



WESTERN COUGARS GRIDIRON CLUB INC
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Welcome to the 2010 Season. This newsletter is to inform all current and potential members of the Cougars important issues relating to the club and to keep members informed and involved with the club. Planning for this year is well under way and we continue to get player enquiries for juniors and seniors on a weekly basis.

If you have any questions regarding the content in this newsletter please contact Ross Dorward (President) on 0450 430953.

Head Coaches

Ross Dorward has been successful in being appointed the Junior Head Coach. Ross will be appointed from 1 March 2010 – 28 February 2011 and will soon be appointing assistant coaches. The junior team will be returning after a two year absence but a strong team is expected to sign up as junior Cougars.

Clinton Fraser is continuing as Senior Head Coach and will be appointed for the same period. The seniors lost last year's semi final 22-14 to eventual champions Gold Coast Stingrays and with 75% of last year's young and inexperienced team expected to return; a strong run at the Sun Bowl is expected.

We wish both of them and their coaching staff well this year.

Annual General Meeting

A reminder that this year's AGM will be held at the clubhouse on 221 Grindle Rd Wacol at 7pm on Monday 15 March.

All committee positions will be vacated by their current occupants and a new committee will be voted on. If you wish to pre nominate for a position please download a nomination form from the website and forward to Luke Smith at cougars@gridiron.asn.au prior to the meeting. Position descriptions are also on the website so that people are aware of what roles and responsibilities each position has.



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Fundraising

The club is holding a fundraiser at Bunnings Oxley from 8.30am – 4.00pm on Sunday 28 February for both the club and the Cougars selected to represent QLD in April's National Championships. Anthony Dabelstein, Luke Gordon (Muzza), Craig Hipathite, Wayne Muller, Todd Sneddon, Clinton Fraser (Coach), and Ross Dorward (Manager) will surely represent our club and State well.

Volunteers are needed so please contact us to help out. This is also a good opportunity for us to promote our club and upcoming sign-on days.

Sign-on and fees

As mentioned in January's newsletter our sign-on days will be Saturday 1 May (2.00 – 4.00pm) and Thursday 6 May (6.30 – 8.00pm).

We are also waiting on the 2010 Gridiron Qld registration form to be made available but in the meantime we will post the 2009 GQ rego form on the website and the Cougars 2010 rego form.

Fees for this year are now finalised but have changed since the January newsletter. Gridiron Qld have increased player membership, insurance and affiliation costs so we have had to increase fees appropriately to ensure we meet these expenses. Fees are now:

- Juniors (14 – 18yrs) - \$175.00
- Seniors (returning) - \$200.00
- Seniors (new) - \$250.00

Please see the website for details on fee inclusions and payment requirements.

Junior members must provide the club with a copy of photographic ID with a date of birth and a copy of a birth certificate if available. If a junior member has a passport, a copy of this will meet all requirements. Unfortunately last year another club's junior team violated the maximum player age and were stripped of all competition points from games that overage players played in therefore we have to be stringent on identification processes.



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Training

Training starts Monday 24 May and will be held on field 3 every Monday and Thursday. Seniors will be 7-9pm and juniors 6.30-8pm.

Website

The new website design looks great and will be fully operational within the next week. We apologise for the delay but we must ensure that it is right before going into full production. The forms link and newsletter link are fully operational and all rego forms are in the Forms link.

Hope to see you soon and we look forward to meeting new members as the season gets closer.

Western Cougars Gridiron Club
Management Committee