







Central North Rugby Union Grand Final at Weebolla Oval, Moree Saturday 7th September 2013 Gates Open 9.30am

> GRAND FINAL DAY Under 16s – 10am Pirates v Tamworth Under 18s – 11.30am Moree v Pirates 2nd Grade – 1pm Moree v Gunnedah 1st Grade – 3pm Moree v Narrabri

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THE PRESIDENT & COMMITTEE

would like to congratulate the

Weebolla Bulls for making the grand final

and look forward to a great day of rugby

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FIRST up I'd like to congratulate all three teams on making the 2013 Central North Rugby Union Grand Final this weekend.

It's been a tremendous effort by all the players, coaching staff and supporters over the course of the season and without them, obviously the season wouldn't have been possible.

Paul King, Damien Kelly, Peter Copeman, Josh Connell and Kylie Dawson have ensured this season has been one of the most successful periods in the club for quite some time.

We've had sporadic success over the years, but it's very rare to have all three grades participating on the last day of the season.

When we all got together way back in February for the sevens tournament which ran for three successive Friday's most of the boys were happy to be throwing a footy around.

I'm sure if you asked any one of them where they'd be in September some would have thought about it for a while before not actually giving an answer.

We started the season with a tough first-up performance against Pirates and from that match we built momentum which saw us go through the season in first grade undefeated until the last round.

On that occasion, this weekend's opponents Narrabri proved too good and we get a chance for revenge on Saturday.

Second-grade weren't to be outdone by their first grade counterparts and under the watchful eye of Josh Connell, they've had an outstanding season themselves

> On the odd occasion they've lost players to first grade, but it's a credit to the rest of the second-graders that they haven't missed a beat. clash Their with Gunnedah this weekend will be a beauty.

This brings me to the under 18 kids and the



fantastic job Kylie has done with them over the course of 2013.

At the start of the season we thought a little bit outside the square and forged an alliance with Farrar High School and the boys have paid us back in the best possible fashion.

They're a very good rugby side and I'd encourage everyone to get to Weebolla early on Saturday to watch them in action.

If you've never been to a Bulls match before, I would highly suggest getting to the ground on Saturday and giving the Moree boys as much support as you possibly can.

We know Narrabri will bring a lot of fans and we want to have that home ground advantage, but we're relying on the community to help us out.

The forecast is promising, so what better way to spend a Saturday afternoon in spring than at the grand final. See you there!



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A-grade showdown Reserves ready to fight Moree

1.Daniel Taunton 2. John Adams 3. Andrew McNamara 4. Chris Cline 5. Damien Kelly 6. Simon Hall 7. Ben Colley (c) 8. Mathew Wannan 9. Henry Noble 10. Ben Carrigan **11. Sam Bacigalupo** 12. Angus Boileau **13.Damien Meppem** 14. Joe Henderson

Narrabri

1. Henry Curtin 2. Luke Findley 3. Sam Greenaway 4. Jack Sharp 5. Matt Trindall 6. Ciaran O'Gorman 7. Tim O'Brien 8. Todd Farrer 9. Matt Schwager (C) **10. Brenton Cochrane** 11. David Boyle 12. Matt McDonnell 13. Lachlan Cameron 14. Henri Knight 15. Michael Cain **Coaches: Hunter Harley Tom Cullen**

24. Scott Davies

27. Jake Deasy

25. Bradley Thrift

26. Joshua Fowler

High hopes for under 18s 19. Beau Donally Tamworth Moree 20. Mark Balquin

1. Ben Watts 2. Craig Norrie 3. **Grant Armstrong**

4.

15. Heath Riggs

James Readford 5. Mark Sayers **Billy Hartmann** 7. Adam Duncan 8. **Andrew Rumbel** 9. **Corey McKinnon** 10. Nick Bacon 11. **Harrison Miller** 12. **Angus MacTavish**

23. 26. 13. Kyle Cormie

14. Will Kelly 15. David Jenkins **16. Angus Thorne** 17. Campbell Williams 18. Dan Cormie **19. Tom Russ** 20. Sam Brown 21. Nic McCabe 22. Jayden Miller Jeremy Heiken 24. Jay Worley 25. Harry Altus Shannon Wolfgang-Wicks 27. Keagan Size

21. Ryan Witherdin 1. Matthew 22. Blake Camerion **O'Rourke** 23. Daniel Tadman 2. Ben Russell 3. Dilan Bateman 4. Angus Gallegos 5. Anthony Domis 6. Lachlan Etheridge 7. Kevin Curtis 8. Jason Wilshire 9. Kerrid Binge **10. Harrison Gill** 11. Brayden Grehan 12. Harrison Lord 13. Ryan Prentice 14. Tom Sanson **15. Luke Paterson** 16. Edward Jenson

17. Ben Collett 18. Tom Urquhart-Smith

for title of 2013 winners Gunnedah Moree 1. Maciau Labatu 1. Angus Keene 2. Jonno Cull 2. Nathan Goodworth

3. Sylvester Joeseph 4. Ben Jackman 5. Simon Dunlop 6. Andrew Perkins 7. Ilsavu Ratu 8. Michael Grant (c) 9. Adam O'Neille **10. Nathan Holland** 11. Tom Ryan 12. Sam Copeman 13. Brett Star **14. Nathan Porter** 15. Kyle O'Connor

Good luck to all playing on **Saturday**

3. Alex Costello 4. David Campbell 5. Lachie Johnstone 6. Simon Elsely 7. Rob Weinthal 8. Greg Campbell 9. Hamish Hocking **10. Joe Norman** 11. Sam Beer 12. Zac Newcombe **13. Cameron Mitchell** 14. Sam Maxwell **15. Tom Perrett** 16. Lance Martin 17. Josh Howarth **18. Scott Davies 19. Simon Thurbon** 20. Dale Perks 21. Reece Curr 22. Scott Purseglove 23. Cameron Amos 24. Dwayne Schubert 25. Martin Smit **26. Bruce Hocking**





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THE *Moree Champion* enjoyed taking photos of the Weebolla Bulls throughout the season.

