

The RAGER

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CHAIRMAN' S REPORT

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow”

Well done to the boys for their dedication and commitment. Together with their Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Managers they have come up to fighting fitness quickly and this is evidenced in their strong performance in the trial matches and training sessions. To watch their eagerness makes me very proud to be part of the Rage family.

I have received a great deal of positive feedback and some great suggestions on our 2010 plans and performance. This is a family club; your club and I would encourage your ongoing support, involvement and feedback. Please don't be backward in coming forward with constructive comments and suggestions. The strength in any club is how integrated we can become as a community, together with open and honest communications. I am a firm believer in learning from our mistakes and getting it right the next time!!

Please find some other important updates I would like to share with you:

I am very pleased to report that we have had additional parents step forward to fill some of the vacant roles. Anthony Esposito (Equipment Officer), Vicky Gray (U/14s Manager), Stephen Courtney (Child Protection Officer) and a number of Social Committee members. (See Mel P's note below).

The Garside playing surface is looking great under Tony and Vic's careful attention. We have lengthened and widened the playing surface since last season. The field has been surveyed and pegged out by Council. We have also taken delivery of a new set of goals and the sleeves for these have been concreted in and the goals taken away for safekeeping. We have a modest grand stand being designed; once the design and costings have been done we will weigh up when and how we can move forward.

A new score board is also under construction in time for the season under the capable care of Celeste (“Barbecue Chef”).

Sponsorships are still being sought and we have had some good successes to-date and are looking for more. Please let us know if your company, or someone you know, may be able to help. Sam keep up the good work.

The upgrade of the web site is well under way and a big thank you to Bill Cashman for his time and effort in upgrading the website. For those of you who have not been on the website please go to www.therage.com.au. Team Managers and Coaches are currently updating player profiles to be added in.

The Social Sub Committee has met as a whole for the first time and we look forward to a number of events that will continue to build "The Rage Family 2010". Thanks to Mel P for getting this underway.

Our kit hand-out/Gala Day has been deferred until 13/14th March due to the bad weather slowing down the final preparations/clean up of Garside. On this weekend we will introduce formally the committee for 2010 and outline the contribution and duties for the season. The weekend 27/28th February will hopefully be the last time before the season to complete the ground preparation count down if anyone can help in any way please feel free to contact myself or Vic.

On 20 March will be our first home game for the season. We will be inviting a number of distinguished guests (local politicians, senior Football NSW Execs and Sponsors) to join us for the official opening of the new amenities. We would like for all players to be in attendance on this evening.

A couple of housekeeping reminders as we head into the season:

- All players are to wear their black trousers, black polished shoes and team polo's into and out of the grounds at both home and away games. Shirts are to be tucked in and belts worn.

This is compulsory. Non-conformance may result in players missing game time. We want to ensure that we have the professional appearance to accompany the very proud Granville tradition. Committee members, Coaches and Managers will also be expected to have the same attire.

- All players are expected to stay back until at least half time for the match following theirs to support their fellow Ragers.

Once again many thanks to all the families and sponsors that have assisted in working bees and other projects to help us get ready for 2010. A big thank you to Steve Wilkinson for repairing the fascia of the old canteen in his own time.

I again highlight that there are still some vacant roles that need to be filled. On the main committee we are still looking for a:

- Youth League Manager/Registrar
- Team Managers for 18s and 20s

Revisiting registration fees – there are still some outstanding monies. Vic will be at many of the training sessions (complete with his credit card payment facility), other Committee members will also have a receipt book with them and can take non credit card payments. If there are any genuine financial difficulties please approach Vic or me confidentially to discuss potential alternative payment options.

Cheers
Mark Southey

SPONSORSHIP MANAGER

Firstly, I would like to thank the new sponsors for Granville Rage 2010 Black & White Couriers, Go Green, Auswide and Loan Market.

I would like to welcome our new addition sponsor to Granville Rage, Loan Market Home Finance Brokers, not only domestic but can provide commercial finance as well, please contact Con De Fillippis on 0407 273549 and mention Granville Rage for your financial needs.

We are currently in talks with a major club not too far from Garside Park; hopefully we can announce something shortly.

We are also offering a "Sponsor a Player" where you can receive a jersey with their name and number on it so you can wear it to the game. The cost for this will be \$80.

