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The Country Rugby League will host this year's Volunteer of the Year Program this Saturday 26th September at the Holiday Inn Potts Point.

The Top 20 Finalists will be treated to a Gala dinner where the Top 5 Finalists will progress onto the NRL's One Community Awards to be held at the Museum of Contemporary Arts in The Rocks Sydney. Guests will also be treated to Sydney Sightseeing tour of Sydney Harbour.

## Laurie Foley Inducted Into Magpies Hall Of Fame

The Hay Magpies Rugby League Club has inducted 1959 Premiership Captain/coach Laurie Foley into its Hall of Fame.

Laurie becomes the fifteenth member of the Hall of Fame, which was instituted after the 'Player of the Century' Night in 2004, and comes fifty years after the great man led the Club to its first ever Group Premiership win, piloting the team to a Grand Final victory over Ivanhoe in 1959. Laurie had gained legendary status playing with Yenda in Group 20, and was regarded as one of the best players of his time in Riverina and Country Rugby League, gaining representative honours at that level before his appointment to the Hay position. His recruitment to the Magpies was seen as a coup for Rugby League in the area.

The Magpies built a great team around him, generated much excitement in Rugby League in the community, and set alight the flame that still shines brightly for the Magpies in NSW Country Rugby League.

Laurie Foley is considered one of the Magpies All Time Greats. He was named as a centre in the Hay Magpies team of the Century, and also selected as "Captain".

Although Laurie had just one season with the Club, he still very much considers the Magpies Club as a huge part of his sporting life.

He was a leader on and off the field, a true sportsman in every sense of the word, and a very worthy inclusion in the Hay Magpies Hall of Fame.

The induction into the exclusive Club was made at the Clubs' Premiership Presentation Night at Hay Services Club on Saturday, September 18.

Members of the Hay Magpies 'Hall of Fame' are H.S (Sam) Willis, J V (Johnno) Johnson, Allen (Nugget) Schiller, Bill Curtis, John Curtis, Neil-John Nisbet, Michael (Salty) Ireson, Robert Matthews, Derek Moriarty, Dean

Whitehead, Colin Wright, Peter (Parra) Montgomery, Geoff Snowdon, Danny Byrnes, Laurie Foley.

## CRL and ARLD Conference

Development Officers from all over Country NSW united in Sydney over the last couple days for the annual CRL Conference where they discussed up coming events, planning shared ideas for the year ahead. Congratulations must go to Michael Dabin CRL Development manager who organised the conference. To the right is a photo of all CRL and Country based ARLD Development Officers.



## Development Officer of the Week

Congratulations to all CRL and ARLD Development Officers for their participation and involvement in this year's annual conference. It was a very productive couple days and a great way to catch up with everyone.

Sook of the Week must go to Jay Sakaio who at conference complained that he hasn't received this year's Development Officer of the Week. Congratulations Jay.

## Thank you for supporting Calls to Arms 2009

This year the Cancer Council have seen a remarkable response to the Call To Arms campaign throughout NSW.

- The number of clubs involved has grown by 42%
- Income has already grown by 50%

All of these achievements could not have been reached if it wasn't for your support along with other sporting bodies that also helped us promote the campaign. For that we are grateful and indebted to Country Rugby League clubs.

The following is some overall information on the rugby league clubs that participated in Call To Arms: -

- 89 clubs registered, this is a 24% growth on last year
- 89 registrations equated to 2079 teams participating in Call To Arms
- 43 clubs haven banked so far
- 49% banked so far
- 49% have raised \$20,849.10 this is growth by 7% from this time last year
- \$484.86 is the average donation per club; this is growth of 271%!!!
- The highest fundraising club so far is the Sawtell Panthers Seniors raising \$4666.70

Country Rugby League should once again be immensely proud of all their clubs fantastic fundraising efforts— every dollar raised allow us to take yet another step forward in the fight against cancer in men.