

Diehard Digest



FORTITUDE VALLEY RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB - JAN 2021. VOL 5 - ISSUE 2

Junior Coaching Clinics

January 23 and January 30

Under 8 & Under 9

On the Saturday, 23 January and Saturday, 30 January,

Valleys Director of Junior Coaching, Henry I'iga, and the coaches of the Under 8s & 9s will hold a coaching clinic for all players from those teams. This clinic will run from 8:00am until 9:00am and will be a great way to get back into the swing of things in the new year.

Under 10, Under 11 & Under 12

We are also running a coaching clinic for the Under 10s, 11s & 12s on the same dates that will start at 9:15 and run through to 10:15. Don't miss out.



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Junior update



Registration Open now REGISTER NOW FOR 2021



Please note that all registrations must be done online. All players need to be registered before training commences. Click on the link below to be directed to Valleys own registration link.

<https://profile.mysideline.com.au/register/clubsearch?criteria=Valleys+Diehards+Brisbane&club=10725&source=rugby-league>



GET STARTED VOUCHERS

Valleys is a registered club of the Get Started program. The release date of vouchers is February 6. Link for more details on how to apply and eligibility -

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/apply>

PAYMENT PLANS

If you are wanting to register for a payment plan, you can set up your EziDebit account at this link, <https://secure.ezidebit.com.au/webddr/Request.aspx?a=700C8112-A7A6-4334-5BB8-6EF9AFB9E79C>

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If you have any problems setting up this account, we can assist you if you get in touch with us at registrar@valleysrugbyleague.com.

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U8 \$200
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U6 & U7 FREE!
CANTEEN LEVY \$20

U9 UPWARDS \$250
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TRAINING DAYS - TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS
SIGN ON DAY
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6
REGISTER AT
www.valleysdiehards.com

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THE BOYS AND GIRLS IN ROYAL BLUE

CONTACT JANICE MCLOUGHLIN 0408 765 229
registrar@valleysrugbyleague.com

Senior update

HELP WANTED

Our Seniors have been into Pre-Season training since before Christmas.

After just returning from their Christmas break, all players and coaches are keen to get into a full season of footy in 2021.

We have four senior teams and are looking for some help in staffing all four of these teams. If you have a desire to be involved with the Royal Blue, give Nathan or Tye a call.



VALLEYS DIEHARDS

STAFF REQUIRED

COACHES - MANAGERS

TRAINERS - LEAGUE SAFE

BRL A-GRADE - BRL RESERVE GRADE

BRL U20'S - NORTHSIDE 1

VALLEYS DIEHARDS 2021 SENIOR SQUAD

THE BOYS IN ROYAL BLUE

CONTACT NATHAN HUGHES 0419 770 644 TYE INGEBRIGTSEN 0413 534 491

Women's update

Valleys BHP Premiership squad is shaping up well. NRLW legend Ali Briggishaw has signed on, as has Jamie-Lee Lewis, the daughter of a true Valleys legend. Welcome aboard ladies. We know you and all the girls who have joined up so far will do the club proud as we venture into this exciting space for Rugby League.

Valleys will be affiliating with other local women's teams to create a genuine pathway for women aspiring to play in the BHP Premiership. This means we can adequately cater for those with experience as well as those with little or no experience. Valleys has signed an agreement with Wests Arana to affiliate and are currently in discussions with Toowoomba Valleys and Aspley Devils to finalise affiliation agreements.

These clubs will be a part of the Valleys women's development program and will be feeder clubs to the BHP Premiership team. Players will have the opportunity to train with the BHP Premiership squad and will participate in development sessions run by Valleys coaching staff.



VALLEYS DIEHARDS

BOQ Stafford

"I am very excited to be signing with the Valleys Diehards in their inaugural year in the 2021 BHP Premiership. This club has a proud history and being a foundation club in Brisbane, it's an absolute honour and privilege to wear the royal blue."

