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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fresh after their historic victory over the Chiefs in New Plymouth, the Reds return home this week to take on another Kiwi powerhouse in the Blues from Auckland tonight at Suncorp Stadium.

The fixture also marks the Queensland Rugby Union's 12th annual Indigenous Round in what shapes as a blockbuster evening in the Reds final home match of the regular season.

For the first time this year at home, Queensland will wear their 2023 Indigenous jersey designed by the QRU's Future Indigenous Leaders Program (FILP) student Nelliarnah Saltner in collaboration with Canterbury of New Zealand.

The jersey features purple and pink dots and circles, representing communities including Cherbourg and Woorabinda while the dots around the circles represent domestic violence and breast cancer – challenges these communities face.

The jersey holds particular significance for Reds players Floyd Aubrey, Connor Vest, Kalani Thomas, Ryan Smith, James O'Connor, Isaac Henry and Jake Upfield who have been appointed the 2023 QRU Indigenous Ambassadors.

Tonight's game will also see the

awarding of the Frank Ivory Medal - named after Queensland's first Indigenous player, to the Reds player of the match.

I would like to welcome the Blues, their coaching staff and team management to this great stadium here tonight.

Queensland head coach Brad Thorn has made three changes to the XV with a new-look centre pairing of Taj Annan in the number-12 jersey replacing James O'Connor who is sidelined with concussion and Josh Flook who makes his comeback from a quad injury at outside centre, with Sef Fa'agase starting at tighthead prop for this match.

Mac Grealy will start as a finisher tonight with Dane Zander back in the 23 while scrumhalf Louis Werchon will potentially make his Super Rugby Pacific debut off the bench.

After scoring two tries in his first three Super Rugby games, George Blake retains his starting spot alongside Richie Asiata and Fa'agase in the front row.

Angus Blyth and Connor Vest again run on in the second row, with the backrow trio of co-captain Liam Wright, Fraser McReight and Seru Uru unchanged.

Lawson Creighton partners co-captain Tate McDermott in the halves, with Flook

set to combine with Annan in the midfield.

Filipo Daugunu moves back to his preferred position on the wing alongside Suliasi Vunivalu and Jock Campbell in the back three.

Zander and Grealy are the new additions to the bench, while the likes of Matt Faessler, Harry Wilson and Ryan Smith will again

provide impact as finishers after leading Queensland to a memorable win over the Chiefs last week.

Thank you for attendance tonight and your continued support throughout another successful Super Rugby Pacific season.

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Roger Gould – QRU President

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INDIGENOUS JERSEY IS A STORY OF FIGHTING CHALLENGES



WRITTEN BY JIM TUCKER

Renae Nona feels great pride every time she sees the Queensland Reds' latest Indigenous jersey worn by the men's or women's team or a fan of the game.

As a Torres Strait Islander woman herself, the Reds' Super W fullback feels the impact in multiple ways. To have the jersey highlighted as the focus of the Queensland Rugby Union's 12th annual Indigenous Round on Friday night will bring all those feelings to the surface when the Reds face the Blues at Suncorp Stadium.

"As an Indigenous girl, being able to represent my people and to know the story behind the jersey means a lot," Nona, 20, said.

"To see the boys wearing the Indigenous jersey as their away jersey for the first time when they beat the Chiefs last round was really exciting.

"For someone so young to have actually designed the jersey makes me emotional too because there's

so much knowledge inside the young people in the QRU's Future Indigenous Leaders Program." Nona has high praise for FILP student Nelliarnah Saltner, who designed the jersey in collaboration with Canterbury of New Zealand.

The purple and pink dots and circles on the jersey represent communities, including Cherbourg and Woorabinda.

Powerfully, the dots around the circles represent domestic violence and breast cancer as challenges these communities face.

"What inspired me to do this design is that every single person who went through breast cancer or domestic violence, fought," Saltner said.

"Whether they passed or survived, they all fought and that's what really inspired me to do this painting.

"The journey wave in the middle describes the challenges against

breast cancer and domestic violence not only in our culture but in all cultures.

“The dots around the journey wave on the outside are communities that are coming together as one community.”

Nona said the story behind the jersey’s bold design was one of the main reasons for choosing it from an impressive list of options.

“They are unexpected messages in a jersey but very important messages when Nelli tells that story or for me explaining what it means in my new role,” Nona said.

