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Roosters v Cowboys Premiership Points Match at TIO Stadium

NRL Premiership teams the Sydney Roosters and the North Queensland Cowboys are set to thrill Darwin crowds tomorrow night when they clash in Round 7 of the NRL Telstra Premiership Match at TIO Stadium.

Tourism Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy, welcomed team Captains Sydney Roosters Braith Anasta and returning North Queensland Cowboys Co-Captain Johnathan Thurston to Darwin at Crocosaurus Cove.

“Tomorrow night’s game is a Premiership points match and will be televised nationally on Foxtel,” she said.

“It is an important game for both teams as it is part of the NRL’s 2012 fixture, so it’s not just a “friendly” game – this is a serious match and league fans will love it

“Territorians love their sport and it is very exciting to have two great teams play in Darwin as part of their premiership campaign.

“The Territory Government has contributed $285,000 towards hosting the game and for the North Queensland Cowboys who are providing a comprehensive community engagement program throughout the year.

“The game is part of the Territory Government’s commitment to bringing national major sporting events to the Territory.

“With more than 5,000 tickets already sold, the match is set to be a major sporting event in Darwin as part of the Government's Territory 2030 target of enhancing the Territory lifestyle.”

Reserved Grandstand seating and General Admission tickets are still available at www.darwinentertainment.com.au or phone 8980 3333.

Gates open at 3pm, curtain raiser match between NTRL City and NTRL Country from 4pm and kick off for the Telstra Premiership match is at 7pm.

The Roosters are 5th on the ladder and the Cowboys are 9th.

**ROOSTERS:** Braith Anasta (Captain), Anthony Minichiello, Justin Carney, Joseph BJ’Leilua, Shaun Kenny-Dowall, Sam Perrett, Mitchell Pearce, Jared Waerea-Hargreaves, Jake Friend, Martin Kennedy, Boyd Cordner, Mitchell Aubusson, Tinirau Arona. Interchange (from): Aidan Guerra, Lama Tasi, Brad Takairangi, Anthony Mitchell, Daniel Mortimer, Jack Bosden

**COWBOYS:** Johnathan Thurston (Captain), Matthew Bowen, Ashley Graham, Brent Tate, Antonio Winterstein, Kalifa Faifai Loa, , Ray Thompson, Ashton Sims, Aaron Payne, James Tamou, Gavin Cooper, Glenn Hall, Dallas Johnson. Interchange (from): James Segeyaro, Scott Bolton, Ricky Thorby, Tariq Sims, Moseese Pangai

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