These are some photos we took from the semifinals at Moree.

We would love to share all of our photos with our readers after each game but sometimes we don't have enough room in the paper.

Although we always make sure we upload a gallery to our website so all photos can be viewed.

The *Moree Champion* will be at the grand final to take photos too.

Any photos we've taken throughout the year are available to purchase, just pop into the office.



the Moree Bulls.

Only one game to go!! All the best in the big one from Carol and the team.

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Angus McTavish off-loads the ball.



Joe Henderson makes a break.



Nathan Goodworth fights off the defence.



Heath Riggs playing at the semi-final game.



Kyle Cormie breaks away from the opposition.



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Corey McKinnon looks for back-up.



Adam O'Neile makes a break.



Ben Colley fights off the defence.

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The Bulls' international contingent of Sylvester Joseph, Maciu Latabua, Jack Hughes and Sav Ratu.

International flavour

WHAT do you get when three Fijians and a Welshman walk into a bar?

Sounds like a really bad joke, doesn't it? But there's nothing funny about the Moree Bulls international contingent who will all appear on grand final day at Weebolla Oval this weekend.

Sav Ratu, Maciu Latabua, Jack Hughes and Sylvester Joseph all play rugby as a part-time activity after moving to Moree mainly due to work.

Ratu works as an accountant, Joseph is a solicitor, while both Latabua and Hughes do the hard yards on farms out of town.

"We all came here mainly for work and for an opportunity. I've been here a few years, but these other three blokes all came to town this year," Joseph said.

Ratu arrived in Moree from the big smoke after living in Newcastle last year.

"I wanted to get a different perspective on what country life is like and I'm enjoying it," he said.

Hughes, the Welsh backpacker has his own story to tell.

"It's a mad one really. I only came on a two-week holiday at the start of the year and never went home. I was here for two weeks after Simon (Dunlop – club vice president) brought me to the club and haven't left since. I'm the good luck charm," he laughed.

So for the first few weeks of his stay, the flying winger was gliding around Weebolla

Oval in just a pair of runners until his gear turned up.

"I met up with a friend I haven't seen for a few years and I weighed up my options, flew to New Zealand, got my visa, came back and went straight into working out on a farm and playing rugby.

"I had to get my rugby gear sent over so I was down to the bare minimum for a few weeks, but as soon as it came over I felt like I was at home," he said.

The last member of Moree's awesome foursome is second-grade forward Latabua – the quietly spoken of the lot.

"It's my first year here, working on the farm and rugby was a bonus," he said.

Joseph said Latabua was the "gentle giant" of the group and he lets his actions do the talking on the field.

While the international contingent cops some good-natured ribbing from their teammates, they certainly give as good as they get.

"We bring our own bit of flavour to the club. Everyone at the club embraces it, just some more so than others, but most is said in jest. There are a lot of jokers in the club, but they don't make you feel like an outsider," Joseph said.

The three Fijians and the Welshman could very well be the ones walking into the bar with their heads held high on Saturday night. Let's hope so!





Congratulates the Moree Bulls and Narrabri Blue Boars for making todays Grand Final

C&W Financial Services wish all teams playing today a successful day. We hope our team members Fraser Brown and Adam O'Neile have a great game for Moree

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SIX years is a long time.

But it's the length of time the Moree Bulls have had to wait since last tasting grand final glory.

Standing between the Bulls and another premiership is Narrabri the team who halted the Bulls' winning streak at 17 when they arrived at Weebolla Oval and left with a 29-25 victory in the final round of the premiership.

Not only does Moree have unfinished business with Narrabri, they've got their own score to settle on grand final day on the back of their 2011 grand final defeat to Pirates.

Bulls coach Damien Kelly believes his side is better equipped this year than they were two years ago. "There's more quality in our side this year compared to 2011.

'We do have the core of that side remaining, but there are four or five additions that have made a difference."

This Bulls side has a tough forward pack which has provided a platform for the backs to score points with monotonous regularity as they racked up 777 points throughout the season.

While Narrabri were doing a job

on four-time premiers Pirates last weekend, the Bulls were soaking up the sun's rays and wetting a line. "A few of us went fishing last Sunday and didn't worry about rugby too much," Kelly said.

"Another few of the boys spent a lot of time just relaxing and enjoying themselves which is important because grand finals don't come around very often," he said.

This Saturday is a culmination of a year's worth of hard work where player numbers started at 20 at the first training session, before gradually increasing and hitting 50 by April.

"We turned up mid-January and had 20 guys, and each training session we'd have two or three more turn up until we had 50 turn up. We were nearly going to lock the gate at one stage," Kelly said. The Bulls started the season

with a hard-fought win over Pirates and the nature of that game ensured they knew what to expect for the season ahead.

