



**2010**

**Players, Parents & Officials  
Club Guide**

# Welcome

Dear Player, Parents & Team Officials

Welcome to the 2010 Junior Ruby League season. For the first time, we have put together this Club Guide to try and help everyone involved in the club understand how the club works and what is expected throughout the season.

You will find throughout this guide important dates for club events, key phone numbers and some of the different policies that all go toward making this great club of ours. If you have a suggestion, please feel free to send us an email at [renownunited@bigpond.com.au](mailto:renownunited@bigpond.com.au).

In 2009 we launched the clubs first dedicated website. Over the footy season keep an eye on it as all the latest information will be available on the web. The site address is [www.renownunited.com.au](http://www.renownunited.com.au)

All of what you see around Renown is accomplished by volunteers. In order to continue to provide a place for young people to get together and play rugby league, we need your help. This could be as simple as working in the canteen, helping at training or assisting the committee. Your help is always appreciated.

We hope every player, parent & team official enjoys their football experience with Renown. Our motto for this year is:-

## **Club first, team second, individual third**

If we all follow this simple statement everyone will enjoy 2010.

Yours in footy,

2010 Executive Committee

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## Key Contact Phone Numbers

### Executive Committee

President	Ted Palumberri	0412 369 158
Secretary	Bev Armstrong	0457 034 095
Treasurer	Gordon Hankinson	0405 749 802
Public Officer	Gordon Hankinson	0405 749 802
Senior Vice President	James Brickwood	0412 126 384
Junior Vice President	Warren Turnell	0409 055 366
Junior Vice President	Paul McCrystal	0400 479 003
Club Registrar	Paul McCrystal	0400 479 003

### Official positions

Coaching Co-ordinator	Graham Host	0421 351 059
Head Trainer & Medical Officer	Lance Faulkner	0417 699 324
Gear Steward	James Brickwood	0412 126 384
Grounds man	Lance Faulkner	0417 699 324
Canteen Manager	Bev Armstrong	0457 034 095

### Team Officials

Team	Coach	Phone	Manager	Phone	Training Times
U6	Chris Kelly	0431182626	Andrew McCallun	0407482609	Thu 4:00pm
U7	Jason Grounds	0402097977	Erini Amohanga	0422570483	Tue 5:00pm
U8G	George Sartor	0411752402	Anna Tepaiho	0402608457	Tue/Thu 5:00pm
U8W	Matt Fuz	0430321322	Brian Bolger	0439621027	Tue/Thu 5.30pm
U9	Andrew Fanos	0408679986	Narida Sioirs	0418607091	Mon/Thu 5:00pm
U10G	Brad Dillon	0405301318	Charlie Ubdullah	0418675858	Mon/Wed 5:00pm
U10W	James Martin	0409816285	Cathy Host	0422957480	Tue/Thu 5:00pm
U11	Gordon Hankinson	0405749802	Phil Collett	0418867551	Mon/Wed 5.30pm
U12G	Charlie Vella	0402596619	Kylie Witty	0404083502	Mon/Wed 6:00pm
U12W	Troy Thickett	0421009345	Ron Neuman	0410609606	Mon/Wed 6:00pm
U13	Warren Turnell	0409055366	Sue Turnell	0414768261	Wed/Thu 6.00pm
U14	Graham Host	0421315059	Zinon Zinonos	0418640675	Tue/Thu 6:00pm
U19	Col Tricker	0407894914	Ken Hansell	0412048871	Tue/Thu 6:00pm
A Grade	Greg Wood	0413080741	John Wright	0416766490	Tue/Thu 6:00pm

### Other General Contacts

Sportsman's Dinner Organiser	Angelo Papas	0418 209 209
Annual Golf Day Contact	Col Tricker	0407 894 914
Wet Weather Line ( <i>Kogarah Council</i> )		9330 9595

## ***General Information about Renown United***

The Renown United Sport Club Inc is a non profit sporting club which has provided opportunities for the development of young rugby league players within the St George area. Renown United has an impressive history and has produced many talented players many of whom have gone on to play grade and representative football.

We are affiliated with the St George Junior Rugby League & have been so for 59 years. It is a common misconception that we are somehow aligned with the N.R.L or the St George Illawarra Dragons. This is simply not the case.

Approximately 9 other clubs in the St George area make up the basis for the St George Junior League. The Junior League meets every few weeks and are held at St George Leagues Club. These meetings provide our club with draw information, rule changes and so on throughout the year.

Renown has general meetings open for all to attend about twice a month which are held at Peakhurst Bowling Club starting at 7:15pm. This is where we discuss all matter of things, so if you have an idea or just wish to come & see how we operate, please join us.

If throughout the season you encounter a problem, need assistance with anything football related or have a suggestion, contact your team manager, a committee member or send an email. We will endeavour to help in any way we can.

