MESSAGE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

The Australian Government is a strong supporter of Australian sport. The Australian Sports Commission is the government body that develops, manages and invests in sport at all levels in Australia.

The Commission funds and works closely with a range of national sporting organisations, state and local governments, schools and community bodies to ensure sport is well run and accessible so everyone can participate and enjoy the benefits. The Commission upholds the integrity of sport through many innovative programs to promote ethical sporting practices and sport free of performance- enhancing drugs.

During 2005-06, the Australian Government, through the Australian Sports Commission, supported the Australian Rugby Union through funding of $454,500 for the development of the sport and its continued enhancement at the grass-root and elite levels, including through the Australian Institute of Sport Rugby Union program.

The Australian Institute of Sport Rugby Union program is an integral part of the Australian Rugby Union's Elite Player Development Pathway and is a critical component in developing tomorrow's Wallabies. During the past 12 months, all players involved with the Institute Rugby Union program achieved provincial representation at either National Under 16 or Schoolboy Championship level. The Australian Institute of Sport is confident that, together with the Australian Rugby Union, the Institute's new Under 19 program will build on the team's achievement in 2006 of becoming the first Australian age group team to win an International Rugby Board World Championship.

The Commission acknowledges that the Australian Rugby Union has continued to develop and deliver high quality programs to its members. Programs such as TryRugby and EdRugby are two such programs that have assisted in providing greater opportunities for people to experience and enjoy rugby at all levels.

The Australian Sports Commission looks forward to a continued winning partnership with the Australian Rugby Union.

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Mission

The growth and success of Rugby while upholding the values of the Game.

Vision

- Australia to be a world Rugby power.
- Rugby to be enjoyed as Australia's fastest growing team participation sport.
- Rugby to be the most successful form of sports entertainment in Australia.
- Rugby's values and ethos continue to set it apart from other sporting codes.
- Strong, autonomous Unions with a shared vision for Australian Rugby.
- Australian Rugby to be customer focused.

Values

Innovation We ensure Australian Rugby has the leading edge through innovation, and sets the standard by which others follow.

Integrity Australian Rugby operates in a transparent and ethical manner.

Professionalism We promote the excellence in our approach to the corporate realities/imperatives of Rugby.

Teamwork We focus on results using the discipline, cooperation, mateship and camaraderie associated with Rugby.

Pride We exemplify the spirit of Rugby.

Energy We work with enthusiasm and go the extra mile.

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Mr R Graham, Mr M Brown, Mr R Dalziel (appointed June 2006), Mr GM Flowers, Mr T Hall, Mr PT Jackman (appointed 27 April 2006), Mr B Kehoe (resigned 27 April 2006), Mr D Kumar (resigned 31 March 2006), Mr R Lee (appointed June 2006), Mr P McGrath (re-appointed 27 April 2006), Mr R Thomson (retired 27 April 2006), and Mr D Usasz.

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