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HAWKS GIVE JOY TO FIJIAN VILLAGE



Hawks gear for everyone ...even the littlest ones.

As the tourists settle into their 5-star hotels and enjoy the warmth and generosity of the local Fijians, there is a sad story sitting just outside the gates on the luxury island of Denarau.

Every year floods impact the

villages of Denarau but in 2011 they were the worst floods in 46 years.

A group of families saw the devastation and how little these villages have.... things that we take for granted.

A little initiative and a few phone calls later saw bags and bags of football gear en route to this mad, rugby-loving nation.

Amongst it all were jerseys, shorts, socks and Benji balls donated by the North Ryde Hawks.

To the kids in the village this was gold and they donned their uniforms with pride. The huge smiles on their faces are a testament to how a little human kindness can mean so much to so many.

For Shane Reede, organiser of this charitable run, it was not only a moving experience but it had its humorous moments as well. Not only did the kids play in their much-loved uniforms they would not take them off and would sleep in them too!

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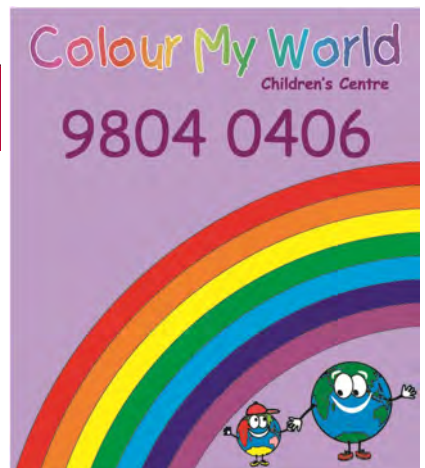


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Butter would not melt in their mouth ... eh?

"Why don't I get \$1,000 dollars for being man of the match?"
Levi Locantro, U6 Whites

U6 Whites Flying High

It was a cold and windy morning down at Birchgrove and the U6's took the field to face off against the Carlingford Cougars. The match got under way with the Hawks receiving the ball from the kick off. Samuel received the ball and made a dash down the field to score our first try of the day.

Our usual star players Isaac, Brandon, Levi, Samuel and Elijah made some great try saving tackles, not forgetting Patrick, Brock and Lachlan who were always there to help in the tackles when they thought the stronger players needed help.

Elijah made a great dash down the field with only one Cougar player on his heels, who managed to pull him down just short of the line, Luckily Brandon used his initiative

and picked up the ball and crossed the line, leaving the Cougars stunned. Unfortunately our little star Patrick faced the same fate with Levi picking up the ball, and with his powerful legs crashed over the line for another Hawks try.

The Hawks played beyond their years, lining up with the referee without any help from myself, and showing when they put their little minds to it they can achieve anything and are a force to be reckoned with.

Our well deserving 'Player of the Match' was Brandon Thomas, who again this week pulled off some fantastic tackles and even more fantastic tries.

Try Scorers: Brandon Thomas (4), Samuel Bell(3), Levi Locantro(3), Isaac Biondi(1)

**COX'S ROAD MALL
NORTH RYDE**

and Elijah Chahine(1).

Thank you to the Locantro's for supplying the team with oranges this week. Also the quote of the week goes to Levi Locantro, after receiving a text from his mum Natalie on Friday night after watching the Manly vs Rabbitohs match, turned to his mum and dad asking "why don't I get \$1000.00 for being Man of the Match?"

At the end of the day all the U6 Whites and their families got together at the Hawks' club house for the rap up and a meal to celebrate a great team and a group of fantastic little warriors. We have all become a close knit group.

Alex Robinson, Coach

U6 Reds - Strong Defence

For Round 17 the **COX'S ROAD MALL Red-Hot-Super-Sixes** took on the might of Strathfield Raiders at very windy Birchgrove.

Good News! Our defence made a welcome return. Our heroes paid attention, spread out, ran up together and sometimes tackled-in-twos. Most of Raiders tries were by one elusive runner.

Raider's defence was as good as we have faced this year and things looked grim as they pulled down **Ivan**, **Maxx** and **Alex** and even overcame the strength of **Jack** and **Cruz**. We kept **Alex** at 'acting half back' and the players worked together playing out our sets.

