



**Wellington Rugby League Newsletter-"Pass It On"  
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Our final events of the year made for an action packed weekend.

The annual WRL Storm Golf Classic again saw a quality field assembled for a glorious day at Manor Park.

Hard to believe that whilst we were bathed in sunshine just a few kilometres south Wellington Airport was fogged in and some of our Melbourne friends had to endure a refuel in Christchurch before a third attempt landing saw them safely in Wellington.

Around 70 of our 14-16 year olds enjoyed the tutelage of some of the best in the business as the Storm team shared their knowledge and expertise.

13 year NRL veteran Jason Ryles and up and coming star Matt Duffie related well with the players and coaches alike and the position specific sessions they ran for the front rowers and outside backs were met with enthusiasm and wide eyes.

Both made sure the boys understood there is no magic spell to becoming a success, you just have to work hard and do the little things right each and every training session and keep practising.

Saturday night saw another years successes acknowledged at the annual awards dinner where around 110 guests enjoyed a great dinner and heard some insights from Ryles, Duffie and Greg Brentnall, Canterbury Bulldogs great and the first try scorer in the first ever State of Origin, for NSW of course.

Sunday saw two very impressive trials which served both the Storm recruitment and our Orcas rep processes very well.

A number of players were acknowledged for their efforts and I am sure we will see 1 or 2 of them head to Melbourne's training camp in December.

Planning is now well underway for the 2014 season but in the meantime we will all be watching closely as we get into the business end of the RLWC 2013.

Go the KIWIS!

DINGO



# 2013 Wellington Rugby League Award Winners



**2013 Leading Points Scorer**  
**Mike Hollis (University Hunters Rugby League)**  
with Greg Brentnall, Melbourne Storm



**2013 Administrator Of The Year**  
**Simon Itula (Wainuiomata Rugby League)**  
with Mark Feary WRL Board



**2013 Manager Of The Year**  
**Neihana Flint (Wellington Orca 17's & Vikings Premiers)** with Mark Feary WRL Board



**2013 Coach Of The Year**  
**Kererua Savage & Rodger Burt**  
(University Hunters Premiers) with Noel Berney  
WRL Board

**2013 Leading Try Scorer**  
**Ray Lesoa (Randwick Rugby League)**

**2013 Leading Points Scorer**  
**Mike Hollis (University Hunters Rugby League)**

**2013 Administrator Of The Year**  
**Simon Itula (Wainuiomata Rugby League)**

**2013 Referee Of The Year**  
**Antz Akavi**

**2013 Manager Of The Year**  
**Neihana Flint (Wellington Orca 17's)**

**2013 Team Of The Year**  
**University Hunters Premiers**

**2013 Coach Of The Year**  
**Kererua Savage & Rodger Burt (University Hunters Premiers)**

**2013 Volunteer Of The Year**  
**Stella Teariki (St George Dragons Rugby League)**

**2013 Service To League**  
**David Feehan (Harbour City Rugby League)**

**2013 College Sport Player Of The Year**  
**Paul Ulberg (Porirua Vikings Rugby League)**

**2013 Women's Player Of The Year**  
**Ana Pereira (Randwick Kingfishers Rugby League)**

**2013 Orcas 15's Player Of The Year**  
**Enoch Tautolo**

**2013 Orcas 17's Player Of The Year**  
**Joseph Apikotoa**

**2013 Orcas Player Of The Year**  
**Timoti Noble**

**2013 Junior Player Of The Year**  
**Joseph Apikotoa**

**2013 Colin O'Neil Best & Fairest Senior Player Of The Year**  
**Eddie Aukino-Hughes (Randwick Rugby League)**  
**Andy Mackay (University Hunters Rugby League)**

**2013 Sportsperson Of The Year**  
**Ana Pereira (Randwick Rugby League & Kiwi Fern)**



**2013 Volunteer Of The Year  
Stella Teariki (St George Dragons Rugby League)  
with Noel Berney WRL Board**



**2013 Service To League  
David Feehan (Harbour City Rugby League)  
with Noel Berney WRL Board**



**2013 Sportsman Of The Year  
Ana Pereira (Randwick Rugby League & Kiwi Fern)  
Tarsh collecting the award with  
Jason Ryles Melbourne Storm**



