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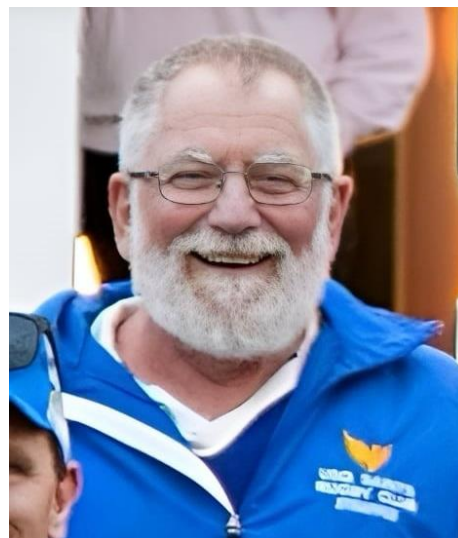
Committee Update

Update from Karl Birch and Connor Whittaker

Introducing our 2024 Treasurer: Craig Mathieson

Life member Craig Mathieson is again reprising his role as club treasurer. Craig first joined the club 40 years ago when he turned up to training and has since enjoyed a career of over 250 games with the blue and white. During that time Craig coached Colts teams, was giving the job of washing the jerseys for three years, was thrust into to the role of club treasurer and secretary, and made some lifelong friends including the best man at his wedding. Craig was also part, along with "Bunty" Griffiths, Doc Roberts, George Cossart, Mick West and Jill West, in negotiating, designing and building the Uni clubhouse.

Over the years Matho has been treasurer and secretary on several occasions, president of St Anthony's Junior Rugby Club (precursor to Uni Juniors), during this time he also coached several teams which involved coaching future Wallaby Matt Faessler (Matho still thinks this is why he's a Wallaby). After the merger between St Anthony's and the Uni Senior club in 2010 Matho also became the first president of the combined club. Outside of the club Matho has also served on the downs board, the Queensland Combined Colleges Rugby board, treasurer of Downs Junior Rugby, Downs Tour manager in to New Zealand in 1987, QLD U19's manager in 1985, and assisted in the founding of the Goombungee Junior Rugby Club. Matho is your go-to to find out about the club's history (including several infamous stories), and he is also good for a yarn.



CRAIG SUPPORTING UNI AT THE 2024 OLD BOYS DAY

Around the Grounds



After the conclusion of the Senior Rugby regular season, Downs Rugby celebrated 60 Years of the Risdon Cup. Special mention goes to Angus Ramsay in being named in the Team of the Decade.

The Senior finals are heating up with Uni featuring both C Grade and Women's XV's who play at Gold Park this weekend. Tickets to the [Grand Final](#) are on sale now.

We hope to see all of our amazing supporters cheering on the boys and girls in blue and white in what will shape up to be a memorable occasion for the club.

RDO RISDON CUP SENIOR FINALS | 17 AUGUST

ELIMINATION SATURDAY

KICKOFF 10:30	MENS C-GRADE E S DOONEY CUP	verifact TRAFFIC
 GATTON BLACKPIGS	VS GOLD PARK	TOOWOOMBA UNI
KICKOFF 11:50	WOMENS A-GRADE BLACK ISUZU CUP	BLACK ISUZU UTE
 WESTERN ROMA / ST GEORGE	VS GOLD PARK	CENTRAL UNI / DALBY

Upcoming Calendar

August	
Senior Men's & Women's Elimination Finals @ Gold Park, Toowoomba	17/08
UniSQ Open Day - 10am-2pm	18/08
Senior Grand Final @ Twmba Sports Ground	24/08
September	
Charity Golf Day	06/09
Uni Rugby Club Awards Dinner	07/09
U12 Junior 7's Carnival @ Gold Park	07/09
Teen Girls 7's Carnival @ Uni	08/09
Level 1 & 2 Coaching Course @ Toowoomba Grammar School	14-15/09
Queensland Junior Girls 7's State Champs @ Ballymore Stadium	22-23/09
October	
Seniors End of Season Tour	11-14/10

The Uni Rugby Club Charity Golf Day is on September 6 and will be held at the Middle Ridge Golf Club. Team entry is still available with proceeds going towards the Gotcha4Life Foundation and the Uni Rugby Club Foundation. Please contact the club for more information.

