



## **Newsletter: July, 2010**

My last newsletter began with, **"It's Here!"**

Well, it most certainly is. As I write this newsletter, we are between our two-game pre-season hit-out within the Down Under Bowl. Last Sunday, we went down 20-nil but a lot was learnt. On Thursday at 6.30pm, we take the field in our second game. I am sure this will also be of value to players and coaches.

### **More on the Club Scene**

#### **1. The Teams**

Congratulations to the rookies for the big improvement since they first walked onto the training field last May. With retirements, those inevitable transfers plus limits imposed re "default" payments from 2009, it will be a new ballgame within the 2010 Empire Trade Gridiron Queensland competition for the Stingrays.

There is still time for further recruitment, especially into our junior ranks which are usually boosted by interested players once other winter contact sports conclude. As a club, we need every effort in this area. Word of mouth has often proven the best recruitment tool. Who can you "talk" to?

#### **2. The Grant**

The government grant has been approved with funding to be

directed to needed equipment and game pants in step one. This allows the club to investigate the possible provision of a club shirt within membership.

We most certainly wouldn't want people thinking us to be in the millionaire class but the grant now frees planned expenditure to cover areas that might have remained untouched in 2010, noting that club fees were kept as per 2009 season.

Oh! It also doesn't change the policy of *no pay/ no play* in the ***Gridiron Queensland\_\_ 2010 EmpireXchange Competition.***

The Treasurer is present at most trainings, so no excuses.

#### **3. Bunnings**

The club ran a successful fundraiser at Bunnings, Harbour Town in June. Good to see the support for this event as it did clash with the club's traditional "Camp-Fire Rage" on Stradbroke Island.

Justin Fernley, who goes way back to the first year of gridiron in our state [1985] travelled from Bundaberg to help. Thanks Justin. The attendance of new members and from junior ranks was also encouraging.

Those who couldn't make that roster now have another chance. Bunnings, Nerang have offered us the opportunity again for the Sunday, 15August, just a month away. Funds are boosted by such events and more information will be made available at training but keep the date free for it is these events that "add" to what the club can offer to its members.

#### **4. Gold Coast Community Fund Art Union**

Tickets have been moving slowly in this area. If you are able to assist, contact me either at training or by e-mail:

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Any support is most appreciated.

### **Gridiron Queensland**

#### **1. Season Draw**

GQ Management has made the draw for 2010. It may be viewed on our, or GQ, web-site. We now inform GQ by Friday re ground availability for them to allocate home games. It is expected that we'll be given three games at Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre.

Season commencement:  
28August; Sun Bowl: 4December.

#### **2. State-wide Junior Skills Day**

Scheduled for Saturday, 31July, this day is a great opportunity for juniors. A number of coaches will be present including Peter Tos, Head Coach of the National Junior Outback team for Samoa later in the year. If you are at that standard, you are one junior who should be keen to have his eye on you. There is no cost and GQ provides lunch. Equipment is to be worn. The club encourages all its juniors to attend. More info will be issued at training.

Till next time,

***Stingray Pride!***

Geoff