**2013 Orcas Player Of The Year  
Timoti Noble  
with Jason Ryles Melbourne Storm**



**2013 Colin O'Neil Best & Fairest Senior  
Player Of The Year  
Andy Mackay (University Hunters Rugby League)  
Eddie Aukino-Hughes (Randwick Rugby League)  
with Rachel Leaf collecting on behalf &  
Des O'Sullivan WRL Life Member**



**2013 Orcas 17's Player Of The Year  
Joseph Apikotoa**



**2013 Junior Player Of The Year  
Joseph Apikotoa  
with Jason Ryles Melbourne Storm**



**Rachel & Tarsh from Randwick Rugby League  
with a collection of trophies at their table**



Melbourne Storm with Tim Gibson WRL Chair



Kiwi with Winnie Laban WRL Patron



Kiwi with Mark Feary & Kenny O'Brien



Kiwi with Pania Houkamau-Ngahe



Kiwi with Noel & Rachel Berney



Kiwi with Star Olsen



Kiwi with Jason Hemson WRL GM



Kiwi with Ross Hatton & friends

## 2013 Melbourne Storm Camp

Although the weather was fine over the weekend, there was a Storm at Wellington Rugby League.

Melbourne and Kiwi player Matt Duffie, and recently retired player Jason Ryles were joined by Storm Academy Coach Tony Adam, Former NSW and Kangaroos rep and now High Performance Manager, Greg Brentnall and Recruitment Manager Paul (Bunny) Bunn this weekend on the Storm's annual trek to Wellington to run skills and drills and put our young up and coming players through their paces and help develop our coaches.

And try to yet again spot some of our talented young players as they have done in the past through these camps with players such as Paul Whatuira, Jamie MacDonald, Tohu Harris, Pride Petterson – Robati, Cade Umaga, Junior Kirisome, Joe Apikotoa, T.J Va'a, Nelson Asofa-Solomona and Elias Vole with the latter two heading to Melbourne in December to join the club fulltime.

Tony Adam was impressed with the talent that he saw during Sunday's trial games with players like Rangimarie Mita and Lumafale Lualua standing out in the first trial and Jayden McCarthy and Enoch Tautolo in the second trial. Tony was also very happy with the talented Luke Cummings.

The relationship and programs was established by Johnny Lomax & Storm Recruitment Manager the late Darren Bell many years ago, combining his passion for rugby league development and fondness for the style of talent this area continues to produce.

This was a huge weekend for Wellington Rugby League, with the Melbourne Storm staff actively assisting in the promotion of rugby league in a rugby saturated region. The exercise included a fundraising golf day, facilitating and delivering coaching clinics, trial matches and spreading the Storm brand, over a three day period.

Tony Adam was pleased with the way the camp ran and is looking forward to another trip to Wellington next year.

A huge thankyou to Gail Brown & Hine Crown who made a fantastic lunch for all the players & helpers and to all the volunteer coaches that gave up their time to assist over the weekend.

Phil Roache  
KiwiSport Development Officer



## 2013 Golf Classic with the Melbourne Storm



The Wellington Rugby League Classic Golf day took place at Manor Park Golf Course on Friday 8th November. Twelve teams took to the green in perfect golfing weather conditions. The Wainui Hackers team won the tournament with the "Some Old Blokes " team finishing 2nd. Matt Duffie, Jason Ryles & Greg Brentnall from the Melbourne Storm played across two teams & really enjoyed the day. Richie from Otaki MASTers playign for Kapiti even scored a hole in one.

Once a again the girls team was back with stunning costumes that saw them take out the best dressed team prize.

Special thanks must go to Equip Recruitment who supplied all of our golfers with golf bags & goodies & the Mad Butcher who sponsored the BBQ.

WRL would also like to thank our dedicated team of volunteers who kept the BBQ rolling all day & drove the drinks cart around the course.

If you haven't entered a team before don't miss out next year. It's a great day out!



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