The annual Uni Rugby Awards Dinner has been locked in for September 7 at the Federal Hotel, with the evening commencing from 6:30pm. Tickets are \$20pp and are available online [here](#).

Junior Rugby

Update from Malia Tulilo

Season Wrap Up

In Round 13 of the Junior competition, our UniSQ/Redback Juniors travelled out to Dalby for the All Teams Closing Carnival.

The sport of Rugby fosters strong camaraderie not only within our club but also with other clubs. This is exemplified by our Juniors, who have formed close bonds and enjoyed having full or almost full teams this year, thanks to this season's merger.

With a strong team dynamic, our players have been able to enhance their skills and achieve greater success on the field.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of our coaches for their exceptional dedication and enthusiasm. Your unwavering commitment to devising innovative drills and exercises every week has been instrumental in fostering a love for learning and growth among our Juniors. Thank you for your commitment, energy, effort, and especially your patience.

Thanks to all of our Volunteers that have stepped up this season, our club wouldn't be what it is without you guys. And a big thank you to our parents for taking the time to bring the kids to training and games every week. We now shift our focus to spreading the word for next year and to help our club grow bigger and better in 2025.



UNI & HIGHFIELDS V BEARS AT THE DALBY CLOSING CARNIVAL



Teenage Boys Rugby

Update from Jim Rawlings

Darling Downs

Congratulations to Ormond Cowman, James Wilson and Griffin Little who competed in the Darling Downs School Sport U15 Team held at Padua College on July 25-28. And good luck to all of our teenage players who are taking part in the Downs Super Schools Cup.

We also welcome all Teenage families to the Uni Rugby Presentation Night which will be held on September 7 at the Federal Hotel.



U15 BOYS – ORMOND, JAMES & GRIFFIN PLAYING FOR DOWNS



Teenage Girls Rugby

Update from Paul Hanna

Teen Girls 7's Series

Our U14 and U16 girls have been quick to jump into the Teen Girls 7's series which is made up of teams from the Darling Downs, Maranoa, and Gold Coast, and is spread across a condensed 5-week season.

Round 2 at Gold Park saw Uni come away with numerous wins across the day. Round 3 will see all of the clubs travel out to Dalby. Round 4 will see teams venture out to Roma, before the closing carnival will be held at Uni on September 8.

We also welcome all Teenage families to the Uni Rugby Presentation Night which will be held on September 7 at the Federal Hotel.



U19 Colts Rugby

Update from Connor Whittaker

Well done to our Colts who made the transition to A&C Grades this year. We wish you the best of luck in your finals run with C Grade this season and look to building towards a stronger U19 Colts season in 2025.

Senior Men's Rugby

Update from Connor Whittaker

Regular Season Wrap Up

Spirits remain high among the senior group despite a tough end to the regular season thanks to work commitments keeping a large number of our squad away from either training or games (or both). Without the majority of our A Grade squad, Uni went winless for the last month of games to, and our C Grade despite making the finals only got one win in their last four games as many players ended up playing two games each weekend.

Super Saturday Win for the Warriors

C Grade travelled out to Riddles for Super Saturday for a do-or-die clash with the River Rats. After splitting the regular season matchups, the game promised to be an edge of your seat affair. A travelling contingent of Uni supporters travelled out to support our men. And after a gruelling opening 15 minutes filled with monster hits, Uni found an overlap and was able to exploit it with Atu Masitabua over in the corner with the sideline going wild, Uni was unable to convert the sideline conversion but took a 5-0 lead.



UNI SUPPORT CREW AT SUPER SATURDAY.

The game slowed down for the remainder off the half as both teams manned up in defence and would not let their lines be broken. Unfortunately, just on half time the River Rats piggy backed down field off some Uni penalties and crossed just to the left of the uprights, which would be converted by the Rats as they took a 5-7 lead into the break.

Tension was high on the Uni sideline as the boys looked to overturn a half time deficit to give Uni their first finals win in 5 years. And the second half was more of the same with much of the game being played between the 22's. Uni got the first crack at points through a highly ambitious 40m shot at goal, the shot fell well short, and Chinchilla regathered and cleared but not well, and Uni regathered in a favourable position. After some well executed phase play Uni was able to force a Chinchilla penalty, this time in a much more favourable position and captain Nick O'Sullivan made no mistake as the ball sailed over the black dot putting Uni up by one.

