

JUNE

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We surprised our 2000th Ambassador Angela Clark of Harristown State High School! Click on the image below to hear more about how we celebrated our milestone member!



MAJOR MOMENTS

June was jam packed with exciting events including surprising our 2,000th Ambassador, regional activations and State of Origin galore!

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On the 20th of June we had the pleasure of surprising our 2000th NRL Schools Ambassador, Angela Clark, at her school Harristown State High School. Our Central Queensland Game Development Team and Schools Manager, Kurt Mangan, travelled to Toowoomba to visit Angela to recognise her as our milestone 2000th registration for 2024. Angela was presented with a signed QLD Maroons jersey and tickets to the 2024 State of Origin Decider, as well as an invitation to our exclusive pre-game Ambassador event! Our Game Development officers also put on a fantastic clinic, running a skills and drills session with the students of Harristown.

Congratulations Angela and thank you to all of the 2000+ Ambassadors that continue to play an integral role in growing our game and creating an inclusive and fun environment for all students to participate in!

MAJOR MOMENTS

STATE OF ORIGIN IN FULL SWING!

STATE OF ORIGIN GAME 1

A fantastic night welcoming some of our Ambassadors from Sydney and the surrounding areas to kick off the 2024 Origin Series!



STATE OF ORIGIN GAME 2

WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN GAME 2

Women's Origin headed to Newcastle for a sellout Game 2! An amazing opportunity to connect with so many Ambassadors from the NSW Central Hunter Region. Click on the image below to hear more about the night!



Game 2 of State of Origin was a knockout! A crowd of 90,000 at the MCG and our Ambassadors were there to see the series be sent to a decider!

WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN GAME 3

We welcomed Ambassadors from Northern QLD to the Cowboy's state of the art training facility before heading across to Queensland Country Bank Stadium to see the Queensland Maroons take out the first ever Women's State of Origin decider!





Take a look at what's been happening in schools around the country!

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA DAYS!

Throughout the month of June, we have held 8 of our Primary School Gala Days, with over 1400 students competing in games of Rugby League Tag!



NORTH QUEENSLAND

KAREN MURPHY CUP AND SCHOOLBOY TROPHY!

In Term 2 2024, Mackay held their Karen Murphy Cup and Schoolboy Trophy Gala Days in 3 different age divisions over 2 full days of footy. In our Opens divisions, our teams were battling it out for a spot in the North Queensland Finals in Townsville in August. All our schools were well represented by some of our local Teacher Ambassadors.

Thank you to all our teachers who were involved in looking after all the teams in both competitions and to all the players who made them such great days of footy.





SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

BOONAH LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY!





Our Boonah League Tag Gala Day had 6 schools participate in a day that was filled with energy! As 41 teams from Years 3-6 took to the six fields for a huge day of league tag. Additionally, we had 7 work experience students join us for the day. To wrap up a fantastic day we got everyone involved with a tug of war challenge!

NORTHERN TERRITORY



LUKE KELLY CUP - PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA DAY!

In June we held the annual Luke Kelly Cup with Primary Schools all around Katherine joining in the fun.

NSW CENTRAL HUNTER

WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN TAKES NEWCASTLE!

Prior to Game 2 of the Women's State of Origin Series in Newcastle, the NRL Schools and Game Development Teams hosted a School Ambassador Event to recognise and reward the amazing work of the Primary and Secondary School Teachers in the area. Nearly 50 teachers attended the event and then made their way across to McDonald Jones Stadium to view Game 2 of the series. It was fantastic to have special guest Newcastle Knights and Blues Legend Danny Buderus at the event.



SOUTHERN NSW

NRL CATHOLIC DRAGONS LEAGUE TAG - YEAR 5!

On Tuesday 18th June 2024 at Gannon's Park, Peakhurst, the NRL Catholic Dragons League Tag Day kicked off for the Year 5, St George Catholic Kogarah Schools. A special mention goes to Troy Moran who assisted the Game Development team with the planning of 4 different NRL Catholic Dragons League Tag Days (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6). The day was a huge success, and the complementary training sessions we provided pre-gala day were a great way to help schools prepare and practice for the event.

