



# The Eagle Times



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## From The President

Firstly congratulations to Anthony Dawes and Tevita Halaifonua who last week played for the ACT Selection XV against the Australian U20's which was held at Viking Park. The Australian U20's side featured 8 players with Super 14 experience including Kurtley Beale and the Brumbies own Matt Toomua. The ACT side went down 52-7 but Anthony & Tevita both showed they would not be out of place in the Brumbies Academy.

On another representative note, the senior club would like to congratulate Alex Small (Hooker), Tom Bode (5/8) & Tom Hyland (Outside Back) on being picked in the 30 man ACT Schoolboy squad. It is worth mentioning that all of the above names already have strong links to our senior club. Alex Small is the nephew of former "Daramalan" great and current club sponsor Terry Fox, Tom Bode is the younger brother of current 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Hooker & club treasurer David Bode and Tom Hyland is the son of former "Eagles" stalwart Peter Hyland and nephew of former 1<sup>st</sup> Grader Justin Hyland. We wish these young men all the best for their year ahead and look forward to them coming into the grade ranks in the coming years.

The Club would also like to welcome Kurt Mulcahy to the club. Kurt lobbed at training a few weeks ago looking for the opportunity to pursue a rugby career. He began in the centres scoring a try in second grade against Uni-Norths and went on to make his first grade debut that same day. Kurt comes from the AIS where he has held an athletics scholarship for the past 18 months. He has recently competed in the world junior athletic championships where he finished fourth and has defeated former 100m World Record holder Asfa Powell over 400m - all this at the age of 20 years old. The Eagles hope Kurt's natural speed and determination will help cross over for many more tries this year.

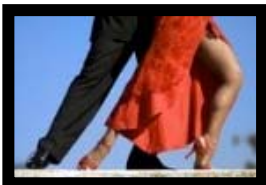
Seeing the "Eagles" had the bye last week the coaching staff organised the first and second grade squads to train at the Brumbies facilities in Griffith. The session included coaching from current and former Brumbies/Wallaby players: Matt O'Connor, Joe Roff and Mark Chisholm. It was a very worthwhile exercise with many of the boys mentioning how much the session had benefited them. Let's hope the extra advice will help the sides get over front-runners Royals this weekend at Phillip.

Hope to see you all out at Phillip this Saturday cheering the boys on, against archrivals Royals.

## Lee O'Sullivan

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