Renown enjoys strong support from the communities of Mortdale and Oatley and many of our young players are following in the footsteps of fathers and grandfathers. Our success has always been based on the voluntary effort of hard working and dedicated people together with the support of sponsors.

## ***Club Structure***

The Club is headed by an Executive Committee which is elected at the Annual General Meeting held each November. It consists of the President, Senior Vice President, 2 Junior Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

### ***Executive Committee***

**The President** is the Chairperson at meetings, oversees the running of all aspects of the Club management and operations. He ensures the appropriate delegation of tasks and that all deadlines are met and operational objectives are achieved.

**The Senior Vice President** acts as chairperson in the absence of the president and assists the President in his duties as required. He specifically oversees the operations of the Club through the Junior Vice Presidents.

**Junior Vice President** liaises with team management and ensures a high level of communication between Executive, Club Officers, Team Management and players.

**The Secretary** looks after the Office and corporate management of the Club, it is responsible for the management of the Club's records, including minutes of all meetings, both general and executive, and, correspondence (both incoming and outgoing). Generally oversee the club corporate affairs and ensures that they are carried out in accordance with the rules of corporation.

**The Treasurer** oversees the financial position of the club and advises the Executive and membership of the financial implications of operational decisions. He ensures the correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs including details of all receipts and expenditure and ensure all money due is received and all payments authorised by the Club are paid.

**Public Officer** supplies all legislative requirements to the Department of Fair Trading.

## ***Operations of the Club***

*Club Registrar* – attends to the registrations requirements of the both Renown and St George Junior League and are done so within the required time frame

*Head Trainer and Medical Officer* - ensures all trainers are qualified and accredited to ensure proper care of players

*Coaching Co-ordinator* - oversees the coaches of the Club lending help and experience as required.

*Gear Steward* – facilitates team access and the use of equipment and ensures all equipment is maintained, stored and secured appropriately.

*Groundsman* – maintains the club grounds and playing fields and ensures they are prepared and marked for scheduled matches.

*Canteen Manager* - Manage the operations of the Canteen including sales, purchases and stock control and organise helpers.

## ***Team structure***

At Renown United we have a policy of **not grading players**. Put simply we are not in the business of chasing premierships, but providing a place for as many young people as we can to play rugby league. That said, often some age groups will require two teams as registration numbers grow. It will be the up to the Executive Committee to split the teams if this event was to arise. **It must be understood that Team Coaches and Managers will not choose their team.**

In order to comply with the St George Junior League guidelines, each team in all age groups need the following-

### ***Coach***

A volunteer usually from an adult associated with the team. His or her role is to train the team during the week and prepare them for the game on the weekend. They must be prepared to complete a coach's course for their relevant age group which is conducted by the Junior League and held at the Leagues Club. On successful completion of the course, Renown will reimburse the now ticketed coach.

### ***Team Manager***

His or her role is the link between the Executive Committee and the team. On game day the Manager must sit on the main table to observe interchange players and keep score if playing competition. For more details please see the Manager's guide located on the Renown website, [www.renownunited.com.au](http://www.renownunited.com.au)

**Trainer** It is specified by the Junior League that each team must have a qualified trainer to help at training but particularly at game day. Their role is to help the players if injured and assist the coach with instruction on during the match. They must be prepared to complete the trainer's course which is conducted by the junior league and held at the leagues club. On successful completion of the course, Renown will reimburse the now trainer. Some senior teams will require two trainers.

**League Safe** This is optional for each team. The sole purpose of the League Safe is to run water during game day. Under no circumstances are they to treat an injured player.

**All of the above positions require Renown united membership which costs \$20.00.** This covers the insurance out lay should any of the team officials somehow injure themselves at training or on game day.

## ***Club Functions & Important Dates***

- Sportsman's Dinner*** This is our major fund raising function for the year & the highlight of our social calendar. It consists of invited sports stars &/or comedians entertaining the crowd whilst enjoying a three course meal. Throughout the night different auction items are put up for the floor to bid on. This great night out is on the **30/6/2010**. See your team manager for tickets or the event organiser Angelo Papas.
- Annual Golf Day*** Played at Royal Hurstville the golf day is an Ambrose style competition allowing players of all abilities a chance at winning. The after match entertainment includes lunch at Peakhurst bowling club. Places are limited & bookings through Col Tricker are essential. The date is TBA; however it is usually towards the end of the season
- Junior presentation*** This is held for the kids from under 6's through to the under 15's. Activities and lunch provided for all players and their siblings. This event is on **Sunday 17/10/2010**. The venue and start time is TBA
- Senior presentation*** Will be held on **Saturday the 23/10/2010** at Peakhurst bowling club. The night is also when all the club award winners are announced.
- AGM*** The Renown Annual General Meeting will be held at Peakhurst Bowling Club, 1 Olds Park Lane, Beverly Hills on **Wednesday the 24/11/2010 starting at 7:30pm**. At this meeting the committee is voted on as well as summing up all aspects of the season.
- 60th Anniversary*** In 2011 Renown United will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The date and venue are TBA.

