

# Gateway to Our Community Mullumbimby Rugby League

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L to R: Ken Barnham (Giants President), Steve Butler (Board Member), Steve Edge (Guest Speaker), Nathan Hindmarsh (Guest Speaker) and Graham Eadie (Head Coach Mullumbimby Giants).

**Mullumbimby Giants Rugby League Club**, under the leadership of President Ken Barnham and Head Coach Graham Eadie, hosted a Sportsmen's Luncheon at the Mullumbimby Leagues Club on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The event was a major fundraiser for the Giants, with proceeds to be used to refurbish the Medical Room, provide much-needed equipment and ensure the continuation of Junior Rugby League Development in the Brunswick Valley.

The Mullumbimby Leagues Club proved to be the perfect venue for this formal event, comfortably seating 150 patrons and official guests.

Comperer for the day was former Mullumbimby Cougars (now Giants) captain-coach, Neil "Bing" Pringle (Balmain Tigers Legend) with special guests former Australian Kangaroos, NSW and NRL Legends, Steve Edge, Elwyn Walters and Nathan Hindmarsh and local star Matt Mulcahy (West Tigers) who was recently awarded the Jack Gibson Medal for Best and Fairest in the NRL Toyota Cup Under 20's Grand Final match played at ANZ Stadium in October 2012.

An historic moment was captured when former Australian, State of Origin and NRL Manly Sea Eagles player Graham Eadie (current coach of the Mullumbimby Giants First Grade Team) was joined by former coaches of Mullumbimby who have also played in the NRL competition.

A large cross-section of the local rugby league community attended the function including representatives from Junior Rugby League, the Mullumbimby "Old Boys" Club, former players from Ken McMorrow's premiership winning team (1960), Giant's Club sponsors and local community members. All enjoyed a quality meal catered by the Billinudgel Hotel kitchen staff and an afternoon of superb entertainment delivered by the guest speakers under the guidance of comperer, Neil Pringle. Steve Edge kept the audience laughing with his memories of games played for Australia while Nathan Hindmarsh relived his experiences shared with the Mullumbimby Giants in 2004 when the A Grade team won the Group 1 grand final. Throughout the day a dvd produced by Mark Russell of Aussie Gateways for the Mullumbimby Leagues Club Board, presented a snapshot of the history which included images of club players, games and functions taken over the years from when the club was first formed in 1909 to present day images of the Mullumbimby Giants teams who took out two premierships during the 2012 season. The full version is now being compiled and can be viewed at the Mullumbimby Leagues Club.



L to R: Mullumbimby Coaches who have played NRL  
Arthur Sauverain 1998 - 2003 (Cronulla Sharks Club), Con Theodossiou 1990's (Western Suburbs Club), Neil Pringle 1984-85 (Balmain Club) Elwyn Walters 1978, 79 (South Sydney Club), Ken McMorrow 1959, 60 (Eastern Suburbs Club) Graham Eadie 2012 (Manly Sea Eagles Club).

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