Eventually the opportunities came for **Ivan** and **Jack** to score in each period.

Captain **James** kept things organised with quiet confidence. **Coby** had the best game so far taking the ball forward into a tough defence.

Both **James** and **Coby** supported the older boys making sure the tackled player stayed held.

A special mention for **James**, our youngest Red's player, 'Happy Birthday' - expect big things now you are Five.

Tries: **Ivan** (3), **Jack** (3)

Captain: **James**, Most Valued Players: **Ivan** (3) **Jack** (2)

**COX'S ROAD MALL
NORTH RYDE**

James (1) **Cruz** (1)

Richard Copnall, Coach

U7s - Oh Boys! You Champions!



We played against Five Dock RSL again, and a very different match compared to our first meeting.

Our Under 7's are making their mark. Our boys played a terrific game and as a team enabled Tyran and Hugh to score many tries between them.

One of Tyran's tries was brilliant - pushed right through the entire opposition and just ran the length of the field, heart stopping stuff... Were they going to catch him? No Way!

Patrick was our Man of the Match, and he had that feeling he would be before the game, apparently! He played a magnificent game, chasing down everything and preventing our opposition from scoring many tries.

Five Dock were a very persistent side and never let up, it was a thrilling match to watch from start

to finish, and so close.

Jack's brother Max was a fine stand in for the team today - He had a super game, showing tremendous agility, and came so close to scoring a try himself, but he was masterful in setting them up.

From kick-off in the 2nd third, Macey took off, and sped down the sideline, almost to our try line - this was beautifully set up for us to score.

Jack was in the thick of it and tackling well, it took a few of our boys to take down the big fella of the opposition each time, and Macey managed it alone in such determination to prevent them scoring.

Tyler worked hard at pushing through the defence lines, and never gave up. The whole team are so fired up, and Blake as

always plays a good solid game squeezing through awkward defence lines slipping past them and comes across some nasty knocks too, but always gets back - a real trooper.

Thomas played hard today, and a tough game when you're not feeling 100% - we couldn't have done it without you today Thomas!

The last 10 seconds of the game had everyone's hearts pounding - the roar from the sidelines of both sides was deafening! The Bell had gone and Five Dock were in possession - heading straight for the tryline - but no - congratulations to our Hawkies, they pulled em' down in the nick of time...



Keerunch! Tyran and Jack halt the Five Dock attack.

Melissa Cooke, Manager

U8 Reds Go Try for Try with Shamrocks



Our kick off went out on the full which is not exactly the start we were looking for. And like most of our games we started in defence mode. Charlie A was quick off the mark putting on a full frontal attack as our boys backed up with similar efforts.

Unfortunately the Shamrocks ran in their first try shortly thereafter.

With the ball back in our hands a great run by Charlie M saw a fifth tackle try by a quick thinking Tony. That pretty much was the game. He who had the ball scored.

Charlie M gave his usual strong performance but as a team we let them run too much and over they went again. A tap and run by Bronson put us back into play and a couple of tackles later Tyson ran the ball up to put us in great field position. Nathan took up the ball but was pulled down just short of the line.

Tony had a sensational game throwing himself into defence and attack. But gaps opened up allow-

ing the Shamrocks to score again.

Back to halfway and Cameron assumed first receiver duties and was brilliant running up to the defence line before turning and passing to his targeted player. On this occasion it was Tyson who ran over to score for the Hawks.

Second third saw a another solid run by Nathan, then a superb long pass by Cameron into the arms of an eager Bronson who ran down the field putting us right in front of Shamrocks try line. A couple of tackles later and after much ducking and weaving, Tony found the gap he wanted and scored again.

Finn got in on the action running up the ball to soften up the defence. Then Charlie M burst onto the ball, floated across the face of the defence and tiptoed down the sideline to score in the corner. A great individual effort.

The final third saw a great kick from Cameron deep into the Shamrocks half and with Finn and Tyson quick down in defence

Shamrocks knocked on. Unable to capitalise, the ball returned to Shamrocks who went over again.

Not happy with that, Nathan took the tap restart and powered through half a dozen defenders to score a brilliant individual try.