## ***Canteen***

The Canteen is a major part of our fundraising and helps us to keep our fees at a minimum cost.

Like our other operations within the club, it is a volunteer function and relies solely on the help of parents.

**The club requires help from all teams and we only need 3 or 4 people from each team for approximately 30 minutes prior to the commencement of their child's game.** We have a well equipped canteen and you may be needed for preparation of food, to serve at the counter or help cook the BBQ. It is great fun and you get to meet other people throughout the Club.

Unfortunately, due to the Health and Safety Regulations, children under 16 are not allowed in the Canteen. The Manager of the Team will advise when the volunteers are required, and also listen for any P.A. announcements. Assistance in this way is greatly appreciated.

## ***Game Day Duties***

We have to set up the field 1 hour prior to the commencement of scheduled times of playing. **It is helpful to have at least 6 or 7 people to help set up the grounds.** Corner posts, goal post protectors, field markers and ropes have to be put up, also the shelters for the canteen, the table and equipment for the ground officials. It is a big task and like the old adage, "Many hands make light work" - can we count on you?

Following the final games full time bell, all that was done to set up, now has to be taken down and packed away back into the gear shed. The tasks are exactly the same and still require as much help as is available. Again **6 or 7 people to help pack up the grounds after the last game is ideal.**

## ***Website & Club Newsletter***

Renown United has a website, [www.renownunited.com.au](http://www.renownunited.com.au), that is accessible to all. The website is constantly updated with dates of important events, club meetings and information for team Coaches/Managers and Junior League information. Throughout the year the website also provides access to the St George Junior Rugby League "My Rugby League" website which in turn provides the latest information regarding game results and competition ladders. By Wednesday of each week the draw for each Renown team's game will also be available.

Renown also produces a weekly report of the weekends round which is posted on the website. There are limited copies printed therefore the newsletter is available to be viewed over the web and can be downloaded and printed.

If you have any photo's you'd like put into the newsletter, please email them to Graham Host by 5:00pm Monday after the game. He can be contacted at [hosty2211@optusnet.com.au](mailto:hosty2211@optusnet.com.au)



## Club Awards

Our Club carries a great deal of history and we are very proud of our heritage. In the early years we had a small but extremely dedicated group of men who worked tirelessly to establish and expand Renown which commenced with only one side of seniors. With this great commitment to the cause, we have acknowledged the work of these pioneers and have set up some Perpetual Trophies.

**Stan Lapham Award** - (Player of the Year) Stan Lapham was Renown's first President. He along with Jack Cole and others set up the original club with only a handful of teams. In his honour this award is presented to a player who has contributed greatly to the success of their team & the club

**Jack Cole Award** – (Team Official) Jack along with Stan Lapham were the founding members of the Renown Club & the Executive. In remembering his contribution to our club this award is presented to a team official who has worked tirelessly for the welfare and function of the team.

**Wally Greig Award** – (Person of the Year) Wally Grieg devoted a lot of time and effort building up the Club's financial independence. Through fundraising such as raffles he has helped achieve what we have today. Therefore this award honours a person who has contributed to the welfare of the Club. This could be through fundraising, general duties and/or maintaining Club property, all while remembering the services given by Wally.

**Ashley Robinson** - (Most outstanding player) Ashley was a great senior player, who could not only play footy, but also helped in all aspects of the club. This award is for a senior player who has contributed to the full function of the club, helping with fundraising, attending social functions.

**John Irvine** - John was the first Renown player to start at the under 6's & continue uninterrupted all the way through to A grade. To honour such an achievement this trophy will be awarded to any player who can replicate the same feat.

**Jamie Tricker** - Jamie was & still is a great club man. He was the first player to play for Renown for 25 years straight, which is an awesome record in itself. Jamie played hard on the field, but was also great for the club off the field & therefore it is fitting that this award is given to an entire team for their total contribution to the club. i.e. team performance & involvement with all club activities.

