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RUGBY INTERNATIONAL GAME FOR DARWIN: MOZZIES AND WALLABIES TO TAKE ON SAMOA!

The NT Government announced today $35,000 support to bringing the Samoan national team to play a Mosquitos representative. The team, which will play the International in June, will include players from the Australian Wallabies and will be supported by national coach, Eddie Jones.

“This will bring to the sporting public—especially Rugby Union fans—another great event that we can celebrate the Dry Season with,” said Mr Ah Kit.

“It will be a special thrill for our Territory boys to get the chance to play alongside Wallaby players in an international fixture against the Samoans—surely the cream of Pacific Island teams.

“With the likes of Wendell Sailor, Matt Rogers and Elton Flatley potentially donning the Mozzies’ colours, it will truly be a night to remember.

“I’ve already nick named them ‘the Aussie Mozzies’.

“And the real bonus will be having Eddie Jones back here in the Top End—I hear it took him all of two seconds to put his hand up to return to Darwin.”

Mr Ah Kit said Eddie Jones has agreed to conduct a coaching seminar for coaches from all sporting codes; coaching coaches from NTRU affiliated teams, including Katherine, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy; work with the Northern Territory Institute of Sport; and provide Wallaby players to conduct clinics for junior rugby players.

“The Government’s support for this match reflects the great importance the Martin Government places on sport as a part of the Territory’s great lifestyle,” said Mr Ah Kit.

“It also reflects the hard work the NTRU has been putting into their sport, especially in promoting links with Asia and the Pacific.

“With the Arafura Games in May; the national Commonwealth Bank Netball Trophy game, Finke Desert Race and the Western Bulldogs v Carlton match in June; plus the 2005 World Tasar Championships and V8 Supercars in July, Territorians can celebrate one of the richest sporting years on record.”

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