



Downs Rugby Ltd
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7th March 2020

Announcements

Following Downs Rugby Limited's 2019 Annual General Meeting

And the Appointment of Community Rugby Officer

Dear Downs Rugby Community,

I am delighted to announce, following today's 2019 Annual General Meeting ("AGM") and President's Meeting, the Downs Rugby Limited Board has appointed two (2) very worthy recipients, the distinguished honour:

Mike Dillon

Mark Brownlie

LIFE MEMBERS – DOWNS RUGBY LIMITED

Mike Dillon has played in excess of 300 games for the Goondiwindi Emus, then progressed to years of managing Emus teams and mentoring forwards as a scrum coach. In recent years, Mike has been a very successful Representative Coach with the U19 Downs Rugby Colts and South Qld Colts teams. Already a Life Member of the Goondiwindi Emus, Downs Rugby Limited today appoints Mike to Life Member status in the Region.

Mark Brownlie played an illustrious career with the Roma Echidnas and Representative games for Downs Rugby, then progressing to voluntary roles including Physio/Strapper for Representative Teams, including overseas tours, a former Downs Rugby Limited Board member and Downs Rugby Junior/Teenage Sub Committee Chair. Today Mark was appointed Life Membership by the Downs Rugby Limited Board.

Downs Rugby Limited Board of Directors

In accordance with the Downs Rugby Limited Constitution, the three (3) longest serving directors retired at the today's AGM and were eligible for re-election.

1. Doug McNicholl
2. Mike Horan AM
3. Robert Johnston



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Mike Horan AM (Chairman) and Rob Johnston (Vice Chairman and High-Performance Manager) were duly re-elected Directors, Downs Rugby Limited.

Doug McNicholl, intentioned in writing more than seven (7) days prior to today, that he has decided to retire from the Board. The Downs Rugby Limited Board of Directors sincerely thanks Doug for his voluntary contribution during his tenure as Director, with his portfolio of Senior Competition & Western Club Liaison.

The Chairman, Mike Horan AM produced a signed Board Nomination for Ben Gardiner, St George & District RUFC President. Ben Gardiner has been duly elected from the AGM a Director of Downs Rugby Limited at today's AGM and the next Downs Rugby Board Meeting will formally appoint Ben Gardiner a Director.

The Board vacancy created by the retirement of Doug McNicholl and election of Ben Gardiner at today's AGM, brings the full compliment for Downs Rugby Limited Board:

Mike Horan AM - Chair
Robert Johnston – Vice Chair and High-Performance Rugby
Danielle Bermingham – Events Management and Secretary
Anthony Ahern – Finance Director
Chris Bell – Headquarters, Historical, Operations
Ben Gardiner – Senior Competition and Western Club Liaison*
Rod Hohn – Representative Rugby and Queensland Country
Barry O'Sullivan – Sponsorship Portfolio
Trent Raymond – Western Club Liaison

*Subject to formal appointment at next Downs Rugby Limited Board Meeting

Appointment of Community Rugby Officer Downs Rugby Limited

With effect on 18th February 2020, Downs Rugby Limited is delighted to announce that Sarah Pearce has been formally inducted into the role of Community Rugby Officer at Downs Rugby House to work with myself in the administrative, events and competition management duties from March until November. Sarah has been an integral part in the rise of Girls and Women's 7s Rugby on the Downs and has played and managed Dalby Wheatchix and our Representative sides. We welcome Sarah and I'm pleased to report that she is thriving in the role. Sarah has also been inducted as a QRU Community Rugby Coach with David Southwood, our Darling Downs QRU Development Officer, to deliver courses with schools and activations where required. You will notice e-mails from Sarah from time to time and on a sideline near you in the future. Welcome Sarah!



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Please note the updated homepage at www.downsrugby.com.au with injury management, and many other tiles to make it easier to navigate to what you need to find.

Downs Rugby House, at the corner of Geddes and 112 James Street, Toowoomba, being the administrative headquarters for our organisation, is available for our Member Clubs for meetings or gatherings, free of charge. Please contact me to arrange your booking. Full Zoom Teleconference facility.

Reminder: the 2020 Game Management Guidelines will be delivered from Downs Rugby House, next Wednesday 11 March 2020 from 6pm Link: <https://zoom.us/j/184868137> by Rohan Hoffman, Rugby AU Referee Manager QLD/NT.

I would like to thank on behalf of the Downs Rugby Limited Board, each and every one of our Member Clubs, Presidents and Executive Committees, Downs Rugby's Judicial Committee, Junior/Teenage/Senior Sub Committees, the Darling Downs Rugby Referee Association, the region's Volunteer workforce and players, the very best for a great 2020 season and representative success.

More announcements to follow next week with 2020 Downs Rugby Representative Coaching/Management Appointments, revised Representative Selection Policy, and an online Representative trial registration platform for later this month ahead of the QRU Teenage Boys Under 12/13/14/16s State Championships at Downlands College 3,4,5 July.

Thank you and if you have any queries, please contact Downs Rugby House:

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