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NTIS Rugby League Head Coach Appointed

The Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) today congratulated rugby league legend Duncan McGillvray on his appointment as Head Coach of the NTIS Rugby League program.

NTIS Director Ian Ford said Duncan has an impressive history of rugby league that has seen him playing for teams on the national and international stage, in a career that started right here in the Territory.

“A born and bred Territorian, Duncan’s remarkable career in rugby league started with his home team, the Nightcliff Dragons Rugby League Club where he played for three years until 1993,” Mr Ford said.

“Duncan has played for both the Penrith Panthers and South Sydney Rabbitohs in the National Rugby League (NRL) competition, as well as international games for Carcassonne Canaries in France, and with Super League club the Wakefield Wildcats in England.

“He also represented Scotland at an international level, leading the team in his final game at the 2008 Rugby League World Cup.

“As well as his playing experience Duncan has been involved in coaching Territory underage representative teams and has worked as a Development Officer with the Northern Territory Rugby League (NTRL) for the past year.

“With this balance of experience he will no doubt achieve great results as NTIS Rugby League Head Coach, and we wish him the best of luck in the task ahead of moulding our young athletes into upstanding adults, helping them to achieve at the highest possible levels in sport and in life.”

The NTIS Rugby League program aims for its athletes to be recruited to higher levels of Rugby League including NRL or Toyota Cup (NRL U20’s) contracts, NRL scholarships, Australian Schoolboys or the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Rugby League Program.

Duncan said that he is eager to develop the presence of rugby league as a leading sport throughout the Territory.

“During my time at the NTIS I plan to nurture and mentor my athletes to become better footballers while developing the skills and knowledge of rugby league within our own competition,” Duncan said.

“Personally I’m looking forward to working in such a professional environment, alongside coaches from a variety of sports who share similar goals and aspirations as I do.”

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**Images – 1. (r-l) Duncan McGillvray, NTIS Director Ian Ford and NTRL General Manager Mike Keech
2. NTIS Rugby League Head Coach Duncan McGillvray**

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