"We had Pirates first up and we were dominant in that game until the last 10 minutes when we let a few tries in. We had another few close ones throughout the year but to go undefeated all the way until the final round was a surprise."

Kelly knows the grand final will be a tough encounter on Saturday but was confident in his side's ability to perform under pressure.

"They're a good bunch of boys and they deserve it. They've been top of the table all year, despite the fact we've changed a few things, which the boys have responded well to.

"I'm confident we can beat them because we can play a hell of a lot better than what we provided against Pirates a few weeks ago and that was good enough," he said.

There was a lot of talk at Tuesday's training session with very few balls hitting the deck.

If that was a sign of what's to come and with another training session scheduled for Thursday, the Bulls will be ready to charge at Narrabri from the kick-off.

"This Saturday is big for both the club and all the people in the background that have put in a lot of hard work over the year," Kelly said. "We learnt in 2011 that it hurts to lose one and we don't want The Bulls fight for that feeling again on Saturday."

the ball in a line out.



First, second and 18's season scores in review

A Glade	Keselve glade
Played 18 Won 17 Lost 1	Played 18 Won 16 Lost 1 Drawn 1
777 points scored	575 points scored
260 points conceded	175 poins conceded
Round 1 – Moree 32 Pirates 28	Round 1 – Moree 27 Pirates 15
Round 2 – Moree 45 Quirindi 17	Round 2 – Moree BYE
Round 3 – Moree 44 Walcha 25	Round 3 – Moree won on forfeit over W
Round 4 – Moree 60 Inverell 20	Round 4 – Moree 22 Inverell 22
Round 5 – Moree 48 Tamworth 19	Round 5 – Moree 33 Tamworth 16
Round 6 – Moree 80 Barraba 14	Round 6 – Moree 99 Barraba 10
Round 7 – Moree 44 Gunnedah 3	Round 7 – Moree 17 Gunnedah 10
Round 8 – Moree 34 Scone 10	Round 8 – Moree 31 Scone 0
Round 9 – Moree 23 Narrabri 14	Round 9 – Moree 22 Narrabri 17
Round 10 – Moree 20 Pirates 19	Round 10 – Moree 37 Pirates 18
Round 11 – Moree won on forfeit over	Round 11 – Moree won on forfeit over
Quirindi	Quirindi
Round 12 – Moree 24 Walcha 0	Round 12 – Moree 12 Walcha 9
Round 13 – Moree 34 Inverell 12	Round 13 – Moree 53 Inverell 3
Round 14 – Moree 123 Tamworth 0	Round 14 – Moree 87 Tamworth 17
Round 15 – Moree 43 Barraba 8	Round 15 – Moree 62 Barraba 0
Round 16 – Moree 68 Gunnedah 26	Round 16 – Moree 35 Gunnedah 5
Round 17 – Moree 30 Scone 16	Round 17 – Scone 20 Moree 15
Round 18 – Narrabri 29 Moree 25	Round 18 – Moree 23 Narrabri 13
Major Semi-Final – Moree 24 Pirates 22	Major Semi-Final – Moree 28 Narrabri 2

Under 18s Played 12 Won 10 Lost 2 545 points scored 106 points conceded Round 1 – Moree 22 Pirates 7 Round 2 - Moree DNP forfeit over Walcha Round 3 - Moree DNP Round 4 - Moree 34 Inverell 0 Round 5 - Moree 56 Tamworth 7 Round 6 – Moree DNP Round 7 – Moree 70 Gunnedah 0 Round 8 - Moree won on forfeit over Scone Round 9 - Narrabri 27 Moree 25 Round 10 - Pirates 25 Moree 10 Round 11 - Moree DNP Round 12 - Moree DNP Round 13 - Moree 40 Inverell 5 Round 14 - Moree 61 Tamworth 10 Round 15 - Moree DNP Round 16 - Moree 130 Gunnedah 10 Round 17 – Moree 68 Scone 0 Round 18 - Moree 29 Narrabri 15 28 Narrabri 20 Major Semi-Final - Moree 37 Pirates 13

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Age: 25 Position: Prop Favourite past-time: Working Sporting icon: Andrew Perkins How long have you been with the Bulls? Eight years If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Chasing pigs Who rates his looks the most in the team? Nathan Porter Who's your man crush? Billy Slater What else do we need to know about you? Stay away from me when I'm drunk Favourite non-rugby team? Manly Sea Eagles



Age: 25 Position: Centre geckos **Sporting icon:** Wayne Carey

How long have you been with the Bulls? Seven months - just less than human gestation If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing?

Shadowing Clyney in bars Who rates his looks the most in the team? Battered Sav thinks

Who's your man crush? Clyney Favourite non-rugby team?

