

Fundraiser a \$32k triumph despite wet conditions

by Anna Yeo

WET weather and shivering conditions didn't stop the punters visiting Hawkesbury Race Course on the Queens Birthday public holiday to support the Hawkesbury AFL Club's bid to raise money for a new clubhouse.

The day was a huge success for the club, walking away with a whopping \$32,000 thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Richmond Club in conjunction with Hawkesbury Race Club.

The Monday meet was a full eight race program, and off-track entertainment for kids ensured the whole family enjoyed a fun day out.

AFL legends Craig and Nick Davis were in attendance to speak at the private luncheon and mingle with the kids.

Auctions and raffles were held on the day, and local businesses and residents dug deep in support of the club.

Club president Darren Barlow said he was blown away by the support of the community.

"We were expecting to raise around \$20,000,

but the final figure of \$32,000 was just fantastic," Barlow said.

"It was great to see the community giving so much towards this project."

A junior AFL match was held half way through the race program, and new club the Greater Western Sydney Giants had representatives in attendance to boost the profile of the sport.

Barlow said AFL in the Hawkesbury has taken a huge leap forward with the introduction of free memberships, and estimates player numbers to double with the introduction of the GWS Giants in the national league.

Plans for the new clubhouse and amenities building have been approved through council, and with the money raised from the race meet, construction of the the building will soon commence.

A trivia night fundraiser for the project will take place on August 13 at the Richmond Club from 7pm, with tickets on sale for \$10 per person.

To find out more contact Darren Barlow on 0405 640 974.



(L) Nicky Furneau, Joe Perry, Erin Arndell, Lauren Uff and Ollie Pavy.



(L) Craig Davis (former player for Carlton, Collingwood and Swan) his son Nick (former Swan) and Les Sheather president of the Hawkesbury Sports Council Dale Holmes.



(L) Kerry and Michael Edwards with Liz and Stephen Edwards.



Craig and Nick Davis.



Giants/ Oz kick promoters Leanne Gordon and James Perrett with Hawkesbury Saints player Bradman Jones/.



Hawkesbury Living Nurses, Tracy C'anova, Bettina Wade, Kayla Lane, Vicki Clerke, Michelle Constable, Stephanie Tomson and Karen Munro with Pat Clerke.



Norwest Jets Division 2 players Jarod Thomson and Josh Howe.



Members of the Norwest Jets. Photos: Geoff Jones



Hawkesbury Saints Josh Wilson, Nate Lawson, Hayden Wassall, Connor Moore, Jesse Cass, Liam Veigel and Nick Edwards.

Wolves fly to Auckland for an outright flogging

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THE Wolves were left licking their wounds following a 44-4 flogging by Auckland in New Zealand on Friday.

The visitors dug in early and completed sets well, but errors and poor defence soon crept into their game.

Focus and teamwork slipped for the Wolves, who let in 16 points before the half time hooter to be left pointless at the break 16-0.

The second half wasn't much better, with the Wolves only points coming from a try to McConkie Tauasa.

Wolves coach Guy Missio said he thought his side was in with a chance early, but failed to play for one another in the end.

"We lacked discipline and commitment in defence, and we didn't play for one another," Missio said. "There is no point harping on it now, we just have to work on the things we did wrong and fix them."

The return of three key players in brothers Junior and Joseph Paulo and Yileen Gordon is expected to give the Wolves an added advantage heading into this weekend's match against Wentworthville.

The Magpies have cemented their spot in the top eight of the competition and with first grade player Daniel Mortimer running the side from the half back position, the match will be no easy feat for Windsor.

Missio said if his side remained committed they would do well against in the inform Magpies, which he said would be the focus for the boys at training this week.

The Wolves also suffered a disappointing loss to The Entrance in the Bundeburg Cup competition, going down 18-10.

NSW Cup

Auckland Vulcans - 44

Tries: P Godinet 2, A Mara 2, J Moon, M Poching, N Taka, B Tupou

Conversions: W Heta 6

Windsor Wolves - 4 Tries: M Tauasa

Bunderburg Cup

The Entrance Tigers - 18

Tries: K Thompson 2, A Moore

Conversions: M Nelson 3

Windsor Wolves - 10 Tries: J Aмоса, R Campbell-Gillard

Conversions: B Stewart



Joseph Paulo took part in Windsor's unfortunate loss to New Zealand in Auckland. Photo: Geoff Jones