Nona came on board at the QRU as an Indigenous Female Mentor just two months ago. She became an Indigenous ambassador last year and helps with FILP and the Reds Generation Next program.

“Since I started playing with the Reds women’s team, I’ve got to see that a lot of young girls look up to you and want to be where you are,”

Nona said.

In Townsville for the recent Super W final, Nona gave away her boots to a young Indigenous rugby fan in the crowd after the game.

“To see them interested and wanting a selfie might be the start of those kids getting more involved in rugby because they see what is possible,” Nona said.

“I’ve come along the pathway. I went to Cavendish Road State High and got into sevens rugby through my club Sunnybank and the AON Sevens series.

“There are a lot of people watching and my opportunities in 15-a-side came from there.”

Reds coach Brad Thorn and co-captain Liam Wright presented the Super W team with their Indigenous match jerseys before the final in Townsville. It’s a show of the increasing connection between the two teams.

Reds lock Connor Vest values his role as an Indigenous ambassador and is excited about the team putting out another big performance against the Blues.

"The jersey tells a really big story. We were fortunate to play in the jersey last week and to play in it again this week is pretty cool," Vest said.

"The Indigenous jersey represents our game and is supported more and more every year.

"It was a tough, gutsy win against the Chiefs. It's always pretty clichéd that the coaches talk about having to play for 85 minutes. Digging in deep was what we spoke about.

"The ball-in-play time was 46 minutes for that game which is crazy. There's not many opportunities to defend for 27 phases (after the 80th minute). It showed the great work on connection we've done with our defensive coach (Phil Blake)."

Vest improved his game with an off-season stint with Auckland in the second half of 2022 so he understands the dangerous mindset the Reds have to contend with.

"The Blues are a team full of All Blacks. I came back from Auckland with a different rugby mind and understanding how they base play around counter-attacking and unstructured play. I've seen how that has benefitted the Reds as well.

"As the last home game of the season, it's a big one for all of us to front up."

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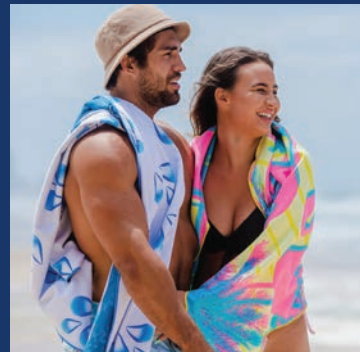


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A vibrant advertisement for TACO FUSION. The background is a collage of various Mexican dishes including burritos, tacos, pizza, and guacamole. In the center, the words 'TACO FUSION' are written in large, bold, stylized letters with a red-to-green gradient and a thick black outline. Above the text is a circular logo for 'LA BANDERITA AUTHENTIC TORTILLAS' featuring a white bull on a red and green background. To the right of the text is a small logo for 'LA BANDERITA .TV' with a QR code below it. The overall aesthetic is colorful and appetizing.



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8	SERU URU
9	TATE MCDERMOTT (CC)
10	LAWSON CREIGHTON
11	FILIPO DAUGUNU
12	TAJ ANNAN
13	JOSH FLOOK
14	SULIASI VUNIVALU
15	JOCK CAMPBELL

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18	ZANE NONGGORR
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23	JACOB RATUMAITAVUKI-KNEEPPKENS

HEAD COACH

LEON MACDONALD



THE NEW BALLYMORE HONOURS RUGBY'S HEART AND HISTORY



WRITTEN BY JIM TUCKER

Every building phase to the rebirth of Ballymore has put a smile on the face of Paul Carozza, whose life has been intertwined with the ground for four decades.

The impressive new facility being built by lead contractors Buildcorp is the future of Queensland rugby on multiple levels. Rising from the ground as a mass of concrete and steel the new National Rugby Training Center (NRTC) and McLean Stand has literally taken shape before the eyes of the former Wallaby.

For the past 14 months, Carozza has gone to work with a daily view of progress through the windows of Queensland Rugby House less than 200m away. What excites Carozza equally is the makeover of facilities and the impetus to all who will use the magnificent National Rugby Training Centre.

"There's an awesome history to this patch of ground at Ballymore," Carozza enthused.

"The new facilities and their

functionality will give a massive boost to all parts of the code for men and women, boys and girls."

Buildcorp is not just responsible for the materials and manpower for this \$30 million makeover.

The construction company also invests in the people who will bring the new training centre to life as sponsor of the Wallaroos, Australia's women's rugby team, and the Reds Academy.

