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Dear Rugby Community Leaders & Stakeholders,

CEO Announcement – Nathan Charles

It is with genuine pleasure that after a comprehensive process Rugby WA is excited to announce former Western Force and Wallaby player, Nathan Charles as the new CEO for Rugby WA. Outgoing CEO, Bob Hunter will handover to Nathan in February next year.

Nathan is a former and favourite Western Force player and as Wallaby #881 also distinguished himself for Australia at the highest level. In addition, even while achieving at these high levels, Nathan has battled Cystic Fibrosis all his life. When he was still playing, he was the only professional athlete worldwide ever to build a playing career when fighting this life-threatening disease. He is definitely one of a kind.

Nathan has studied hard in parallel with his playing career and holds a number of key qualifications. He joins us from WA Athletics where he was responsible for Pathways. We are particularly pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to one of our own Force players.

As a former Super Rugby player, Wallaby and Classic Wallaby Nathan is already well connected across the various levels of the Rugby community in WA having played club Rugby during and post his time as a Western Force player. He has a strong understanding of the local community and will bring all that experience to the role. He is also well connected across the national levels of the Rugby community which will assist in the ongoing partnership across our great game.

As patron of Rugby WA, Geoff Stooke, applauds the appointment and is confident that *“WA rugby is moving into an exciting era, with our elite team back in Super Rugby and the community game improving in standard and participation.”*

In closing I would add my personal thanks to Bob Hunter for the work he has done over the last 5 years in supporting the restructure of the organisation, his tireless work in community rugby and his huge efforts in returning RugbyWA to a sound financial position. Bob has been a valuable contributor to the organisation and will provide strong support to Nathan in ensuring his transition into the role will be seamless. We look forward to Nathan commencing in the role with effect 1st February and the new direction forward in 2021.

Yours in Rugby

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Edwards".



John Edwards

Chairman, Rugby WA

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