The 9 schools that entered the competition were Regina Coeli, Our Lady of Fatima, Mater Dei, St Joseph's, St Declan's, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Mary's Star of the Sea, St Patrick's, and St Gabriel's. There was a total of 25 teams of Year 5 boys and girls. Assisting us on the day were Aquinas High School students who volunteered to come out and referee the games. They did a great job and were valued members of the team as the Game Development staff oversaw the event.

The spirit of sportsmanship displayed throughout the day was outstanding. The fair play, respect between teams, and positive interactions among players and coaches was something to be very proud of.

It was an amazing day with lots of positives and highlights and we can't wait to see what the next 3 gala days will have in store. We look forward to working with the Catholic Schools, Aquinas High School Referees, and NRL Staff to make these gala days bigger and better!

NSW NORTHERN



In early June, the inaugural Youi Scrum headed to the town of Mullumbimby in Northern NSW. The initiative is designed to use Rugby League to strengthen community spirit and resilience following the devastating flooding of the Northern Rivers in 2022.

The tour started on Wednesday by visiting three primary schools that were affected by the flooding. The NRL team delivered their 'Inspire' presentation, which is designed to build resilience amongst students.

In the evening, local community members were invited to attend a 'State of Mind' workshop, have dinner and watch State of Origin Game 1.





YOUI SCRUM: MULLUMBIMBY AND SURROUNDS JUNE 5TH AND 6TH 2024!



The 'State of Mind' workshop was well received by the local community, with those attending given tools to build their mental strength and fitness under the mantra, 'One pass can change a game and one conversation can change a life!'

Thursday saw the Northern Rivers Final of the Girls Country Cup, with high schools from across the region taking part in the day. The event was a huge success, with awesome Rugby League skills and sportsmanship on display. At the completion of the Country Cup a 'State of Mind' workshop was held at Mullumbimby High School. The students who attended were engaged during the presentation and asked questions on building their own mental strength and fitness, as well as their friends and families.

SYDNEY METRO

PARRAMATTA EELS CHALLENGE!

The NRL - Parramatta Game Development team recently ran their EELS Challenge Gala Days. Two separate days were held for the North Region of Parramatta and the Central and South region of Parramatta. These were held at Crestwood Oval, home of the Hills District Bulls JRLFC, and at New Era Stadium, home of Cabramatta JRLFC. Overall, 14 schools participated across the two days, and over 300+ students had the opportunity to play Rugby League, representing their school.







Schools that participated in both EELS Challenge Gala Days included:

- Glenhaven Public School
- Greystanes Public School
 Holy Cross Primary School, Glenwood
 Jasper Road Public School
 - - Kellyville Public School
 - King Park Public School
 Kings Langley Public School
 Merrylands Public School

 - The Meadows Public School
- Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Baulkham Hills
 Rosehill Public School

 - Santa Sophia Catholic College, Box Hill
 - St Michaels Primary School, Baulkham Hills
 - William Stimson Public School

For a few of these schools, it was their first time participating in an NRL run Gala Day. Across the primary school space in the Parramatta region, we currently have 58 registered teachers to the School Ambassador Program. Thank you to everyone that attended!

RESOURCES

Take a look at what's available to you as a NRL School Ambassador!

Book a Program!



Want to host an opportunity for your students to try Rugby League?
Click here to book a program!



The NRL Introductory Teacher Coaching Course has launched!

The <u>course</u> is designed for all Primary School teachers who are taking a tag/touch/tackle team to an event, teaching Rugby League in school or want to learn more on how to teach Rugby League.

The course is online only with no face to face components. If you wish to further develop your knowledge and obtain an accreditation, please complete a community coach course via learn.playrugbyleague.com.

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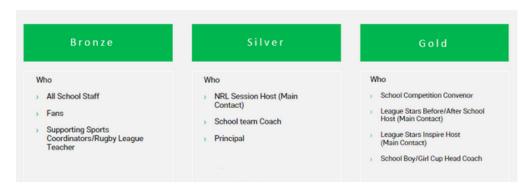




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