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**USC JUNIOR  
RUGBY UNION CLUB**

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**DATES TO DIARISE**

**5/2** – Sign On at 3.30pm  
**13/2** – Sign On at 3.30pm  
**18/2** – Sports Bar opening  
**25/2** – Coaches & Managers  
Orientation at 6pm  
**2/3** – Extra Ordinary Meeting at  
6.30pm re Amalgamation

**Welcome to 2011... from John Lockhart, President**

Hoping everyone had a good break over the off season and that everyone's extended family and friends are safe after the horrific floods across Queensland. I am looking forward to my second term as President and hope to serve our rugby community during what I believe will be an exciting year. **Our two Sign On days are Saturday 5 February and Sunday 13 February from 3.30pm – 6.00pm.** A reminder of registration fees:

Registration: \$195 per player, \$185 for the second player in a family, \$175 for the third player in a family and the fourth child is free.

Shorts and socks can be purchased on the day. EFTPOS is available.

**Sponsors**

Thanks already to the many sponsors who have made a commitment to 2011 to support junior rugby. Our website will promote our sponsor's businesses and we intend to feature a sponsor in each newsletter throughout the year. Please note their great support of us and, where possible, access their business and make yourself known as a USC Viking to highlight this reciprocal positive relationship. John Leach (Red Energy) has done a fantastic job of leading our sponsorship drive and our kids will benefit greatly from his hard work and expertise.

**2011 Goals and Proposed Amalgamation with Seniors**

As President, my first priority is to maintain the wonderful culture that we have enjoyed since the establishment of the Club. The spirit of rugby, sportsmanship and friendship are essential to maintain and enjoy the positive culture of our club. I encourage all parents to be involved as much as possible with their team and indeed with club functions to ensure that the sense of camaraderie, which develops in a team, is maintained throughout our broader Club. The University of the Sunshine Coast have become much stronger partners and indeed are one of our main sponsors for 2011 with their logo being featured on our new jerseys and training shirts. To further assist us to develop a positive Club culture, the University are making available the Uni Club every Friday night for a Sports Bar. I am currently in the process of installing AUSTAR, sponsored by Kawana Medical Practice, to ensure that we have access to Super 14 rugby and indeed test matches in a social club context. The first Super 14 game will be on 18 February and I invite any parents who would like to assist with catering and/or bar and/or security to please contact me directly. This is a great opportunity for us to further enhance our Club culture and a sense of belonging to Uni rugby and I am sure will be a positive point of interaction with our Seniors as we work towards a combined future. We will be participating in a formal, strategic planning exercise throughout 2011, looking towards amalgamation with the Seniors and I imagine that enhanced lighting, shade, and facilities for players will be highlighted as important goals for us to achieve throughout the year.

At the AGM of both Seniors and Juniors, there was strong and positive support for the proposed amalgamation. **At an Extraordinary General Meeting (to be held on Wednesday 2 March, 6.30pm, at the ICT building, Level 3, University of the Sunshine Coast), as per our Constitution, there will be a formal proposal motioned to amalgamate.** All registered members are invited to attend the meeting. The proposal endorsed by the Senior club is to establish an Amalgamation Working Committee to enable the merge to be completed for the 2012 season. This proposed merger certainly has my support. I look forward to hearing the views of our rugby community.

**Chaplain**

Featured in this newsletter is our new Club Chaplain. My thanks to Andrew Fox for nominating to be our Club Chaplain for 2011. Any families are welcome to contact him if there are any instances where they believe he may be able to provide support. I would like to thank Andrew for the wonderful job he did in helping us to celebrate Barry Drinnan's contributions to our rugby community as a family man and coach.

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PROMOTIONS



## Presidents Message continued...

### Equipment Manager

My thanks to Graham Causon who coached the grand final winning U13 side in 2010 and who also managed the Coaches training equipment. Unfortunately, Graham is unable to manage the Coaches training equipment this year and I am looking for someone to step into this role for 2011. The job essentially requires –

- sorting of gear into coaches bags from the 2010 stocktake,
- ordering equipment for the 2011 season, i.e. balls, hit shields, training equipment, etc
- enjoying the rugby season until recouping the gear at the end of the season
- undertaking a final stocktake.