"I can't help but have a spring in my step knowing there is going to be a specific Academy dressing room and physio area," said Carozza, the Buildcorp Reds Academy coaching co-ordinator.

"That's on top of the state-of-the-art gym for everyone, the meeting rooms, the social areas and a new, high-quality training field.

"It's a massive boost for the Academy to have behind it a well-respected company as a new partner. It adds more prestige and it shows that the Buildcorp people value what we do to be backing rugby's pathways.

Carozza knows the value of clear pathways because he has thrived through most of them himself since he was a teenager winning a Colts premiership at Ballymore as a flying winger with Wests in 1985. Being in the middle of the pulsating vibe of a big crowd at Ballymore was where he most enjoyed playing whether scoring tries for Queensland (1988-96) or the Wallabies. Now in his post-playing days, Carozza remains a fixture at Ballymore in a variety of talent squad manager-Academy coaching-mentoring roles.

Carozza, 56, will forever be woven into Ballymore's rich history because of the lowest blow in Bledisloe Cup history. It is 31 years since All Blacks prop Richard Loe came crashing down on Carozza's face with a blatant right forearm after he'd scored a try.

Carozza crossed for two tries that day in what would be a glorious 19-17 victory over the All Blacks to secure Lord Bledisloe's grand trophy. A bloodied and broken nose was a small price

to pay, especially with the amber painkiller swigged from the cup. "I was over it (the Loe incident) in a day because winning the Bledisloe Cup and at Ballymore was such a special thing," Carozza recalled. "It's quite funny people still want to bring it up. Loe did give me a prop's apology at the end of the series...'It doesn't look too bad, eh'."

Buildcorp's backing of rugby's values is longstanding. In December, tradies constructing the rugby center took time to give back to the grassroots. In a fruitful blitz, electricians, plumbers, carpenters and metalworkers replaced lights, added water bottle refill stations, replaced rusted uprights to the scoreboard, removed two wooden poles, put in all-weather tabletops, painted the outdoor terrace and replaced a broken barbecue at the Redlands Mudcrabs Rugby Club. A day earlier, they had given Redcliffe Rugby Club a similar spruce up.

"The Ballymore project is a source

of pride because the location does have such meaning in rugby. As a company, we always want to have a strong connection to the community and those rugby club working bees were something we wanted to be involved in from the start, we always aim to be partners on-site, on the field and in the community” said Buildcorp (Queensland) General Manager Mike Currie.

The construction of the National Rugby Training Centre, integrated with the 3010-seat McLean Stand, is also a broader statement. It will be the first new venue (hockey) completed in the facilities plan for the 2032 Brisbane Olympics.

The rugby community's strong ties to Ballymore, since the ground staged its first club games in 1967, always meant there would be personal connections in the Ballymore redevelopment. Former Reds and Wallabies hooker James Hanson is now Buildcorp's Marketing and Client Relations Manager in Queensland. You'll find Scott Daruda on-site in a

hard hat as Buildcorp's Contracts Administrator. As a 19-year-old flyhalf, he made his sole Reds appearance off the bench at Ballymore in 2005. Adelaide Hampson, with architects Blight Rayner, is the grand daughter of Ground Life Member Lester Hampson, the renowned coach.

“It's a bit of a full circle moment. I went through the Reds Academy pathway back in 2007,” Hanson said. To now be on the other side of it with this partnership between Buildcorp and the Academy and seeing the new training center come to life is quite surreal. Being partners along the whole journey from grassroots to the top level is a strong part of Buildcorp's 33 year involvement in the game.

Buildcorp is a huge advocate for the women's game and the backing for the Wallaroos' march to last year's Rugby World Cup in New Zealand now flows into a new cycle this year.

Creating the National Rugby Training Centre as the first headquarters for the Wallaroos is a

game-changer for women's rugby.

Carozza can readily see applications for the 75-seat auditorium, function room, modern corporate facilities and the upgraded Field 3. Having a full-sized, third field with a quality surface and new lighting is a massive bonus," Carozza said.

"It will be where our Under-15s, Under-16s and Under-19s train. You'll have women's teams training, doing recovery and playing trials there. We can now invite parents into an auditorium to talk about pathways and

the opportunities in rugby. Anyone from the era I played in from the 1980s and '90s should be pumped. The new grandstand is in keeping with what they've always known as the McLean Stand. The ground will still be buzzing on club grand final days. Rugby is being invigorated."

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