Three tries to Tyson, two tries to Tony and one try to Nathan and Charlie M was the end result. Man of the Match was Charlie Manning who continues to impress on the field.

A huge thankyou to our Coach Grant Armstrong and Trainer Rob Saba for their patience and time during the 2012 season. Your efforts are truly appreciated. And to all the parents who helped along the way. A great season.

Narelle Randell, Manager



Cameron gives the faarns and the Great RR a rundown on the game with Coach Grant and team mate Charlie Armstrong.

U8 Whites Cap off a Great Season

It was a very cold and windy day that saw us take on Balmain PCYC.

Our boys played very well as a team today scoring both individual and team tries.

Most pleasing is how we are starting to offload to support players in attack.

We are continuing to develop our defence and the team worked well trying to come up together and minimise missed tackles.

Only one game of the season to go boys and you can be very pleased with your efforts so far.

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Man of the Match was Michael Grant. Well done.

Greg Erofeyeff, Coach

U10s Back to Their Best

A dream opening to our game against Carlingford Cougars this week when a deep kick by Regan saw a Cougars mistake and the ball go out.

Our first set of six saw no result but the kick into the Cougars goal line resulted in them running the next set of six off their own tryline.

Hitman Joel commenced his solid tackling and right beside him was a pumped up Cameron giving his all.

A big kick from Cougars to James who ran us back into the Cougars half before handing off to Joel to finish us in great field position.

Then Tom burst from out of nowhere to go over the line in the corner putting our first points on the board and his conversion gave us another two points.

Return to play and some solid runs by Lachlan, Luke and Oscar before Max made a huge surge at the line narrowly missing out on a try.

The ball went out to James who, with no options, put in a terrific cross kick and a fumble by Cougars almost resulted in more Hawks points. Solid tackling by the boys kept us in good field

position however.

Aiden made some impressive metres with the ball before a run by Billy to the wing put the ball in James' hands who quickly wove through the defence to put it under the posts. He then successfully converted his try.

Nice play boys.

A dropped ball from the kick off saw us in defence. We tackled well and kept Cougars out. With the ball back to us, a few back line passes to James saw him run the length of the field and score under the posts again. Half time and we were leading 16-0.

It wasn't long into the second half before the ball swung wide, through Joel's hands and onto James for his third try of the game. A successful conversion by Aiden gave us another two points.

Back in play and pushing the Cougars try line clever thinking saw the ball passed off to a charging Joel. There ain't no stopping that....try. Luke converted this one.

A kick off to James (big mistake) saw our team speedster run straight in for a try - his fourth. Conversion unsuccessful.



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This was the boys of old, well -drilled and focused. The chants of up, up, up in defence could be heard and up they ran - Regan, Jayden, Aiden, Conan - and our tackling practice paid off.

Then a terrific charge-down and dive on the ball by Joel put us in great position. Billy ran the ball well driving it out wide. Regan was heavily involved pushing towards the line. Nathan, Jayden and Lachlan were charging at the defence it was an all-in attack.

Our final try came from Billy who again ran to the space, a sideline attack, play the ball and Billy dived over for a try. Brilliant!!

More tackling practice, more focused attack and we are ready for the finals. Full-time score 38-0.

Tries: Tom, James x 4, Joel, Billy.

Conversions: Tom, James, Luke, Aiden, Billy.

Man of the Match: James Bragg

Narelle Randell, Mother and Avid Fan



Luke passes it onto Oscar, Regan flying behind in support...



Man of the Match James gives a run-down of his team's return to form.

U12 Reds 22 Defeated PCYC 0

The game started brilliantly with **Shannon Condon** crossing the line without a tackle being made in a fabulous return from the kick off scoring under the posts. Not long after that, **Jett Allen** proved too strong to stop close to the line and the Hawks were up 10 – 0 inside the first ten. The game changed a bit from that point and PCYC looked determined not to allow the same score line as the last time that we played each other and came at us with everything that they had.

The main goal for this week was to keep PCYC scoreless, which we achieved! The boys should be proud of their defensive efforts of the past couple of weeks particularly on Sunday. We started the day with only thirteen which has become the norm but due to a nasty shoulder injury suffered by **Scott Baxter** early in the second half we were reduced to twelve for the rest of the match.