Name: Angus Boileau Favourite past-time: Chasing

he's Matt Utai

Canadian women's curling team



Name: Ben Carrigan Age: 18 Position: Fly-half Favourite past-time: Flood preparation Sporting icon: Steffi Graf How long have you been with the Bulls? Five years If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Quilting Who rates his looks the most in the team? Henry Noble Who's your man crush? Sylvester Joseph What else do we need to know about you? I sacrificed my house and all belongings for love Favourite non-rugby team? Coonabarabran Unicorns



Name: Ben Colley Age: 23 **Position:** Number seven Favourite past-time: Skimming rocks Sporting icon: Heath Riggs How long have you been with the Bulls? 10 years If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Chasing possums, bandicoots and raccoons. Pretty good at it too. Who rates his looks the most in the team? Daniel Taunton Who's your man crush? Daniel Taunton What else do we need to know

about you? I own and rewatch the Gossip Girl series every Saturday Favourite non-rugby team? Sydney Convicts



Name: Chris Clyne Age: 28 **Position:** Second-row Favourite past-time: Sunday sessions with John Adams Sporting icon: Mick Grant How long have you been with the Bulls? Not long enough If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Sunday sessions with John Adams Who rates his looks the most in the team? Damien Kelly Who's your man crush? John Adams Favourite non-rugby team? Sydney Roosters



Name: Damien Kelly Age: 35ish

Position: Second row/coach Favourite past-time: Spending time away from Heath Riggs Sporting icon: Sir Ricky Walford How long have you been with the Bulls? 18 years (spent 11 years in Scotland)

If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Not hanging around Heath Riggs Who rates his looks the most in the team? Nathan Porter

Who's your man crush? Heath Riggs/Ricky Walford

What else do we need to know about you? I'm a lovely man (ask Tim Evans)

Favourite non-rugby team? St George Illawarra Dragons, Pally Raiders, Yarraman Earthworms



Name: Damien Meppem Age: 24 **Position:** Outside centre Favourite past-time: Spraying weeds Sporting icon: The other Damien

How long have you been with the Bulls? 12 months

If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Training kelpies or waterskiing

Who rates his looks the most in the team? Riggsy

Who's your man crush? Damien Kelly

Favourite non-rugby team? Newcastle Knights



Name: Daniel Taunton Age: 26 Position: Outside centre/halfback Favourite past-time: Trying to be Mick Grant Sporting icon: Mick Grant How long have you been with the Bulls? Forever If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Looking for Mick Grant Who rates his looks the most in the team? Damien Kelly Who's your man crush? Luther Williams Favourite non-rugby team?

Sydney Roosters or whoever Mick Grant goes for



Name: Henry Noble Age: 24 **Position:** Halfback Favourite past-time: Waterskiing Sporting icon: Sam Bacigalupo How long have you been with the Bulls? First year If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Playing golf Who rates his looks the most in the team? Sav Who's your man crush? Will Hiscox What else do we need to know about you? I live with the biggest pigs in Moree Favourite non-rugby team?

Aussie test cricket team



Name: Joe Henderson Age: 19 **Position:** Wing/centre Favourite past-time: Long walks Sporting icon: Heath Riggs How long have you been with the Bulls? Second year If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Watching Heath Riggs' antics Who rates his looks the most in the team? Heath Riggs Who's your man crush? Angus Boileau

What else do we need to know about you? GrainCorp represent! Favourite non-rugby team? Pally Raiders

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Name: John Adams Age: 28 Position: Hooker Favourite past-time: Fishing Sporting icon: John Daly How long have you been with the Bulls? Five seasons If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Studying Who rates his looks the most in

the team? Daniel Taunton Who's your man crush? Scott

Fardy What else do we need to know about you? I'm a gifted word-

smith Favourite non-rugby team?

Essendon Bombers



Name: Mat Wannan Age: 25 Position: Loose forward Favourite past-time: Throwing Heath Riggs into trees Sporting icon: Madonna How long have you been with the Bulls? 25 years If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Long walks on the dam bank and sunsets over the cotton field Who rates his looks the most in the team? Look at me Who's your man crush? Luther Williams What else do we need to know about you? I love to watch Glee and curl my hair Favourite non-rugby team?

Canadian women's curling team



Name: Peter Copeman Age: Very old Position: Coach Favourite past-time: Golf, cricket, drinking, texting Sporting icon: Damien Kelly How long have you been with the Bulls? 30 years If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Playing golf or texting Who rates his looks? Recko Who's your man crush? Toss-up between the two Damiens but Recko wins it What else do we need to know about you? Meppo has replaced

Cub as heir to the Agriware throne **Favourite non-rugby team?** Essendon Bombers



Name: Sam Bacigalupo Age: 26 **Position:** Wing Favourite past-time: Winning grand finals **Sporting icon:** Mitch Carrigan How long have you been with the Bulls? First year If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Singing karaoke Who rates his looks the most in the team? Henry Noble Who's your man crush? Sam Kelly What else do we need to know about you? I'm recently single Favourite non-rugby team? Sydney Swans



Name: Simon Hall Age: 29 **Position:** Changes most weeks **Favourite past-time:** Horticulture **Sporting icon:** Doug Murphy How long have you been with the Bulls? Second year If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Playing golf Who rates his looks the most in the team? Damien Kelly Who's your man crush? Sam Kelly Favourite non-rugby team? Vancouver Canucks



Name: Heath Riggs Age: 27 Position: Fullback Favourite past-time: Being a pest

Sporting icon: Mathew Hayden How long have you been with the Bulls? 12 years

If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Shaving my shoulders

Who rates his looks the most in the team? Andrew McNamara says he has the best bod in zone Who's your man crush? Luther What else do we need to know about you? Second slowest in the team ahead of Damien Kelly Favourite non-rugby team? Moree Boomerangs



Name: Jack Hughes Age: 21 Position: Wing, centre

Fostion: whig, centre Favourite past-time: Golf Sporting icon: JPR Williams How long have you been with the Bulls? Three months If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Relaxing Who rates his looks the most in the team? Joey

Who's your man crush? Will Smith

What else do we need to know about you? I'm Welsh Favourite non-rugby team?