**Keith Deane** - Young Keith Dean was a fine footballer & was selected for representative football for the under 13's. He unfortunately never reached his full potential as he passed away before getting his chance. In his memory this award is for a player from the under 13 side who is most likely to play Matthews Cup (The first step in representative football)

**Ray Cox** - Razor Cox was the first Renown A Grade Captain. Razor's team started a dynasty which continues today. As A Grade Captain, he helped with all club activities, making him a fine role model for the young and upcoming players. This trophy is awarded to a person who has made a huge contribution to the running of the Club (awarded by the Executive Committee)

## ***Club Policies and Procedures***

- Alcohol*** The Junior League has set a policy for all clubs regarding the consumption of alcohol on game day & during training. Under no circumstances will alcohol be consumed at the park during training sessions or during any game up to the under 19's. If alcohol is to be consumed, it must be in an aluminium can, **no glass**. Renown United does not sell alcohol.
- Smoking*** Under no circumstances will smoking be tolerated whilst training or managing a team. Under Kogarah Council laws Renown Park is a smoke free zone & fines do apply. See the local council for further information.
- Bullying*** While a player or team official is representing Renown United, whether at training or during game day, any form of bullying will not be tolerated. This goes for any verbal or physical abuse. If a case was to arise, please report it directly to one of the Executive Committee members immediately.
- Parent rage*** All parents & supporters are encouraged to cheer on their team. However, abusing the referees, linesmen, opposition or anyone else is a citable offence. The Junior League has a strong stance on this issue & a repeat offender can be banned from certain parks & or fined for their behaviour. Please note this is not just at Renown Park, but at all junior football venues. If you have a complaint about a parent or supporter please find the Ground Manager at that park to have the issue sorted. If it is an ongoing issue within our own club please contact one of the Executive committee members straight away.
- Field of play*** Under no circumstances are parents or spectators to enter the field of play during a game. At every field there will be ropes set up which are designed to keep the spectators at a safe distance from the game. If anyone other than the team's official crosses the rope then it is considered a breach for the junior leagues code of conduct. A breach such as this can result in individual fines & possibly team exclusion.
- Registration*** A player is not considered registered until all the paper work is complete & fees are paid in full. If a player has not completed all the above they are not allowed to take the field. Fielding un-registered players can result in disqualification from the competition &/or fines.
- Player Grading*** No player shall be graded into an A or B team. In the event of an age group becoming too large & needing to be split up, it will be done on the basis of years played with the club. However the Executive Committee will have the final say in the team structure.

This is a summary of our policies and procedures, for more information please visit the Renown website [www.renownunited.com.au](http://www.renownunited.com.au)

## Sub Committees

- 60th Anniversary** This committee is co-chaired by club life members Jim Maguire & Roger Riley. It has been formed to oversee and organise the activities & functions surrounding this important club milestone.
- Sportsman's Dinner** Headed up by the very experienced Angelo Papas, this has been the marquee event for the past five years. Quality guest speakers, food & auction items make this a must do evening. It is a major source of our income for the year & provides a great chance to catch up with many characters from around the club.
- Friends of Renown** Started in 2006 the Friends of Renown was set up to look at the possibilities of extending the existing canteen & storage areas. James Brickwood, Paul McCrystal & Craig Taylor have been working with Kogarah Council to try & get the appropriate approvals. This is very much a work in progress.
- Sponsorship** Like the Sportsman Dinner, sponsorship is a vital part of the clubs fundraising. Various packages are available to anyone on any budget. Please contact James Brickwood for further details.
- Help is always needed** If you or someone you know could help any of these sub committees please contact Bev Armstrong as we would love the extra input.

## Renown United Fundraising

It costs Renown over \$65,000\* each year to field its teams but less than \$24,000 is received from registration fees. This deficit is recovered from a number of sources including:-

- 1) The Canteen
- 2) Sponsorships & Donations
- 3) Fundraising events principally the Sportsman Dinner & Auction
- 4) Major Raffle
- 5) Various other raffles and fundraising events

All of these items require your support & everyone can assist, whether it is by attending a function, sponsoring a team or by selling raffle tickets.

*\* Some of the key expenses include insurance (\$9k), general fees such as electricity, tape, first aid kits, ground hire, St George registration fees (\$14k), jumpers, shorts and socks (\$15 - \$20k), presentation day/night, trophies, general functions (\$14k) and administration such as web site, telephone fees, newsletter, postage, stationery etc (\$8k).*

## ***Financial Reporting***

A summary of the club's monthly transactions & confirmation of the bank balance is supplied at the first meeting following the month end by the Treasurer. Club meetings are generally held every second Wednesday night. A detailed set of accounts is supplied at the club's AGM in November.

## ***Insurance***

There are both detailed & summary documents available on the Renown web site that explains the insurance policy. In summary, the key benefits provided by the insurance are -:

- 100% of ambulance costs
- 80% of *non-Medicare* (1) medical expenses after any reimbursement from your health fund for items such as physiotherapy, pharmacy and dentistry (maximum of \$3,000)
- Income earners are entitled to a maximum of \$300 per week (for a maximum of 52 weeks) for lost income
- Public & product liability and professional indemnity

To be covered by the insurance you must be registered, i.e. it is essential that every player and any parent providing any assistance whether as coach, League safe, trainer or manager be registered. The Club recommends that you take out private health insurance.

(1) Any item covered by Medicare (such as public hospitals) are not covered by the insurance policy