONS FOODWORKS WALLA

Sunday saw the Blue Bulls taking out the U8's game of the day. The final score was Blue Bulls 1 Black Bulls 0. Try scorer for the Blue's was one of the newest players, Jack Pickering. Best defenders were Amber Mosman & Jack Pickering and a superb debut by newcomer Harry Mintram. Well done to all of you. Keith.

If there is any news or photos you would like to share in the Bulls Newsletter please send to Jon at 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.

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