Premier League - Liverpool



Name: Rod Keam Age: 42

Position: Prop and second row Favourite past-time: Drag racing How long have you been with the Bulls? Six years If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Working on a drag car Who rates his looks the most in the team? Nathan Porter Who's your man crush? Jason Webb

Favourite non-rugby team? Any team that's beating Canterbury-Bankstown





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Name: Josh Connell

Age: 37 **Position:** Second grade coach

Favourite past-time? Discussing the finer points of scrummaging

Sporting icon? Lance Armstrong How long have you been with the Bulls?

14 years If you're not playing footy of a weekend,

what are you doing? Looking after Riggsy's kids

Who rates his looks the most in the team? Either Sylvester Joseph or Rod Keam. They both want to look like Sav Ratu

Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Muckadilla Duck Divers



Name: Sav Ratu Age: 22 **Position:** Flanker Favourite past-time? Taking selfies or getting haircuts Sporting icon? The Burgess brothers How long have you been with the Bulls? One year If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Escaping to the coast

Who rates his looks the most in the team? Alex Noble

Who's your man crush? George Burgess or Tommy Ryan

What else do we need to know about you? I like candlelight dinners and talking about feelings

Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Rabbitohs – year of the Bunnies

Name: Paul King Age: Old enough Position: Co-coach with Josh Favourite past-time? Rugby and fishing Sporting icon? Damien Kelly How long have you been with the Bulls? Since 1996 If you're not playing footy of a weekend,

what are you doing? Fishing Who rates his looks the most in the team? Corbin Carter Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Storm



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"DON'T stop playing until the whistle blows" was the advice of Kay Brasell who has been a volunteer for the Weebolla Bulls since 2001.

Mrs Brasell became involved with the Bulls when her son Guy and husband John started to play and coach, and thought she may as well lend the club a hand as well.

Over the years she has been presented 'clubman of the year' five times and has recently been named an honorary member of the club.

"I started volunteering in the canteen in 2002 and have kept helping out in there ever since. There have been many highlights dur-ing the 11 or so years," she said.

Mrs Brasell told the Moree Champion her best memory of the club was in 2002 when the under 19s team won the premiership by one point at full-time.

"They were down three points and just as the full-time whistle blew the Bulls got a penalty and ran away with it to win the game. Guy was the captain of the under 19s and John was coaching them at the time," she said.

The aspect of ladies day each year was also a highlight of Mrs Brasell's.

"Seeing the day go from a little luncheon to raising funds for various charities was a great thing, not to mention that each year it was held, more people would get involved," she said.

Ladies day has donated funds to the McGrath Foundation, Cancer Support, Prostate Cancer, CanAssist, Angel Flight and other local and existing charities.

"There is now a new generation of players coming into the club which is also a great thing to see. As well as players you



Kay Brasell has been volunteering for years.

used to see in the juniors bringing their wives and children to the games," she said.

Mrs Brasell assured us the canteen would be ready to serve all locals and visitors at the weekend with about eight canteen ladies recruited for the job.

"We are going to have the normal favourites like hot dogs and steak sandwiches and we'll also have roast pork and gravy rolls," she said.

There will also be clothing available as usual for anyone who wants to get into the Bulls spirit at the weekend.

"Congratulations to the players and coaches on making the grand final and I wish them the best of luck.'

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ike throwing a red devil at a defending and enjoying defending.

The boys have enjoyed getting

down and dirty at times this year."

more time against a well-drilled

and mobile Gunnedah side, but the

Bulls do have the luxury of the

week off last weekend.

And they'll need to do it one

MOREE coach Josh Connell believes grand finals are partially won between the ears.

The other half, obviously is what happens on the field.

And his side will have their work cut out this weekend in the 2013 Central North Rugby Union reserve grade grand final against Gunnedah.

The Red Devils earnt the right to challenge Moree for the premiership after accounting for Narrabri 34-8 in last week's preliminary final.

In doing so it gave them the chance to defend their 2012 title and Connell said his side were up



Name: Scott Antees **Age:** 35 Position: Prop Favourite past-time? Golf Sporting icon? Paul Harragan How long have you been with the Bulls? One year

If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Golf Who rates his looks the most in the

team? Sav Who's your man crush? Sean Connery

Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Newcastle Knights



Name: Tom Wyatt Age: 19 **Position:** Outside back Favourite past-time? Rugby Sporting icon? Sonny-Bill Williams How long have you been with the Bulls? One year If you're not playing footy of a weekend,

what are you doing? Flying Who rates his looks the most in the team? Recko

Who's your man crush? Sonny-Bill Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Roosters

for the challenge.

"Gunnedah are last year's premiers so we know what to expect. We respect them, but we also know we've got a job to do."

Moree started the season on fire, registering wins in their first five games.

"It's been a long-held belief that if you win your first five games in the season you set yourself up well for success later in the season," Connell said.

