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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Finally, we might be seeing light at the end of our COVID induced Rugby lockout.

As you have probably heard in the various press media, community level sport has been given approval to begin training. With this, there are a number of restrictions that we need to follow, and we are working on these and how best we can conform with them. At this stage, we are not in a position to give you a start date for our Association, but hopefully that is not too far off. In addition, there still has been no information come forward regarding the start of competition games, but this may not be until later in July.

Following the release of the last newsletter, we held a very successful education night via the Zoom platform. There was some very good discussion both pertaining to both Law and practise. A reminder that there will be another Zoom session tonight based on the Lineout to Maul aspect of our game.

Congratulations to Brent Fitzpatrick, a partner architect at Fabric Architecture Studio our Gold Level sponsor who took our three major awards at the Building Designers of Australia awards night recently. See full story later in this edition.

Good news from the CCRU Board is that our first competition round will be dedicated to the Lifeline charity and in particular the SOKS (Save Our Kids from Suicide) program initiated by long time Central Coast Rugby supporter (and former player) Lester Peason through the North Gosford Rotary Club. We look forward to supporting this program.



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FABRIC ARCHITECTURE STUDIO TAKE OUT TOP DESIGN AWARD GONGS

Congratulations to Brent Fitzpatrick, one of the partner architects at our valued Gold Level sponsors **Fabric Architecture Studio**, who took out three major awards at the recently held Building Designers of Australia annual awards night. These design awards cover much more than building excellence. They go beyond best practice to include aspects such as sustainability, utility, design solution, and quality. There are 30 National categories including various residential, commercial, and landscape design components.

Brent's work was acknowledged across three categories of awards:

- Commercial Industrial buildings,
- Hebel industry partner award, and
- Heritage building adaptive reuse.

The first two mentioned awards came as recognition for Brent's work on The Joker and Thief bar and lounge. This upscale commercial lounge features lush lines, sustainable materials and upscale furniture; and in addition to its signature look, Brent was honoured for his extensive documentation of his design. It stands as an example of Brent's internationally renowned design work in the areas of high-end and heritage listed residential projects.



The Heritage Building Adaptive Reuse award was a result of the outstanding work that Brent did on the Town Hall Hotel.



Congratulations to Brent, and the entire team at Fabric Architecture Studio, on these undoubtedly well deserved awards,

EDUCATION SESSION

A reminder that our next education session for 2020 will be held tonight at 7:30pm. Discussion at tonight's session will be moderated by David Hall - thanks to David for agreeing to do this. Notes will also be taken from the discussion and a summary sheet sent out to all referees so that those who are unable to log in will not miss out.

Again, we will be using the resources from the Rugby Australia website, and in particular for tonight, the Referee Best Practice video clips that Shane Barr and the team of National Referees have put together to support referees at the Community level. Tonight's session is on the Lineout to Maul.

Details of this were sent to referees about a week ago, but it's not too late to join in, just follow the instructions below:

Watch the video on **Lineout to Maul** at:

<https://australia.rugby/participate/referee/videos/referee-best-practice-clips>

While watching the video, make notes about the key points as presented by Amy Perrett.

When complete, add your own personal points that you think are important to cover in the *Lineout to Maul*

Add any other points on this topic that you might like to discuss with others.

Add any other points on this topic that you think might be relevant to bring up at the Lineout to Maul at Community Rugby and or Junior Rugby level.

Log in to the Zoom conference session at the following link at **7:30pm on Monday night 25 May, 2020**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76414016391?pwd=R0w3a3pQTWVjUU0wSW04WDFHNjRmQT09>

Password: 8s7BeK

This conference will be an opportunity for all members to discuss what they thought of Jordan's presentation, their own ideas and learn from others.

BECAUSE IT'S LAW

In this edition, I have included a link to the World Rugby site and a section within it entitled Enforcement of Current Law. This particular part goes through Refereeing the Maul, in line with tonight's education session, and not only includes the relevant Law but a series of video clips to assist with the enforcement and understanding of the Law.

I hope it proves beneficial to you.

<https://laws.worldrugby.org/?law=16>

RETURN TO PLAY

As you would have no doubt heard, community level sport has been given approval to return to non-contact training. Following the meeting of the CCRU Board on Monday of last week, a Return to Play checklist was developed from the sample that was sent by Rugby Australia, that all clubs and Associations need to follow. While this is not too onerous on us as an Association, for us to get back to a stage where we can train together, a few things have to be organised. Probably the most pressing of these is finding a venue. As you are aware, all of our training in the pre-COVID days was in conjunction with local clubs at their venues. One of the current restrictions placed on training is that there can be no more than 10 participants in a particular training space. This space is approximately equal to one-sixth of the size of a rugby field. In effect, that means that there can be no more than 60 people training on a Rugby field at any one time. We will have to work with clubs to see if they could accommodate us on their Tuesday training nights. But, if clubs have a full contingent of three grades and Under 19 teams training, I can imagine that there will be no room for us.

I have had some very good suggestions from members on how we can work around this, but us training as a group on a non-approved ground is not an option. We would not be covered under the Central Coast Council agreements, or any Rugby Australia insurance cover.

As soon as a solution is found, information will be disseminated to all, including the other restrictions that everybody will need to adhere to on training nights.

In addition to this, we still do not have any firm date as to a resumption of actual competition games, or in what format(s) these will be played. At the CCRU Board meeting last week, they looked at various dates and decided that, with CC Council restrictions on grounds, the latest date we could start would be 1 August. That would give opportunity to finish on 24 October at the latest.

FUTURE DATES FOR DIARY

July	Possible Return to On-Field activities
27 July	CCRURA Meeting - Education Topic TBA
24 August	CCRURA Meeting - Education Topic TBA
26 October	CCRURA Annual General Meeting

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