

**MM-1 MAYORAL MINUTE - FORMER DRUMMOYNE PLAYERS
INDUCTED INTO AUSTRALIAN RUGBY UNION HALL OF FAME**

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REPORT

On 23 October, the Australian Rugby Union inducted three Classic Wallabies into their Wallaby Hall of Fame. I am pleased to confirm to Council, that two of the three inductees were former Drummoyne players Wiley Breckenridge (1925-1930) and Greg Davis (1963-1972).

This is a great honour for these former great players and a great testament to the depth of Rugby history and talent in our City.

Wylie Breckenridge attended Drummoyne Public School, Drummoyne High School and sailed at Drummoyne 16s and of course, played rugby for Drummoyne Juniors and Seniors. Wylie aka Brecker the Wrecker had 11 caps for the Wallabies and went on to become a popular manager, taking the 1953 Australian team to South Africa and the 1955 team to New Zealand before becoming President of the ARU in 1956.

Greg Davis, who our wonderful new stand at Drummoyne Oval is named in honour of, was originally from New Zealand, moving to Australia in 1963 where he immediately joined the Drummoyne Club. Greg would go on to captain Australia on 16 occasions on tours to New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland, Scotland, France and North America. Greg sadly passed away at a young age, but it was inspiring how former Australian team-mates and Drummoyne Club President, Eric Paton, raised money to pay his medical bills.

I was honoured to host a reception to celebrate with both Wiley and Greg's families on this outstanding achievement and recognition of both players.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be noted by Council.