

MEDIA RELEASE

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All things Rugby rule this weekend

While all Rugby fans' eyes may be on the Wallabies when they take on Wales at the 2019 World Cup in Tokyo this weekend, Gladstone's Marley Brown Oval will be the centre of local attention for the National Rugby Championship.

Starting on Friday, the training oval at the ground will host a Rookies2Reds free holiday clinic from 9am – 10.30am for juniors aged 17 and under.

These coaching clinics are tailored to specific age groups and offer opportunities to increase Rugby knowledge with a variety of fun activities!

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said St George Queensland Reds players Jack Hardy and James Tuttle will be there to pass on some tips and tricks to participants.

"Some members of the Queensland Country and Brisbane City squads will also attend the clinic and be available for autographs and photos later," Councillor Burnett said.

"This is a great chance for aspiring young players to learn first hand from the professionals, so I'd encourage them to register early and take advantage of this opportunity."

Participants are encouraged to register ahead of the event via this link: form.jotform.co/81001276331847

On Saturday from 1pm, spectators will be able to see young local talent from Gladstone Rugby Union Football Club (GRUFC), Frenchville and Brothers in action in preliminary matches, before some of Queensland Rugby's best up and coming players go head to head for the Andy Purcell Cup at 4pm on the main oval. Current team line-up listed below.

This week marks Round Five of the 2019 National Rugby Championship with Bond University Queensland Country hosting Brisbane City in the annual all Queensland NRC derby.

All canteen and bar proceeds will go back to local sporting clubs in the Gladstone Region.

Grandstand tickets (\$20) and General Admission (\$15) are available from www.gladstoneentertainment.com/nrc-union-game/ or can be purchased at the gate with EFTPOS available.

Gates will open at 12.30pm with local preliminary games from 1pm.

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Senior's Team List

COUNTRY

Jayden Page – GRUFC, Jaylyn Tanoitiaola – GRUFC, Jairus Kofoa – GRUFC, Dylan Stimpson – GRUFC, David West – GRUFC, Trinity Tea – GRUFC, Mills Tea – GRUFC, William Doig – GRUFC, LJ Mariner – GRUFC, Tarrant Mariner – GRUFC, Samson Mariner – GRUFC, Matiu Hemana – GRUFC, Matt Neill – GRUFC

CITY

Aarre Hirsimaki (U18) – Frenchville, Caleb Parish (U18) – Frenchville, Hayden Widt (U18) – Frenchville, Dan O'Donnell (U18) – Frenchville, Beau Rosin (18) – Frenchville, Liam Fletcher – Brothers, Dainel Widt (U18) – Frenchville, Ben Wiltshire – Brothers

Women's Sevens Team List

Country

Jubilee Bennett – GRUFC, Karaa Benjamin – GRUFC, Kayla French – GRUFC, Kayla Hemana – GRUFC, Rachel Post – GRUFC, Sarah Morey – GRUFC, Scooby Wharewera – GRUFC, Shakeera Ututalonga – GRUFC, Sharnee Werahiko – GRUFC, Ashleigh Docherty – GRUFC, Jasmin Jones – GRUFC, Nakita Rhind – GRUFC, Prue Hair – GRUFC, Ruby Costigan – GRUFC

City

Mackenzie Bean – Cap Coast. Maisha Giles – Cap Coast. Taryn Comiskey – Cap Coast, Lindsay Stafford – Cap Coast, Jess Powell – Brothers. Tanesha Redburn – Biloela, Elly May – Biloela, Rowen Nimmo – Biloela. Holly Zischke – Biloela, Kate Muller – Biloela, Tess Joiner-Stewart – Cap Coast

Under 14's Team List

Country

Trevor King – GRUFC, Rhys Chadburn – GRUFC, Malachi Tuakura – GRUFC, Heath Lindenmayer – GRUFC, Diesel Costigan – GRUFC, Jacob Harris – GRUFC, Brosnan Noble – GRUFC, Koby Tanoitiaola – GRUFC, Jack Ngan Woo – GRUFC, Will Lenz – GRUFC, Kyle Wittingham – GRUFC, Kidney Tappin – GRUFC, Nyasha Mhuki – GRUFC, Kain Radburn – Biloela, Tevita Tanauwai - Biloela

City

Hoani Harris – GRUFC, Solomon Watene - Brothers, Bryce Pipe – Colts, Braith Smith – GRUFC, Shoebe Abdul – GRUFC, Deece Morehu – GRUFC, Arama Fox – GRUFC, Flynn Alexander – GRUFC.

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