"We've had 51 blokes go through reserve grade this year and the most pleasing aspect of the year has been our defence. But there's a difference between



Name: Tom Ryan

Age: 20 **Position:** Back Sporting icon? Heath Riggs How long have you been with the Bulls? One season

If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Chasing hogs with Jake Williams

Who rates his looks the most in the team? Kyle O'Connor Who's your man crush? Sonny-Bill What else do we need to know about

vou? I'm in love with Joe's sister



Name: William Hiscox Age: 26 **Position:** Flanker

Favourite past-time? Drinking, pigging **Sporting icon?** Sam Bacigalupo How long have you been with the Bulls?

One year **Not playing footy?** Laughing at Sam K Who rates his looks the most in the

team? Henry Noble Who's your man crush? Sam Kelly What else do we need to know about you? I'm a really good lawyer

Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Swannies

way," he said.

"Gunnedah will get their big men running at our smaller blokes and they've got a good driving maul so we'll need to be at our best to minimise that as best we can."

With all three Bulls sides competing in the grand final, expecta-

tions around town are high but Connell said it was something which should be embraced.

"The expectations are massive on the whole club, but we know we're not forcing the boys to do anything they haven't already done this year."



Kevin

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Age: 27 **Position:** Half back Favourite past-time? Watching movies Sporting Icon? Cameron Hammond How long have you been with the Bulls? Nine years If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Studying Who rates his looks most in the team? Mick Grant Who's your man crush? Nathan Porter What else do we need to know

about you? I'm a good bloke, honestly

Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Newcastle Knights



Name: Alex Noble Age: 18 **Position:** Prop Favourite past-time? Being young and cute Sporting Icon? Richie McCall How long have you been with the Bulls? Since I was five If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Working Who rates his looks most in the team? Joe Henderson Who's your man crush? Sam Copeman Favourite non-rugby sporting



Name: Andrew Perkins Age: 28 **Position:** Break away Favourite past-time? Pig chasing Sporting Icon? Andrew McNamara How long have you been with the Bulls? 10 years If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Not cricket Who rates his looks most in the team? Kyle O'Connor Who's your man crush? Arnold Schwarzenegger Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Newcastle Nights



Name: Ben Jackman Age: 25 Position: Breakaway/second-row Favourite past-time? Running **Sporting Icon?** Douglas Smith How long have you been with the Bulls? Eight years If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Counting bears Who rates his looks most in the team? Sav Rocka Who's your man crush? Forest Gump Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Roosters



Name: Byron Birch Age: 27 Position: Flanker Favourite past-time? Scuba diving Sporting Icon? Joey Johns How long have you been with the **Bulls?** Two seasons If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Rocking two stroke pool Who rates his looks most in the team? Joe Henderson Who's your man crush? Silly Bang What else do we need to know about you? I can do a mean full montey Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Calgary Stampeders



Name: Corbin Carter Age: 25 **Position:** Fullback/utility back Favourite past-time? Listening to the spice girls Sporting Icon? Warwick Capper, John Hopoate How long have you been with the Bulls? Two years

If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Cutting Gus B's grass

Who rates his looks most in the team? Sav

Who's your man crush? Luther Williams and Paul King

What else do we need to know about you? Men want to be me, women with me

Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Women's All Blacks



Name: Fraser Brown

Age: 27 Position: Lock

team? Warriors

- Favourite past-time? Accounting Sporting Icon? Fijian Mac
- How long have you been with the Bulls? Three months If you're not playing footy of a
- weekend, what are you doing? Golfing Who rates his looks most in the
- team? Adam O'Neill Who's your man crush? Luther
- Williams Favourite non-rugby sporting

team? West Tigers



Name: Jake Williams Age: 19 Position: Second-row Sporting Icon? Jeff Toovey How long have you been with the **Bulls?** Three years If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Chasing hogs with Tom Ryan Who rates his looks most in the team? Joe Henderson Who's your man crush? I'm the best worker at Graincorp Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Manly Sea Eagles



Name: Kevin Starr Age: 35 **Position:** Centre Favourite past-time?Bronc riding Sporting Icon? Lane Frost How long have you been with the **Bulls?** Six years If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? **Riding bulls** Who rates his looks most in the team? Battered Sav Who's your man crush? Justin Bieber What else do we need to know about you? I chew tobacco Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Sydney Swifts

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Name: Kyle O'Connor Age: 22

Position: Fullback

- Favourite past-time?Picking fruit Sporting Icon? Warwick Capper How long have you been with the **Bulls?** Five years
- If you're not playing footy of a weekend, what are you doing? Riding my unicycle
- Who rates his looks most in the team? Alex Noble
- Who's your man crush? Kyle Sandilands
- What else do we need to know **about you?** I have a rat's tail Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Sharks

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Name: Luther Williams Age: 22 Position: Prop Sporting Icon? Steve Waugh How long have you been with the Bulls? Three years Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Bulldogs



Name: Nathan Goodworth Age: 24 Position: Hooker/prop Favourite past-time? Fishing Sporting Icon? Mack Daddy How long have you been with the Bulls? Nine years If you're not playing footy of the weekend, what are you doing? Fishing on the Gwydir Who rates his looks? Adam O'Neile Who's your man crush? Silly

Bang What else do we need to know about you? I'm from Biniguy and very good looking Favourite non-rugby sporting

team? Bulldogs



Name: Simon Dunlop Age: 27 Position: Second row/winger Favourite past-time? Feeding horses Sporting Icon? Nathan Hindmarsh How long have you been with the Bulls? Eight years If you're not playing footy of the weekend, what are you doing? Chasing horses Who rates his looks? Sav Who's your man crush? Luther What else do we need to know about you? I'm a good bloke Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Broncos



