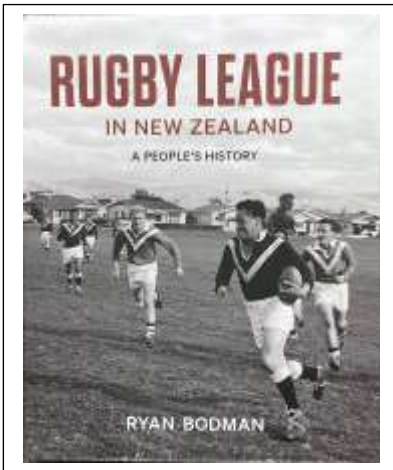


Rugby League in New Zealand

***Takapuna Library, Wednesday
18 September at 6.00 pm***



The history of rugby league in New Zealand began as a humble story of working-class communities and a popular ball game that felt like “being part of a large family”. Always a minority sport alongside rugby, it put down strong roots and flourished throughout the regional heartlands, before emerging into the mainstream in the 1980s.

Ryan Bodman was awarded a Research Grant from the Friends of Turnbull Library in 2017, and his beautifully illustrated history won this year’s illustrated non-fiction prize in the Ockham NZ Book Awards. Bring the whanaū and join us to hear Ryan discuss some key moments in the New Zealand code’s rich heritage and its powerful cultural journey.



Join us at **Takapuna Library, 9 The Strand, at 6.00pm on Wednesday 18 September.**

Light refreshments available before Ryan Bodman’s talk at 6.30pm. Free entry but donations welcome.

*Jointly hosted by **Friends of Takapuna Library & Friends of Turnbull Library**, this event is free and open to all. Bring a friend, bring the whole family!*

Enquiries and RSVP: fotl2019@gmail.com