



**16<sup>th</sup> September, 2008**

***PERTH BAYSWATER JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB***

***NEWSLETTER***

If you would like to go on our email list or if you have any information for the newsletter including match reports please email [robbie@hillarysresort.com.au](mailto:robbie@hillarysresort.com.au) by **12 noon** each Wednesday.

**Finals**

Good luck to the Under 16's who are playing in the grand final against Associates on Saturday. All support from the club would be greatly appreciated. Kick off is at 2.15pm at Rugby Park. Good luck boys.

**Presentation Day**

To celebrate the 2008 season our presentation day is this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2008 from 1300 at the Morley Rec Centre and afterwards at the clubhouse. A lucky door prize will also be drawn on the day.

## **MATCH REPORTS**

### **U 16's Finals Week 1 – Perth Bayswater 6 lost to Associates 13**

The prize for the winner of this match was direct entry into the grand final and both sides approached the contest with the aim of imposing a psychological advantage over their opponent. The game was a torrid affair with both sides defending dourly and not allowing any latitude for open attack.

Both sides had a number of half chances to try and break the deadlock but the strength of the defensive effort of both teams meant that points were difficult to score and at an absolute premium.

With around 5 minutes remaining in the game the score was all tied up at 6 apiece. Our lads were deep in attack when Soaks pounced on a piece of good fortune which went their way to leave our lads gaping in disbelief as they watched the ball being whisked away to the far end of the field for an opportunistic try.

The boys tried with all their might to claw back to level terms in the last few minutes, but were unable to score leaving Associates victorious.

### **Week 2 – Perth Bayswater 20 def Wanneroo 12**

This game was a do or die contest with the loser to scurry away and think of what might have been and the winner earning the right to challenge for the main prize.

The game started in damp and windy conditions which made for difficulty in judging the flight of the ball and in holding on to the ball when moving through the hands. Our lads started into the wind and initially handled the blustery conditions better than Wanneroo. The game was predominantly played in Wanneroo's half and they appeared to have little answer to our pressure and authoritative play. With minutes remaining in the first half we were 8 – 0 up when a lapse of concentration and poor communication opened the way for Wanneroo to pounce on a poorly directed pass and race away for an intercept try and a half time scoreline of 8-7.

On the restart our boys appeared to believe that the wind would win the game for them and within a few minutes Wanneroo had exploited our lacklustre defensive effort and crossed for a try to see them in front for the first time in the match.

For the next 10 minutes or so it was a little disappointing to see our cohesion suffer as some of our lads individually tried to take on the opposition on their own. Fortunately the lads refocused and began to adhere to the game plan again and were justly rewarded when they moved the ball at lightning pace from one side of the field to the other to allow Alex to cross the line to give us the lead again by a solitary point. Dylan then converted with a magnificent kick and we were 15-12 ahead with less than 5 minutes to play.

It was obvious from the restart that the discipline and team focus had returned as the boys confidently mounted another strong attacking foray. Each and every player was working for the team and Wanneroo were forced to retreat in disarray allowing us to surge forward for Ben to crash over the line and effectively extinguish the Wanneroo challenge.

The performance in the first 25 minutes and the last 10 minutes of the game showed us at our best. Every boy playing for the team, maintaining structure and discipline and adhering to the game plan. We have shown that when we play as a team, for the team, we are formidable opponents and worthy of our mantle as minor premiers.

Congratulations boys on reaching the Grand Final, it is a fine achievement.

The club, your supporters, coaches and team management know what you are capable of when you work together for each other as a cohesive unit. Go out on Saturday and perform as the formidable team YOU know you are and put on the absolute best performance of the season and bring the premiership flag home.