Name: Sylvester Joseph aka 'Silly Bang Age: 26 **Position:** Hooker Favourite past-time? Walks on the beach, but really sleeping Sporting Icon? Riggsy How long have you been with the Bulls? Three years If you're not playing footy of the weekend, what are you doing? Time with wife and kids - sleeping Who rates his looks? Riggs Who's your man crush? Luther Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Canadian ping pong team



Name: Maciu Latabua Age: 23 Position: Prop Favourite past-time? Reading Sporting Icon? Sona Taumalolo How long have you been with the Bulls? One year If you're not playing footy of the weekend, what are you doing? Hunting Who rates his looks? Riggsy Who's your man crush? Jarryd Hayne What else do we need to know

what else do we need to know about you? I'm caring, friendly Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Melbourne Storm



Name: Mick Grant Age: 62 **Position:** 5'8 or bench Favourite past-time? Playing Johnny Cash Sporting Icon? Rex Hunt How long have you been with the Bulls? 58 years If you're not playing footy of the weekend, what are you doing? Hanging out with Ben Colley Who rates his looks? Riggsy Who's your man crush? Daniel Taunton What else do we need to know about you? I'm very fast Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Pally Raiders

Name: Nathan Holland Age: 24 Position: 5'8 Favourite past-time? Hash tagging

Sporting Icon? Carlos Spencer How long have you been with the Bulls? Since 2006

If you're not playing footy of the weekend, what are you doing? Looking for my hair

Who's your man crush? Syl Joseph

What else do we need to know about you? I'm often referred to as "Lord Shouldermort' as I have impressive traps Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Boston Celtics



Name: Nathan Porter Age: 24 **Position:** Wing Favourite past-time? Grooming all my hair Sporting Icon? Bear How long have you been with the Bulls? Seven years If you're not playing footy of the weekend, what are you doing? Listening to Charlie Pride Who rates his looks? Syl Who's your man crush? Gary Bartusch Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Bulldogs



Name: Phil Winter Age: 27 **Position:** Hooker Favourite past-time? Inspecting cupboards, admiring my dam Sporting Icon? Anthony 'The Man' Mundine How long have you been with the Bulls? Five years If you're not playing footy of the weekend, what are you doing? Watching chick flicks Who rates his looks? Sav Who's your man crush? Carter, Boileu and Carrigan, good blokes What else do we need to know about you? I'm single - hey ladies Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Aus women's ice hockey



Name: Sam Kelly Age: 25 Position: Hooker Favourite past-time?Horticulture **Sporting Icon?** Will Hiscox How long have you been with the Bulls? One year If you're not playing footy of the weekend, what are you doing? Working on 'The Hog' Honda Postie Who rates his looks? Henry Noble Who's your man crush? Simon Hall What else do we need to know about you? I enjoy Paul King's fire-up speeches Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Eels



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GET off to a good start.

That will be the message from Moree Bulls under 18s coach Kylie Dawson for her boys on Saturday when they contest the 2013 grand final with Tamworth Pirates.

It sounds easy, but with the pressure associated with such an important match you don't want to be playing catch-up.

The first 10 minutes is critical," she said. "These kids are aware of what they need to do so I don't need to add anything extra."

The Bulls contested the 2012 grand final and emerged with a comprehensive 44-15 win.

The experience gained from that day should ensure nerves are at a minimum on Saturday.

Most know what to expect.

"The fact they won it last year means they're probably a little more excited about this weekend than they might have been at the same time 12 months ago.

'We've got a few survivors from that team.'

Dawson said it could be seen as a negative for her side to be playing the same team they accounted for a fortnight ago in the major semi-final because it provided the opportunity for Pirates to get their own game in order.

"I went and watched them (Pirates) last week and noticed they adapted the same strategies we used on them against Narrabri and it proved successful.

"It gave me the opportunity to come up with some of my own ideas to counteract the fact they'll try to use our strategies on us this weekend."

Moree's 37-13 victory in the major semi-final looked more comprehensive in the end after they ran in a couple of late tries.

"It was a physical game and we're expecting more of the same this weekend, but the fact we had last week off means the boys should be a little fresher which is important in a grand final.

The kids know they need to be switched on."

There's a blanket feeling of excitement around the club and Dawson said the under 18s were looking forward to kicking off with success in front of family and friends after doing it all away from home last year.

"We were the only team from the club in the final last year and it felt isolated going to Walcha. "The difference this year is that

all three grades have made it and we get to start the ball rolling

on Saturday.

Age: 17

Billy

Position: Anywhere

Who ever wins

After finishing the regular season with the minor premiership, Moree head into this weekend's match knowing what works, and Dawson didn't expect her side to change their game plan.

"We've tinkered a bit with certain things, but we won't deviate away too much.

The kids will rise to the challenge this weekend. They've learnt the art of patience in a game this year and that will be very important in such a big game. They know what they have to do."

If you're not playing footy of a weekend

what are you doing? Something Who rates his looks most in the team?

Who's your man crush? Noddy

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Favourite non-rugby sporting team?



Position: Flanker Favourite past time: U16 GF win Sporting icon: George Smith If you're not playing footy of a weekend what are you doing? Chasing women Who rates his looks most in the team? Kyle Cormie or Noddy Who's your man crush? Channing Tatum What else do we need to know about

you? I live in Gin Gin which is no longer a town (near Trangie) Favourite non-rugby sporting team? No favourite but Broncos are alright



Name: Angus Thorne

Position: Prop Favourite past time: Fishing If you're not playing footy of a weekend what are you doing? Fishing Who rates his looks most in the team?

