

# THE IRISH ARE COMING – and we have a new Coach!

Finally after a year's lapse the IRISH MASTERS are coming.

So we need to get ready for them. MORE DETAILS will follow but the weekends to keep in mind are;

- Queensland – Gold Coast October 24, 25<sup>th</sup>
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- Melbourne - Cup weekend – OCT 31- Nov 1,2

Anticipated games to be played on the Sunday afternoons. (25<sup>th</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup>)

We expect two teams , again what we refer as the unders & overs (40yrs).

We will have 8-9 players participate in unders game in both states to give us some solidarity, other than that we will be looking for locals to represent Australia.

## NEW COACH – Platten handballs to HUDSON

It is with clear regret and with enormous amount of gratitude that we farewell John Platten as the Wombats playing coach. The 'Rat' underwent a hip replacement late last year – a legacy of his prolonged and outstanding service to the game. We, the MAF/Wombats, were privileged to have John involve his efforts and contribution both on and off the field gave the Wombat's International activity with the Irish added credibility and prestige. Thanks for everything John/Rat.

It is with much pleasure that I wish to inform our Wombat fraternity of the appointment of our new COACH – PAUL HUDSON. All that have been involved with the Wombats in the past 4 years clearly recognise Huddo's, professionalism & passion for the concept - as well as his ability to play the game. His current role with the Brisbane Lions provides us with a highly credentialed coach keen to take the Wombats to the next level. Huddo is adamant that those involved in the Wombats participate in a couple of training sessions – so expect a letter from Huddo detailing a few such things.

**New Ambassador for the Wombats.** I am equally pleased to announce the involvement of Peter Hudson in multiple roles; *Ambassador/Chairman of Selectors/Assistant Coach*. Peter needs no introduction, he is an icon of the game and lends 'statesman like status' to the Wombat concept & has been involved in Master footy a few years back!!

Both these guys have made a commitment to the concept for a two year / return trip type of commitment. We ask that those that wish to be involved in this years **AUSTRALIA V IRELAND** games, be giving serious consideration to be a part of the tour in 2009 when we expect to return to Ireland. We have the balancing act of the old and the new – we need to recruit fit running type players, yet we still encourage actual past wombats to remain involved. There is no doubt we need to get better as I have no doubt the Irish are undertaking selection trails as we speak!!  
Please view following page – Jim Durnan

### **Australia v Ireland Masters International Code**

#### Expression of Interest in representing Australia/Wombats

Further details will follow and there will be a price which will includes Australian playing jumper & gear, plus social event costs – indicative \$500 but to be advised.

# OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2008

Please enlist if interested in playing and to receive further information.

Previous Wombats please promote & recruit – pass this on!! If you know of any of your fellow wombats who have changed their email address or mobile numbers, please pass it on or get them to call Sandy.

NAME.....

ADDRESS .....

CONTACT .....

Best ph .....

Email .....

Please indicate which state/weekend you wish to be involved;

- QUEENSLAND / 24/25 October                      Y/N
- MELBOURNE / 1st/2<sup>nd</sup> November                      Y/N

Currently playing with?.....

Age.....

If new wombat name of somebody (known to MAF or Huddo or jd) as a referee

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