The Warriors weren't done they smelled blood in the water, and they went in for the kill, and after marching down the field Jone Rarabalavu would put Jacob Meyer over in the right corner to increase the lead to six, and this time the sideline conversion was good putting Uni up by more than a score. After a Uni penalty to put us up 11 with 5 minutes to go a famous Uni win looked in sight, but Chinchilla had other ideas launching an attack to score a quickfire try to pull within a converted try. But a calming speech from captain O'Sullivan would settle the team and they would regain the ball off the kick-off and milk the remainder off the clock to claim an 18-12 win and advance to elimination Saturday where we will take on the Gatton Black Pigs.

Later in the day the A-Grade Emus did us a solid and beat the Rangers meaning this weeks Elimination Final will take place at Gold Park, so get out to Gold Park at 10:30 to support our Warriors. #webelieve



C-GRADE AFTER DEFEATING CHINCHILLA IN SUPER SATURDAY.



Senior Women's Rugby

Update from Emma Anderson

Women's Round 6

In Round 6 of the Women's XV's competition, the Uni Women travelled to the Southern Cross Reserve to take on cross-town rivals Bears. In their combined Uni & Dalby team the Uni Women continued to make leaps and bounds in improvement with a noticeable increase in their skill level and game play. Uni put a try down in each half and had some impressive runs from our backs, and showed some strong defence from the forwards. Although the girls put up quite the fight, the Bears ladies walked away with the win. Our player 3-2-1's this week went to Emily Lavis, Rhema Oroge and Eresha Erepia.



HANNAH PURVIS GETS UNI ON THE FRONT FOOT AGAINST BEARS

Uni Women Make Their First Finals Appearance

In the inaugural year of the Women's XV's competition, our Uni players will make history by playing the first finals match in Downs history at Gold Park this Saturday. In what's shaping to be a blockbuster game between Roma & St George, a strong Uni & Dalby ladies outfit will be looking to bring everything they've learnt this season together to take down the ladder topping Western cohort.

Kickoff will be at 11:50am at the Gold Park top field straight after Uni and Gatton contest the C Grade Elimination Final. #webelieve

Modified Rugby Program

Update from Malia Tulilo

The MRP is an innovative, touch-only modified form of rugby union, with no tackling. It allows young people with autism or other learning and perceptual disabilities to play rugby at clubs like USQ Saints, where they receive support, guidance, and friendship from a Player Mentor (volunteer).

The MRP will be holding a Parent Night at the Uni Clubhouse on September 5th at 6pm and is open to all interested parties. We encourage any interested parents or caregivers to reach out to USQ Rugby or contact cameron@gingercloud.org for more information about this fantastic program.

Resources

Online Newsletter

The [Uni Webpage](#) is where you'll find the latest newsletter as well as all past newsletters.

Coaching

EOI for Level 1 & Level 2 Coaching courses are available [here](#). Training will be held at the Toowoomba Grammar School on September 14-15.

Downs Rugby are also receiving EOI for Girls and Women's representative 7's coaching positions. If you would like to get involved please reach out to the club or Downs. EOI close 21/08/24.

Refereeing

Did you know there's training available for budding referees? The Darling Downs Rugby Referees Association has trained many people to learn to control our game. Contact a ref or touch judge after a game, or look at the DDRRA page on Facebook for more.

Physiotherapy

Our new partners at Up and Active Physiotherapy will be offering physiotherapy triaging to all senior players on Monday evenings. Availability is limited so please contact your nearest club representative to book a triage appointment.

Job Connect

If you are a sponsor or employer we have some quality young people eager to join your team. Local

businesses can also connect with Uni Rugby Club players eager to assist the local economy. Please contact the club for more.

Contact

[Club contact details](#) can be found on the Uni webpage.

Fundraising & Donations

The Uni Rugby Club Foundation has been established to raise funds for player development and clubhouse initiatives. Donations are tax deductible for all individuals, Please scan the QR code or follow the below link for more.



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