For further information regarding our sponsor packages please visit our website www.granvillerrage.com.au.

Again if you know of someone who you think that might be potential sponsors please contact me ASAP and I will follow up.

0414 612 982
Sam Giancotti

OPERATIONS/FOOTBALL MANAGER

Well what can I say we have four weeks to go before the Super League competition commences and I must say that this would be the first time in years that all teams are fully committed and prepared for 2010. Thank you to all Coaches, Managers and parents for your encouragement, support and commitment and thank you to Mark Southey for taking on the role as Chairman and releasing some pressures from me.

Well done to all players in Canberra, I have heard quite a few positive reviews on the way the players played and presented themselves, the results were very positive. Keep up the good work.

As mentioned unfortunately, the gala day will be postponed this weekend 27/28 February; this will be the big and final preparation for Garside Park. If anyone can assist, please contact me 0418 234 768. The last bit of concreting will be completed; we would like to paint the old canteen, (if anyone is able to donate paint) and a major tidy up around the ground. Please feel free to contact me if you can assist in anyway, thanks.

We will be having two trial games at Garside and on Sunday 14 March will be the day we hand out the clothing (venue and time to be confirmed). On Saturday 20 March will be our first home game and the opening of the new amenities. All players are to be present on this evening at 5.30 pm dressed in their black pants, shoes and polo's (more details to follow).

CLUB POLICY

I must emphasis before the commencement of the season that at no time will a parent approach a coach, assistant coach or manager before or after a game to discuss any issues regarding their son. If you have an issue regarding your son please contact the manager during the week, they will then discuss the issue with the coach who will then bring it to the Chairman (Mark Southey) to have the situation resolved amicably. It is not fair to your son or presentable in public to express any heated emotions on the coach's decision at games.

If a player is sent off the field during the game of play they must leave the playing field and will be escorted to the change room by either Mark Southey or Sam Giancotti (acting Youth League Managers on game days for 13's to 16's. Seniors (18's, 20's and 1st grade will be escorted by Tony Lo Sapio or Mel Morizzi.

Vic Zappia

MARKETING & WEBSITE MANAGER

We've been putting in a lot of work on the website, and I hope everyone agrees it is slowly starting to get there. By season kickoff, all the little bugs will be sorted (common data between pages isn't consistent, menus differ between pages, player bios need to go in, sponsors details need to be updated etc).

We will need constant help through the year! If you have quality photos, interesting info, or anything else that will enhance the site, please let me know as soon as possible.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE CONVENOR

Hi All

The Social sub-committee met for the first time on Wednesday night 17th February. It was a very eventful night; lots of great ideas were put forward for 2010.

Our first annual event for 2010 will be a poker night (“men’s night”) to be held on Friday 23 April venue to be confirmed. We will be selling tickets in the next few weeks for this night.

I will keep you all informed for all functions that will be held this year once dates and venues are confirmed (Family Trivia Night and our “BIG 10” year celebration).

If you are able to donate any prizes for these nights or might know of some one who can donate, please pass your information on to your team’s social sub-committee member.

Regards
Mel Pietrantonio

REGISTRATION FEES

There are still quite a few outstanding registrations, these will need to be finalised this weekend 27/28 February. Unfortunately, clothing will be handed out to all fully paid registrations unless; you have made contact with Mark Southey or Vic regarding payment installments.

HOUSEKEEPING

The sub committee has met for the first time and they have been issued with a roster for canteen and media duties. We have two parents each week for the home games. If you are unable to attend on your scheduled day please contact your committee parent from your team to inform them so that they can make alternative arrangements.

MARCH 2010 SCHEDULE

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 TRIAL GAME – GARSIDE CAMDEN TIGERS 13'S TO 1 ST GRADE
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 TRIAL GAME – GARSIDE ST GEORGE 13'S TO 18'S 20'S & 1 ST GRADE SCHOFIELDS
14 CLOTHING LAUNCH	15	16	17	18	19	20 FIRST COMP GAME GARSIDE – SYDNEY UNI 13'S TO 1 ST GRADE VIP NIGHT
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 AWAY GAME CENTRAL COAST PLUIM PARK 13'S TO 1 ST GRADE
28	29	30	31	Notes: ALL PLAYERS TO BE PRESENT SATURDAY 20 MARCH 5.30 PM		



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