Eddie Frankish had a superb game, arguably one of his best! Not just for his bag of tries but his defence was as good as I have seen. Eddie's in line defence was unbreakable, he made a couple of try saving cover tackles during the game and also covered Scott's vacant wing just for good measure!

On the defensive front **Adam**

Price also had an outstanding game again this week. The captain of the day **Jack Beale** put in another noteworthy performance in both attack and defence. Jack seems to be getting stronger each week!

Max Campbell shone again on Sunday with great running all day along and with solid defence. **Jack bell** showed he had his thinking cap on straight complete with some great running and some beautifully timed passing.

Billy Flynn pulled one out of the bag just when we needed it! Just after Scott went off and we were struggling to get out of our half Billy let fly with one of his trademark 65 metre runs palming off anyone who dared come near, setting the Hawks up deep inside enemy territory. (Wish Billy could run 65 metres at training?)

Patrick Russo took out our man-of-the-match award on Sunday for his efforts in the last couple of weeks showing great support in particular his great kick chasing along with his darting runs against PCYC!

We received some news this week both good & bad. **Hamish Nicol's** latest report from the doctors has his collarbone healing well and everything looking good

but, unfortunately for Hamish and the 12 Reds he won't be back to play any further part in this football season. Thanks Hamish for all the support that you have shown for your team mates while you have been injured. It has been great to see you still coming to all the games.

There have been two great positives to come out of the last few weeks of our campaign. Obviously our defence has improved considerably and the other is that our wingers and centres are scoring tries which I think is a sign of good football. In my opinion if you have wingers and centres scoring tries you can bet that you have forwards going forward and backs running and passing the football and 'a **TEAM that is playing well as a TEAM**'.

Great work Hawks!!! Keep up the good work, still a few games to go . . .

Match day Captain: Jack Beale

Man of the Match: Patrick Russo

Tries: Shannon Condon, Jett Allen, Eddie Frankish x 3

Conversions: Jack Bell

Dave Murray, Coach

Hello there HAWKIES!!!!!!!

Last Sunday the under 12's reds played Balmain PCYC at Cooke Park. It was a windy day but we were pumped and ready to play. It started off great with Shannon Condon scoring our first try right off the kick-off, running straight through the defense to score under the post with Jack bell kicking the conversion.

Our first half was outstanding, our defense was brilliant, and our attack was superb with Anthony, Billy and Max Pica-Campbell running the ball up hard and making huge meters. Max Strawbridge defense was on game, so was Eddie with try saving tackles.

Our second half was even better we kept them scoreless, but unfortunately Scott Baxter went down injured, leaving us to play a man short. But it didn't affect our defense or attack with Eddie going over for 2 more tries which landed him a hat trick for the day and Jett Allen also scored a try.

Patrick was the star for the day taking out man of the match for his great defense and brilliant ball chasing off the foot of Zac Murray who also played a great game.

All in all the under 12's Red played a fantastic game, with a well deserving win, hopefully we can keep up our momentum on the road to the semis.



Jack Beale

U13 Griffins def Leichhardt Juniors 16-12

We finally made it back to the Balmain district after months trekking around the southern parts of New South Wales.

Our final game was against Leichhardt Juniors at Birchgrove. It was a cold and early start as we had 8.30am photos which took about a minute and meant we had an hour until game time. There is only so much time you can warm up for a game in freezing temperatures.

We had virtually no ball in the first half but our scrambling defence and Leichhardt's poor finishing kept us in the game.

It was 4 nil just before half time until Daniel Greenland scored a great try to lock the game up at 4 all.

In the second half the lead changed a few times and despite a try to Liam Booby we were down 12 to 8 with about 6 minutes to go. This is

when Anthony Russo stepped up. Anthony scored a try from dummy half to lock the game up.

He then won the game with a 70 metre run down the far side. This may have been the furthest Anthony has ever run and he stepped around the Leichhardt fullback who was about 6 foot tall and very quick.

It was great for the boys to finish with a good win. It was even better to beat a team who was in third spot and already qualified for the semis.

Man of the match was Anthony Russo. He was also well supported by Daniel Greenland, Daniel Viana, Liam Booby and Tyden Griffiths-Brown.

