



# EMUS DROP-INS

As you flicked on the heater this morning and tippy toed over cold tiles I bet you gave winter a thought, or at least an expletive. It was cold enough for lawyers to have their hands in their own pockets, and for Miley Cyrus to be stuck to her wrecking ball.

But Winter sees the return of Emus teams from five-year-old boys and girls to senior men and women. And with that comes this weekly column providing you, the Dear Reader, with club news that touches on the social, personal and psychological (the latter providing for fairly shallow reading).

## --- SOCIAL DATES ---

The Golden Oldies are holding a Trivia Night on May 23 at Endeavour Oval to help buy the Zimmer frames and portable heart starters that will accompany them to Argentina for this year's World Rugby Festival.

Memories come flooding back of the last Trivia Night they had when the mighty Colts team lost their chance at first place when they mucked up the final question: "Where do most people have curly hair?" Apparently the correct answer is Africa. (The forwards team got this maths one wrong: If you have six apples, how many apples do you have?)

Contact Clive Walker (0429637298) or Murray Reay (0428650706). If there are some Legend players out there from the time of Myth who would like to join the players, mention it to Murray or Clive.

Other dates: THE LONG LUNCH May 30; WINTER SOLSTICE BALL June 28; and THE GREAT DEBATE July 6. Further information will be included in tomorrow's column and in every Friday's edition.

## --- BABY EMUS ---

Our Walla teams have had their first three training runs and opening game washed out causing the enthusiastic chooklets to produce more H2O with their eyes than the clouds above.

Parents used sausage sizzles to liberate youngsters from these dire straits. Now the kids see Endeavour Oval as the place where you get 'your sangers for nothing and your chips for free'.

Parents wanting their child/ren to play Walla modified rugby, please be aware that Emus open this modified game to boys and girls, and all Walla grades have coaches on the field to promote sportsmanship, striving, skills, safety and fun. (Apologies for failing to find another word for 'fun' that starts with 'S')

Give Jeff Ferguson a call for the opportunity to meet and mix with some great families: 63625721 or 0428 491 063.

## --- COACHES AND STATISTICS ---

The Cranky Ones now use graphs, ratios and percentages to instruct players on everything from the number missed tackles to how many times a crotch was adjusted. This approach is meaningless to those who failed maths.

No longer is a coach's best ally the trainer with the nickname "Thug". Now it's anybody with a laptop and thick glasses who answers to the name, "Nerd".

Sophisticated number-munching has a place, but stats can be misleading, like the recent CWD survey that revealed: "69% of Orange adults can find something dirty in any sentence."

## --- PANEL BEATING ---

Andrew Swain has returned to footy after concentrating on his business and making a baby. The former involved long hours of engaging effort, specialised knowledge and satisfaction from a job well done, while the latter involved, well... pretty much the same. His return game saw a nose knock that gave him the appearance of a Picasso painting, with the centre of the face not being in the centre of his face: Our web site [www.orangeemus.com](http://www.orangeemus.com) (Hit club, then Dropins Ed 1) has a photo that also reveals a red streak on his forehead, courtesy of a drop of claret from an opponent - Château de Abattoir, a cheeky little number.

Andrew looks like he was trying to channel Harry Potter or Mikhail Gorbachev. Anyway, the Tradies at Bathurst Hospital hammered back his good looks. Gone is the appearance of a battered 1970s Ute workhorse, replaced by a shiny new BMW of distinction.

## --- FREE GIFT ---

This column of paper you are reading can work magic.

The next time you're fed up journeying all over the city and trawling the internet to have your car needs met, let alone understood, head out to the team at Tony Leahey's.

Mention this column and you will get to sit in the extra comfy chair in the foyer to bring an end to your car yard hopping: you deserve it.

See you and your friends tomorrow for the second of this week's Emus Drop-ins.

*Be proud of our wonderful city and say G'day*

**Tony Leahey**  
motor group

*driving all the way!*



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