ALI BRIGGINSHAW

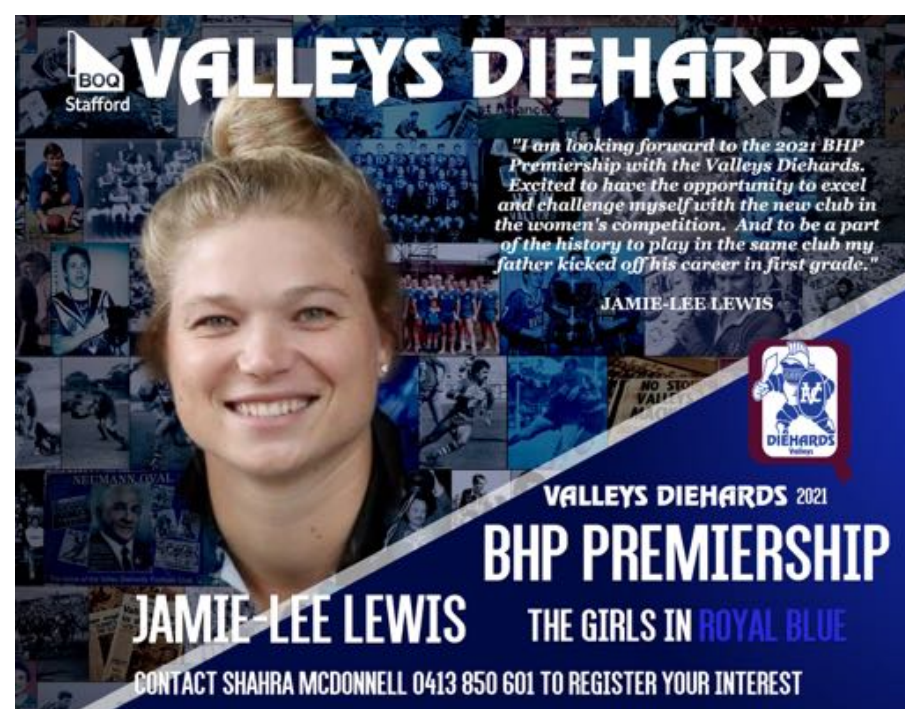
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ALI BRIGGINSHAW

THE GIRLS IN ROYAL BLUE

CONTACT SHAHRA MCDONNELL 0413 850 601 TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



VALLEYS DIEHARDS

BOQ Stafford

"I am looking forward to the 2021 BHP Premiership with the Valleys Diehards. Excited to have the opportunity to excel and challenge myself with the new club in the women's competition. And to be a part of the history to play in the same club my father kicked off his career in first grade."

JAMIE-LEE LEWIS

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Training Shirts

With great thanks to our wonderful sponsors, we have been able to make our training shirts available for well below cost with every sign on. Training shirts can be purchased at a greatly reduced cost of \$10 at sign on.

Any additional training shirt purchases can be made at the club for almost cost price at \$30



Heritage Corner

In our Heritage Corner each month Diehard Digest will share a short story or two about some of our illustrious players from the past.

Here's one from 30 years ago.

Some could say after reading last month's Heritage Corner that we are fixated on the Valleys v Norths Grand Finals. As the year wears on, there will be some other games and people featured.

The 1990 Grand Final kicked off with the rain falling lightly but it quickly began to increase. In a similar fashion, the game started with a touch of fire as Norths hooker, Troy Evans tried to take winger Tony O'Neill's head off in the first tackle of the game.



Just a couple of tackles later, Norths seemed set to unsettle Valleys with a bit of "Argy Bargy" as Mick Veivers and George Doniger would say. It was a wild brawling to and fro with pretty much every player on the field involved.



It didn't take long after all that for Valleys to put in an attacking kick to test out Norths fullback, who made a mess of the wet, slippery ball and gifted Peter Shields with a try that he ran around under the posts for Peter Coyne to convert.



With Valleys up 6-0, Norths Brad Kelso got outside his man and raced away for 40m before passing inside. Valleys captain Billy Holmes held on after making a great cover defending tackle and was sent to the sin bin. Norths got on the board for 6-2.



Just before halftime, from 40m out, Peter Coyne put Peter Shields into some space. He ran 20m and cut inside turning the ball back to Peter Coyne who ran into the gap Shields had created and raced the remaining 20m to score.



With Valleys up 10-2, they began the second half well with a David Bourke break, but Norths defended the break well and then a good interchange between Scott McKay and Ian McKenzie put Norths right back into the match down just 10-8.



After another penalty goal to Norths, their fullback Pat Cleary makes up for his first half gaffe with a good run down the left touchline to set up a try for Troy Evans. With less than 10 minutes to play, Norths were now ahead 16-10.



With just three minutes to go, Trevor Schodel takes the field and causes chaos which gives Valleys the field position for Coyne to set up replacement Fechner for the equalising try.



With just over a minute to play Peter Coyne found himself in position to kick a field goal, which he did from almost 22m out. Norths' Neil Wharton had an opportunity to equalise, but his Field Goal attempt went wide. That was 3 in a row for Valleys and a great way for Ziggy Strasser, who retired, to leave the game.