



STATEMENT FROM THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Families and friends of the Wahroonga Rugby Club were deeply saddened to learn that one of our U9 players and his U7 brother have been diagnosed with a very rare and serious degenerative neurological disorder known as Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD). The brothers are the 13th and 14th known cases of ALD in Australia. The best hope available of halting the progression of the disease is a bone marrow transplant. This involves using invasive chemotherapy to destroy existing bone marrow and months in isolation to prevent infection. As you would expect, this has significant emotional, financial and logistical impact on the family.

RUGBY-A-THON

A 24-hour Rugby-a-thon will be held at the St Ives Showground, Main Show Ring, Mona Vale Road, St Ives on **Thursday and Friday, 12-13th October, 2006** ie. at the end of the October school holidays. This event will be a continuous game of Walla Rugby (tag) played predominantly by children 7 years or older, parents and other adults. Upon completion, participants will have raised funds for this family and set a new World Record that will be recognised by the Guinness Book of Records for the longest game of Walla Rugby (tag) and, most likely, the highest score in a game of Walla Rugby.

Details of the Rugby-a-thon are as follows:

- Time** Generally, Minis play from Thursday 12/10/06 12noon to 9pm, Juniors from 9pm until Friday 6am and finishing with Minis from Friday 13/10/06 6am to 12noon. Adults can play at any time during the 24-hour period. A Roster will be created based on players choosing to play in 30 minute time slots or multiples thereof.
- Cost** There will be a \$10 Registration Fee per child or adult player **AND** players must obtain personal sponsorship. The Fee and sponsorship amount must be paid at the Registration Desk, which will be located under-cover beside the St Ives Rotary Kiosk. For the purposes of ensuring that the family receives the funds as quickly as possible, the Appeal Committee will enforce a strict **“No Pay, No Play policy”**.
- Prizes** All participating players will receive a free drink bottle and/or a sling bag courtesy of the ARU. The player with the highest amount of paid, personal sponsorship will win a framed and signed 2006 Wallaby jumper. This wonderful prize was donated by the ARU and will be on display outside the Canteen. It is likely that there will be more prizes or auction items as we get closer to the date.
- Other** Canteen facilities will be available over the 24 hour period. A number of celebrity guests will be invited to attend the Rugby-a-thon.
- Donations** If you are unable to participate in this event but would like to make a contribution, a deposit can be made to the Family Fund:
BSB – 062 264, Account number - 1017 8399.

If you are interested in registering, go to wahroongarugby.com.au, click “Rugby-a-thon”, then follow the prompts.

Should you require any further information please contact Darryl Mete at darryl@mete.com.au.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE !!