



Newsletter: December, 2009

A Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to All!

The committee and club wish everyone joy and happiness but, much, much more, a safe holiday period.



Congratulations

The 2009 Sun Bowl win made it four in a row for the senior team cementing the Stingrays surely as the number one team on-field in the code in Queensland. Off to a blistering start with a 21-0 lead in the first quarter of the Sun Bowl, it really shut the Bears out of the game. To their credit the Bears added two TDs but the Stingrays showed their dominance by answering those points with more of their own. A great and deserving 35-14 win! The MVP of the Sun Bowl was Running Back, Jeff Moate, who punished the opposition defence. Great work and a well-deserved award!

Our junior dream of five in a row came to an abrupt halt with their loss of competition points. My only further comment re this disappointing and embarrassing moment is to congratulate the "right" team on its great finish to the season. We can "assume" what may have been but as one person said, "assume" only

makes an "ass" out of "u" and "me" and no trophies are handed out on assumptions.

Congratulations to all players, junior and senior, for their on-field achievements in 2009.



Award Winners

These are listed elsewhere on the web-site for both GQ and the Club. Congratulations to all recipients and also to those who played along-side them for there are no winners if there is no team. Sometimes, the individual, and I am not detracting from their skill and/or talent, really collects the trophy as the "man", the representative for his team. This is a reasoning that I believe many award winners would endorse. I know that Kyle Low, our club MVP, would be first to congratulate and thank the work done by his offensive line.

"Jim Minogue Challenge"

What's happened? It was hoped this game, Stingrays Vs Bondi Raiders would conclude the 2009 season but that did not happen. The committee plans to place it as a pre-season game and more detail when known. Perhaps we may trip to Sydney.

With scheduling for involvement in the Down Under Bowl plus the week-end Camp, the inclusion of the Jim Minogue Challenge leads to a demanding time in preparing to claim number five in 2010

Club AGM

Please read the details in the News section as to the set date/time/etc. Note also nominations for executive/ committee.

Although the meeting and the elections form the key purpose of the night, a club social activity has also a place there. It is the opportunity to meet in the off-season, chat a little. See you there!

Super Bowl

This is booked for "Melba's on the Park" again.

Congratulations to all who made it a successful social occasion last time. A similar Big Breakfast Deal is on offer. Details will be placed on the web-site and we ask that you invite your friends.

Thank You!

Special mention must go to two ladies for their work for the club. I mention Lorraine Arnold for her support to the club re the canteen for all home games plus the junior nationals during the past year.

Congratulations to Julia Williams for organizing and conducting the 2009 Awards' Night at the Vibe Hotel.

Well done ladies! There are many who give time and effort to the club so, like the on-field awards, I list these two as representatives of that off-field team.

Stingray Pride..... Let's Catch It!

Geoff Hay, President