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EAGLES
MEDIA RELEASE

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**Welcome life members, valued sponsors, past players,
current players & supporters to the Eagles season 2010**

As many of you have probably heard, the Eagles are primed for one of their best seasons since winning the premiership in 2003. Since the commencement of preseason training which started back in early February, the numbers have continually increased including 30 or so new players for the new 1st Division competition (formally 3rd & 4th Grade), and with the introduction of an Eagles women's side, The club is looking very strong for our upcoming John I Dent season campaign.

Other Eagles news has been the appointment of Marco Caputo (2009 Head Coach) as the club's full time director of rugby. This allows Marco not only to devote more time to the senior eagles but the opportunity to organize and run junior rugby clinics in the Gungahlin and surrounding community. This is part of the committee's strategic plan to increase our junior base and also strengthen our senior sides through improving our recruitment process as well as our coach's education. Along with Marco Caputo's commitment to the Eagles he has also been helping out the Brumbies Academy and Brumbies senior squad as a specialist forward and set piece coach. The above appointment has only been made possible by the work of a strong committee and our valued sponsors.

Congratulations to our recently appointed Club Captains for 2010, Iveni Tuitupou & Michael Lovell. Two fine young men that will do the club very proud this year.

Gains: Stevie Noreiga (Uni-Norths/Brumbies Academy), Patrick Noreiga (Uni-Norths), Liam Winton (Penrith Emus/Brumbies Academy), Nua Alone (Penrith Emus/Brumbies Academy and formerly the West Tigers), Ryan O'Sullivan (Daramalan College), Tom Hyland (Daramalan College), Robert Aholelei (Daramalan College returning from overseas), Josh Aholelei (Daramalan College returning from overseas), Xavier Copeland (Yass), Michael Lund (QLD Country), Phil Braban (Brisbane Easts/Brumbies Academy), Stephen Montgomery (Cowra)

Losses: Daniel Callaghan (Brisbane), Tyrone Anderson (Tuggeranong)

Tomorrow is our first hit out for the year against Royals at Phillip Oval. It would be great to see everyone make their way out to the game to support the red and black as they run all over last years Minor Premiership holders.

Upcoming Events

Season launch & inaugural Eagles '100 Club' luncheon 14th May 2010

The 2010 season launch will for the first time will incorporate the The Eagles *100 Club* luncheon. The *100 Club* will recognise formally the efforts, loyalty and contribution of the players that have played 100 games for the club. Currently standing at 86 as the number of players achieving the milestone of 100 games (in any grade) the 2010 season launch looks like being the best on record.

Transact Cup

Round 1 – 10 April 2010
Eagles V Royals @ Phillip
Round 2 – 17 April 2010
Eagles V Vikings @ Nicholls

Round 3 – 1 May 2010
Eagles V Easts @ Griffith
FINAL – 8 May 2010

John I Dent

Round 1 – 15 May 2010
Eagles V Royals @ Nicholls (Old Boys Day)

2010 Coaching Staff

1st Grade

Head Coach: Marco Caputo

Assistant: Michael McMahon
Manager: Peter Johnson

2nd Grade

Head Coach: Tim Davis

Assistant: Mick Kenna
Manager: Graham Johnson

Colts

Head Coach: Tony Whittaker

Assistant: Ben Faulks
Manager: Ross Milligan

3rd Grade

Head Coach: Mark Dawes

Assistant: Liam Smyth
Manager: Bob Gresham

4th Grade

Head Coach: John Osborne

Womens

Head Coach: Tony McCabe