

Fuel for Thought

Celebrating Milestones

Last week I had the privilege of attending the gala dinner to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Gladstone Brothers Rugby League Football Club. The night was full of emotion and reconnecting with old friends. The event committee had every detail just right and the night was ably compered by Johnny Stewart. There was a lot of reflection and acknowledgement of past and present players and those that are no longer with us.



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Of course, there can be no successful and enduring clubs without volunteers. Paul and Betty Smith received a standing ovation in recognition of their contribution to the club and the broader community over 40 years (and ongoing) dedication.

The highlight for me was a well-deserved Lifetime Membership awarded to Will Docherty. Will's acceptance speech was filled with emotion and he entertained us with a description of his Mum running beside him down the sideline to watch him score his first try. Great stuff!!

All this got me thinking about celebrating milestones and how it doesn't matter what sport, club, charity or other community service you are involved in, it's these efforts that bind the community together and help us through difficult times. So we need to celebrate milestones whether they are personal, team based - whatever the event or achievement is, as it gives a sense of purpose and great satisfaction.

Towards the end of the celebrations for this particular milestone, the 'tales' got better and louder – well they are the "Fish"



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