

Half century of tackling rivals

THE Nightcliff Dragons Rugby League Club will mark its 50-year anniversary with a week of events.

The anniversary falls in the Chinese year of the dragon and the club is welcoming all past and present players, and supporters to join in the celebrations.

The semi-professional club has always been family-oriented and has had families with two, and even three generations involved in the club throughout the years.

Club teams have played in the Darwin competition every year since the Nightcliff Dragons were formed in 1961 and the club has consistently been among Darwin's strongest clubs in senior and junior competitions during its 50 years.

The club has been successful in 15 grand finals from 1962 through to 2006.

A great deal of interest has been received from the very first Nightcliff Dragons team and eight of the original players will attend the celebrations — coach Noel Turvey, Ian Lomas, Doug Carney, Leo Sheridan, Mick Palmer, John Maley, Phil De La Cruz, Ray Nagas, Bruce Douglas, Ron Gatley, Jim Anderson and Warren Birch.

Events will include:

Wednesday, August 8

Golf at the Gardens — there will be refreshments throughout the day followed by a barbecue. \$20 per player.

Thursday, August 9

Back to Richardson Park — a barbecue will be held so the old can meet new. Watch the team train, meet the players and touch base with former players.

Friday 10 August

Friday Night Football Nightcliff v Brothers — A traditional clash between two great clubs that dates back to the grand final in 1962-63 when Nightcliff were



Nightcliff and Brothers have built up a rich rivalry through the years

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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at the Darwin Sailing Club — The night will kick off with pre-dinner drinks from 6pm followed by a three-course meal with beer, wine and soft drink included. Guests will receive memorabilia to take home on the night.

Tickets cost \$150 per person and there will be no tickets sold at the door. Dress is formal.

premiers defeating Brothers 18-5.

Saturday, August 11
The 50th Anniversary Ball



Nightcliff Dragons of 1977



The 1970 grand final team



The 1963 grand final team



The Dragons of tomorrow ... look at me fly

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The Chairman, Board, General Manager and Staff of the NTRL congratulates the Nightcliff Dragons on their 50th anniversary this year.

Nightcliff Dragons have been a huge part of Rugby League history in the Northern Territory winning many Premierships throughout all grades on the 50 year journey, may your successful journey continue.

To Bob Dowie, Nightcliff Dragons President and your committee the NTRL wishes you good luck with your week long celebration and thanks you for your on-going commitment to our great sport.

Don't miss the Friday Night Blockbuster, Friday 10 August, 7.30pm Nightcliff Dragons v Brothers and at 5.50pm South Darwin V University Sharks.

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