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University of Newcastle Rugby Club Foundation

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The University of Newcastle Rugby Club ('the Club') was founded in 1955 and is one of the oldest University of Newcastle sporting clubs. The Club is currently celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

The Club has a fine history of participation in the Newcastle & Hunter Rugby Union Premier Competition. It currently has four men's teams and a team in the Hunter Women's Rugby Competition.

The home ground of the Club is the University No 1 'Bernie Curran' Oval, which is located at the heart of the University's Callaghan Campus. The Club is affiliated with NUSport which gives it unrivalled access to training fields and facilities at The Forum. These facilities are without peer in NSW Country Rugby.

The Club is a strong supporter of the Australian Universities Rugby Union and participates annually each March in the Laffan Cup competition.

The Club is responsible for the development of its players as students and young adults. For many players this is their first time living away from home. During this time they will establish relationships at the Club they will maintain into the future. The Club believes it is responsible to provide the support of an 'extended family' to these young adults while at university.

The Club's main focuses for the next 12 months include, providing better coaching skills, high level facilities and ensuring adequate physiotherapy services are available. Looking into the future the Club has aspirations of becoming Club Champions and dominating the Colts Competition.

❖ **The University of Newcastle Rugby Club Foundation**

The University of Newcastle Rugby Club Foundation ('the Foundation') was established this year as an initiative of former players of the Club.

The Foundation is comprised of a trust structure, with a corporate trustee (Seahorses Foundation Limited). The Board of Directors of the trustee company include persons who have been closely affiliated with the Club, such as the current President, ex-Presidents and ex-Committee persons of the Club.

The Foundation aims to ensure lasting and significant contributions are made to the Club by past players and their families. These contributions are in recognition of the friendships, support and life-experience provided to a player of the Club. The Foundation would like to preserve the memories, relationships, opportunities and personal growth the Club provides. This will ensure current and future players continue to benefit from the Club as past players have. Forging lasting relationships and enjoying ongoing support.

❖ **Foundation Objectives – The Strong Case for Giving**

The Foundation's main objective is to encourage and promote the game of rugby union at the Club and the University of Newcastle. The Foundation will guarantee the future of the Club by enabling continued financial support for the development and support of the Club.

While the Foundation is in its early years it is expected that most of the capital raised from donations will be used to further the goals of the Club, as outlined above. Funds will not be used to pay players. In the long term it is hoped that some of the capital will be preserved and income earned from that capital will support the Club in reaching its future goals.

Any invested funds will be managed under strict regulation and management from the Board of Directors to ensure that the Foundation's objectives are met.

❖ **Maintain the Culture**

The Foundation will support the Club, providing an avenue for players to continue playing rugby. The Club provides its players with valuable life skills, not only as individuals but also as members of a team. It helps its players to make friendships during their student years which will last a life time.

The culture of the University of Newcastle Rugby Club is evidenced by the strong life long bonds formed by players. The Foundation hopes through its financial support that this culture will be retained for current and future players.

❖ **Preparing for the Future**

The Foundation will provide the Club with financial and commercial independence. This will enable the Club to continue to compete in the Newcastle & Hunter Rugby Union Premier Competition. The Foundation will also allow the Club to continue to aim for and meet new goals.

❖ **How the Foundation Works**

The Foundation is an independent body to the Club. The Board of Directors of the corporate trustee will meet regularly and will be responsible for all aspects of the Foundation. The

trustee's Board is currently comprised of the following Directors:

- Dr Bernard Curran (Partnerships Manager, University of Newcastle Foundation)
- Graham Campbell (Assistant Director, Defence Support & Reform Group)
- Paul Heanly (General Manager, HillRoss)
- Ian Neale (Partner, Cutcher & Neale)
- Tom Angus (President, University of Newcastle Rugby Club)

The corporate trustee has been established with some flexibility, to allow for the Board of Directors to expand to up to seven Directors and to allow for the replacement of current directors as they retire.

The Board of Directors is comprised of a significant amount of professional knowledge, business experience, integrity and a passion for the continued development of rugby at the University of Newcastle.

❖ **Australian Sports Foundation**

The Foundation is registered with the Australian Sports Foundation Ltd ('ASF'). The ASF was established by the Australian Government to assist organisations raise funds through public and corporate donations for the development of sport in Australia. Pursuant to the ASF's listing in the Income

Tax Assessment Act 1997 (div 30, section 30-90), donations of \$2 or over to the ASF are tax deductible.

Donors must contribute unconditionally to the ASF to claim a tax deduction, however the ASF's structure makes it possible for a donor to nominate a registered project as the preferred beneficiary of their gift. University of Newcastle Rugby Club Foundation, Project No 215010, is registered with a conducted under the charter of the ASF.

All claims are subject to acceptance by the Commissioner of Taxation. If a donor is uncertain of their position they should seek their own professional advice.

❖ **Your Contribution**

The continued operation of the Club in the future is not guaranteed. The Club must ensure it has the financial strength to rise to new challenges and ensure it can continue to groom young adults as they prepare themselves for the world after university.

Your support for the Foundation will help deliver all of these objectives and will ensure the continued operation of the University of Newcastle Rugby Club.

Should you wish to contribute in any way, please complete the Donation Form enclosed.

For further information or enquiries please contact any of the Board of Directors.

We thank you for your support.

Board of Directors
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