This is an essential job with some liaison with coaches during the season - but also a package deal for someone who wants to make a contribution which has clear limits and time expectations. Please contact John Lockhart or Evie Brown.

### Container cleanout

Each year, Gary Pott, committee member, usually cleans out and tidies out the container and I am calling for volunteers to assist him. Again this is not a huge job, but one of those hot and messy jobs that will ensure the safe and reliable storage of equipment during the season. **The container also needs a small concrete apron to facilitate moving the scrum machine and other equipment. If there is anyone in the concreting business who could either give us a good price or help in some way, please also contact John Lockhart or Evie Brown.**

### Committee Members

My thanks to all committee members and working groups who have once again put up their hands to ensure our kids have a great rugby season. Our website is the key point of information and I ask all families to become familiar with using it. Whilst Managers will be using text and email wherever possible, parents can be confident that our website will be updated with important information and details as often as possible. I do ask that anyone who finds an error or has something to contribute (photos are most welcome!) to please contact Evie Brown.

### Club History

I desperately want us to develop a journal of our Club history. Whilst we are only some 8 years old, we are already at risk of forgetting our early foundation years. I am hopeful that someone, who has been with the club since its inception (2003) as Mooloolaba Mountain Creek Junior Rugby Union Club, would like to take on the task of completing a draft that other Club stalwarts could add to. I am looking for a budding/investigative journo who may be able to unearth our foundation story and indeed early photos prior to the proposed amalgamation to the Seniors. Our young Club has a rich history and has achieved great success and growth over recent years. I am keen to capture the early vision and the people who made it possible in creating such a strong foundation.

Looking forward to another successful season –

JOHN

## From the Club Chappie... Andrew Fox (Rev)

I've already had the privilege of being published in the pages of this hallowed tome in recent times as I've shared my profile as a Team Manager. At the risk, however, of being branded as some sort of media tart (how many sorts are there anyway?), I've been asked by our esteemed Club President and his boss (no names mentioned but her initials are Evie) to share a little more about myself in my new Role as Chaplain to the UCS Vikings Junior Rugby Club.



Will Genia and Andrew in 2010

Why a Club Chaplain? At the club AGM late last year, when I learned of Barry Drinnan's renewed health battle, I felt moved to offer the skills that I use in my work life to the Club of which I am proud to be a part. For better or for worse my offer to become Chaplain was accepted and the appointment formalised at the first executive meeting this year.

So what are those skills? Well, in my working life I am an Ordained Uniting Church Minister (yes, that's right, I'm a "Reverend", though some might argue "ir-Reverend" is closer to the mark!) who works 4 days a week as an Aged-Care Chaplain for Blue Care and 1 day a week as Chaplain at Alexandra Park Conference Centre. I came into these roles after almost 20 years as a Uniting Church Youth & Families Worker working in Brisbane, Central Queensland and Toowoomba before a 5-year stint at Kawana Waters Uniting Church, with my sanity reasonably well intact. I've also done and still do the occasional stint as Guest Speaker at Camps and Events around Australia. As far as Rugby experience goes, I played a bit when I was younger (and fitter), I've been around Junior Rugby for 6 years (3 years with USC) and have been a Reds Season Member for 5 years – I like to think my loyal support has helped in its own way towards their growing success (I am of course aware that this is a somewhat presumptuous, if not delusional, thought but hey, a fella can dream can't he?)

What is Chaplaincy about? Let me start by saying that Chaplaincy is not about forcing any sort of agenda onto people – it is a fundamental aspect of what I believe and do that I respect people's right to personal choice but that doesn't mean I won't be available to help if needed. Primarily, Chaplaincy is about "being there" for people in times of need. For me that means being there when they don't as well and I'll continue to do that by carrying on my role as Team Manager and just helping out around the club where I can as many other parents do. I'll try to do what I can, when I can, if people feel that they could use someone to talk to or think I can help out in some way. To be honest, the amazing way that I have seen our club rally around and support people in need makes me think I may not have that much to do!

So thanks for the opportunity to serve the club in this way and here's looking forward to another great year for the best Junior Rugby Club around! GO VIKINGS!!!

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