

End of Season Tour Facts & Figures

I think I now have about as much information about this auspicious event as anyone and can share it with you.

Yes, the tour departed Darwin in the early hours of this morning and the boys will by now be in full swing in Sydney.

From there, they are off tomorrow to **Forbes** for a **game on Saturday** and the forging of a **brother club relationship** afterwards. I'm not too sure of the exact make-up of the team for this initial tour game but Ben 'Cube' Emmett is very excited by the front row of Matt Brocklehurst, himself and Shane 'Fine' Cotton.

After this it will be up 'not too early' for a trip through the winery areas of NSW for a couple of days before playing the **Port Macquarie Pirates** on **Wednesday 13th in a game of 7s**. Given the itinerary mentions 5 wineries a day or whenever Graetzy says they (or he) have had enough, I'm not sure if 7s is a good or bad idea. And that will conclude the tour's 1st week.

Week 2 sees the team making their way to the **Byron Bay 7s** via a visit to **Camp Wallaby** at Coffs Harbour and Yamba. Obviously the front row will be passing on some pointers to the Wallaby front row while they are there.

After the rigour of the 7s weekend the tour will spend a few days recuperating and treating injuries at **North**

Stradbroke Island. If time, I'm sure the boys will find time to do a bit of fishing, surfing or diving or maybe even a little socialising with the locals. The **Point Lookout Hotel** seems to get a special mention about its 'not to be missed' scenery.

Once recuperated, it is back in the bus for the trip to Goondiwindi for another 15-a-side game on Saturday afternoon against the **Goondiwindi Emus**.

The tour concludes with a quick trip to Brisbane to socialise with a few of the **Palmy 'Old Boys'** at the **Breakfast Creek Hotel** before catching a flight home on Monday afternoon.

Tourists

Well now that you have some idea of the itinerary, I hear you asking which supermen are taking on this arduous schedule.

As I understand it there are 'core' and 'non core' tourists, that is, those that are going all of the way and those that will flit in and out as it suits them. Confirmed 'core' tourists include:

Ben 'Cube' Emmett
Shane 'Fine' Cotton
Craig 'Squirter' Leach
Todd 'the Bear' Harrison
Jesse 'Jester' Leal
Dan 'the Man' McIntyre
Dallas 'Spiritual Advisor' Graetz

I'm not sure about the status of the rest of these gents but they will be there at some time during the tour.

Brock Evans, Tom Hurse, Rod Mulhearn, Matt Brocklehurst,

Francis Mills, Nick Woodruff, Michael Scraturchio, Nicky Barlow, Peter Burnheim, Sean Kearns, John Alexander, Tommy Reardon, Nick Maclean, Mick Boehm, Mick Emmett

Annual General Meeting

The date has been set so get your nominations in.

6.30pm Thursday 28th October at the clubhouse.

Unfortunately both this year's Secretary and Treasurer have indicated that they will not be able to continue in their roles next year so there are opportunities for bright, old or young, people to step up and help make a difference at the club.

Nominations can be forwarded to the club PO Box, via email to the club's email address or provided from the floor at the meeting.

If you're not sure which role might be best for you, then please give me a call to discuss.

Croc Jottings

I have had an update about the travels of Squirter and Mel Leach.

I understand they are currently in Wickham where Mel has picked up some nursing work. To date Squirter hasn't found anything to his liking so he has become the house husband. Mel wasn't too sure about Squirter's Chocolate milk cake though but he has promised to preserve and be a success.

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