Thanks for a good year boys! It was a building year as we



had two teams coming together and training and games were heavily disrupted by rain. Despite this the boys continued to improve (except for one shocker which we won't talk about).

With some extra fitness training, discipline and learning to stick to the game plan the boys have the ability to develop into a premiership force next year.

See you all at the North Ryde and Carlingford presentations.

Jason Hurst, Manager

U14 Hawks Tame Cougars - 20-12 Win



The final round of the Year saw the Griffin Air Hawks play the Cougars at a Cold and Windy Birchgrove Oval.

In years gone by our games against the Cougars have always been tough in fact they had a hand in knocking us out of the 2012 Comp, and this game was no different.

The first half saw us run into the wind, which was always going to be tough but from the opening kickoff we were on the front foot, after strong charges by Harry, Josh C and Kobe, saw Robbie break open the Defence and race 40 metres to score, Zac's conver-

sion hit the post.

The next ten minutes was an arm wrestle but two mistakes saw the cougars with the ball and score two relatively easy tries, but to their credit the boys didn't panic and as we've seen in the last two games they stuck to our simple game plan and concentrated on our talk in defence.

And it was this talk & our ability to run our plays that saw Blake score a try down the short blind. (conversion missed) 8-12. But we weren't done yet and after a brilliant

set after the try and a slick backline movement MO crash over out wide (conversion missed) 12 all at the break. Halftime was all about sticking to the game plan, not kicking the paint off the ball and talking.

This half of football is the best I've seen the boys play all year; they were controlled but aggressive in defence and slick with the ball. With a solid game plan the team worked the ball downfield and Chris McCann stormed over next to the posts (Zac con-

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Griffins
clap on the
Mighty u14
Hawks.

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verted) 18-12. From the kickoff we played the perfect set going 80m in one set and with staunch defence we created a mistake, a Tom busted open the defence to score next to the sticks. (Zac Converted) 24-12. With 11 minutes left and his season running out Barakat bobbed and weaved and ran 30 metres to score his try (Zac converted) 30-12.

The last 8 minutes the Cougars started to fire up but to the boys credit they rolled up their sleeves and took the cougars on up the middle, with huge runs by Robbie, Tom, Zac & Kobe. The Hawks controlled the play and their aggression in a huge moment in our season. "when the going gets tough, the Tough get going" and thats what we did, and I couldn't be prouder. Unfortunately for the COUGARS they played to our strengths kicking the ball early, we then turned around in the 2nd half and starved them of the ball and kicked smart.

The M.O.M was a tough decision, Chris McCann was barnstorming, MO defended and attacked brilliantly, but the NON stop effort by Robbie Campbell tipped the decision his way.

This game was perfect for US going into the Semi's, we were controlled, played to our plan and defended as a Team.

Now it's onto the Semi final against Penshurst RSL who we played 6 weeks ago when we were down on numbers, but having seen Penshurst that day at full strength I'm confident if we play to our ability we can win. Three weeks ago while chatting to the great RR I said "WE CAN WIN THIS THING" and nothing has changed my mind we are peaking at the right time, trained to the minute.

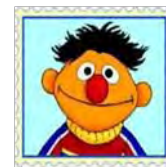
Can I thank our "water carriers" who did a sterling job in tough conditions, I even saw Liam stretching mid game. The control the Team showed during the game has a lot to do with the calm instructions both Liam and Geoff give during the game.

Welcome back to Bruce, "what an ASSet", finally as the season draws to an end with three games left, can I thank all the parents, relatives, friends for your support throughout what has been a tough year.

Hopefully everyone can get out to the semi finals and support the boys in TRUE Hawks spirit. Also congratulations to Tom Tim-

mins who has been called up into the Balmain Tigers u14/15 train-on squad. To Barakat "Benji, Baza" Ayad thank you for a great year and look forward to your return to 2013 as we work towards the HAWKS defence of the "SUGARCANE Cup"

First time all year that I've mention the SC Cup but it's a career highlight for many Under 15's HAWKS players. And I know there plenty of people "With me" on that!



Ernie, Coach



The Gazelles



...and Bruce

U16 Hawks Lose 20-23 to Earlwood

We are all disappointed with today's result, we all feel it is just a minor hiccup on our quest.

