



Media Release

Finegan set to guide Eagles in 2011

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Wallabies and ACT Brumbies legend Owen Finegan has been named as the new Gungahlin Eagles First Grade coach for the next 12 months.

Finegan, who had worked on the ACT Brumbies coaching panel for the past two Super 14 seasons before stepping down earlier this year, took the position left vacant by Marco Caputo.

Finegan, who was part of the 1999 World Cup winning Wallabies team, says the chance to coach locally in Canberra was a great opportunity.

“The Gungahlin community is growing at a fast rate and this is evident by the work being done at the Gungahlin Eagles,” Finegan said. “Their growth over the past couple of seasons has been really noticeable and this is evidenced by their strong performances on the field.”

“Success is something that everyone enjoys and I’m looking forward to helping the Eagles achieve more success in 2011.”

The Gungahlin Eagles narrowly missed out on a place in the John I Dent Cup Final in 2010 following a 17-14 loss to Queanbeyan in the Preliminary Final.

Eagles’ President, Tim Davis, says Finegan’s signing gives the club a big boost ahead of the 2011 season.

“Owen’s signing shows that the Gungahlin Eagles continues to grow as a club and we look forward to working with him over the next 12 month period,” Davis said. “Owen’s name is synonymous with ACT rugby and we are glad that he has decided to take on the coaching role at the club.”

Finegan will begin recruiting for the new season immediately, while pre-season training will commence at the end of January.