Favourite non-rugby sporting team?



Age: 18 Position: lock Favourite past time: Hill sprints Sporting icon: Nathan Hindmarsh If you're not playing footy of a weekend what are you doing? Campdrafting Who rates his looks most in the team? Ben Watts Who's your man crush? Me

Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Parramatta



Age: 18 Position: Prop

Favourite past time: Racing motorbikes Sporting icon: Phil Waugh, Tatafu Polota-Nau, Greg Inglis

If you're not playing footy of a weekend what are you doing? Working, rodeos, riding horses, spending time with mates Who rates his looks most in the team? Noddy and Kyle Cormie

Who's your man crush? Sam Brown and Dave Jenkins

What else do we need to know about you? From Walcha, single Favourite non-rugby sporting team?

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Name: Billy Hartmann Age: 17

Position: Flanker (Number six) Favourite past time: Chilling with mates, playing footy for the Bulls, fishing, riding bikes and shooting

Sporting icon: Blake Williams If you're not playing footy what are you doing? What every teenager does! Chasing women left, right and centre

Who rates his looks the most on the team? Harry Miller, Dave Jenkins and Will Kelly Who's your man crush? Young Moree chaps Jack Foreman and Jack Baker

Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Panthers



Name: Daniel Cormie Age: 17

Position: Anywhere, mainly backs Favourite past time: Benchwarming Sporting icon: Water boy Rowan Dunn If you're not playing footy what are you doing? Going out on the prowl Who rates his looks the most on the team? Harry Miller

Who's your man crush? Guy in the mirror What else should we know? I'm blonde, sixfoot, well muscled and single

Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Sharks



Age: 18 **Position:** Loose forward Favourite past time: Chillaxing Sporting icon: Dan Cormie If you're not playing footy what are you doing? As little as possible Who rates his looks the most on the team? Me What else do we need to know about you? I am man, hear me roar! Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Women's water polo team



Name: David Jenkins Age: 18 **Position:** Fullback Favourite past time: Winning 2012 grand final Sporting icon: David Pocock If you're not playing footy what are you doing? Partying Who rates his looks the most on the team? Harrison Miller Who's your man crush? Harry Altus What else should we know? I am Batman Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Tigers



Age: 18 Position: Half back Sporting icon: Will Genia If you're not playing footy what are you doing? Campdrafting or hunting Who rates his looks the most on the team? Harrison Miller Who is your man crush? Dan Cormie Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Titans



Name: Grant Armstrong Age: 17 Position: Prop Favourite past time: Spending time with friends Sporting icon: Ben Robinson If you're not playing footy what are you doing? Relaxing with friends Who rates his looks the most on the team? Kyle Cormie Who's your man crush? Dan Cormie What else should we know? I enjoy long walks on the beach

Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Kansas City Chiefs



Name: Craig Norrie Age: 18 and 37 days Position: Hooker Favourite past time: Dawso's fitness - not! Sporting icon: Muhammad Ali If you're not playing footy what are you doing? Same as any 18 year old Who rates his looks the most on the team? Harrison Miller or Kyle Cormie Who is your man crush? SBW What else do we need to know about you? Originally a Narrabri Blue Boar Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Roosters



Name: Harrison 'Noddy' Miller Age: 18 **Position:** Outside centre/wing **Favourite past time:** Winning third grade GF for Guyra in 2012 Sporting icon: Tiger Woods If you're not playing footy what are you doing? Stuff I probably shouldn't be doing Who rates his looks the most on the team? Apparently me What else should we know? The less you know

the better

Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Knights



Name: Harry Altus Age: 18 Position: Wing Favourite past time: Eating Sporting icon: John McEnroe If you're not playing footy what are you doing? Working Who rates his looks the most on the team? Deno Who's your man crush? Ben Watts Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Beach volleyball



Name: James Readford Age: 17 Position: Second row Favourite past time: Living life to the fullest Sporting icon: Muhammad Ali If you're not playing footy what are you doing? Sleeping Who rates his looks the most on the team? Ben Watts Who's your man crush? Ben Watts

What else should we know? Single



Name: Jay Worley

Age: 18 **Position:** Bench represent - wing, fullback Favourite past time: Having a laugh with mates Sporting icon: Billy Slater

If you're not playing footy what are you doing? Hunting swine, working on the farm Who rates his looks the most on the team? Ben Watts, Harrison Miller, Kyle Cormie Who's your man crush? Nick McCabe

What else should we know? Smashing personality, awesome person to be around Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Knights



Name: Jayden Miller Age: 17 Position: Wing Sporting icon: Beau Ryan If you're not playing footy what are you **doing?** Hanging with mates Who rates his looks the most on the team? Harrison Miller Who's your man crush? If Emma Watson was a man I'd still love her, or Rove McManus What else should we know? Some refer to me as the Pegasus Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Tigers





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What else do we need to know about you? Watts I'm from Bunnan near Scone Who's your man crush? Ben Watts

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Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Bunnan Bears and Sydney Roosters





Who rates his looks the most in the team? Harrison Miller Who's your man crush? Jeremy Fernando Favourite non-rugby sporting team? Brisbane Broncos





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