Nothing really changes. We went into today knowing that if we win three games we will be Premiers. That equation still remains.

No one is questioning the ability or the dedication. The execution is all that is letting us down.

We had our chance today when we led 20-17. We just let it slip.

The execution we can fix come Wednesday and Thursday night at training, but I need you to get to training.

This competition starts next Sunday, not today.

The sun will shine again tomorrow and that Hawk spirit will be on

display for all to see mechanical | electrical | building | air conditioning | fire next Sunday, hopefully 1300 340 124 at Birchgrove.

You are still a great side in my eyes.

Tries: Daniel C, Josh, Jesse, Matt T

Goals: Matt T (2)

M.O.M. Jordan Fedele

Sommo, Coach



U17 Hawks All or Nothing at Season's End



Andrew Davino
busting his way
through the defence.

Well the time has finally come for the under 17's Hawks as their season ended this week for 2012.

The team made the trek to our second home ground at Birchy Oval to take on a semi-final bound Renown United with nothing to lose but pride in the Mighty Hawks jersey.

The boys had not played for about 4 weeks so things were going to be a bit rusty on the field but they proved that this was not going to be a problem.

With a full team on the paddock for a change and a great pre game speech from the coach something seemed to click in their heads and the boys came out all guns blazing with a great start to the first half of the game.

With no pressure on them they were told to go out and have fun and play your own game whilst giving the opposition no easy opportunities. The Hawks attack was the best of the year with some

brutal defence from our front and second row and great ball control and set completions by our halves.

Renown were rattled by the intensity of the Hawks and it took them until the 20th minute to put some points on the board with a lucky try from a kick to go ahead 6 points to nil. Unfortunately the boys went to sleep for about 10 minutes and Renown put in 2 more tries to lead 18 - 0 at half time.

As we said before the game to the boys we have nothing to lose and the opposition has all the pressure to win for the semis so some extra effort early will get you back in the game.

With a bit of luck and a couple of penalties in a row the boys scored a great try under the posts by our young number 7 Braydon to get points on the board and convert to 18-6. The game looked as though it was going to turn for the Hawks with some

great defence and good metres up the middle but once again with no gas left in the tank after 50 minutes of footy Renown scored a couple more tries to put the game out of reach and win by 30 points to 6.

The score line did not reflect the way the game was played by the boys. I would have to say that this was our BEST game of the year with everyone putting in 110% the future for next year looks very promising indeed.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the team this year, Manager Dave Price, Geoff Thomas for running the water and the few tee and ball boys through the year for helping out.

Next year will be a WINNING YEAR for sure!!!

Players Points:

3 Steve Segreto; 2 Reece Castledine; 1 Rickee Tarrant / Josh Cosgrove.

Butchy, Coach.

United Bundy Team Unable to Get in Game

Concord Burwood North Ryde United were never in the game against the Entrance last Sunday at TG Millner.

With a combination of bad handling errors and conceding the first 6 penalties in the match, the Entrance were able to build up a commanding lead.

United tried valiantly to peg them back and they did so when they finally got the ball in their hands but in the end the mountain was too high.

As a spectator it was hard to fathom the number of penalties and a questionable try to the Entrance, but that was the

ball game.

Towards the end of the game a dominant tackle saw Joe Uluibau struck in the face however the penalty again did not go our way and Joe was sent to the bin for 10. Confusing.

The best players for United were Matt Reupena, Joe Flint and Andrew Emelio.

Next week United face a grudge match against big spenders St. Johns who have been throwing money at United players all throughout the year.

In return United will seek to knock St. Johns out of finals

contention. This is United's last home match for the year so come along and cheer them on to victory.

The Entrance 46 defeated Burwood North Ryde United 24.

Tries – Matt Reupena 2, Ali-pate Noilea & Hamilton Hughes

Goals – Nathan Scarano 4

Dally M points:

Matthew Reupena 3

Joe Flint 2

Andrew Emelio 1

Aaron Zammit, Coach

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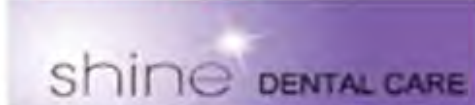


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