
St George Illawarra Dragons

Community Report

Apr 21 - Jul 21

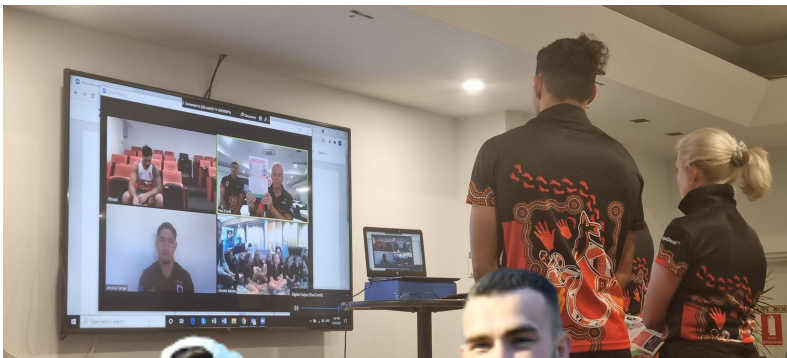


'Player Engagements

To date Dragons players have spent a huge 648 hours engaged in Community programs.

These engagements have included players taking part in a number of the following programs:

- Holiday Clinics
- School Assembly visits
- Coomaditchie Homework Club
- Best You Can Be school visits
- Best You Can Be Zoom sessions
- Score Dragons program
- Back 2 Juniors, club visits



648

Hours spent in our Community, as a part of our programs



36 NRL players have been active participants



Thousands of smiles generated all over NSW

162

Engagements conducted since December 2020

'Score Dragons

The success of the Score Dragons program continues with the introduction of our newly implemented Score Dragons Ambassador program.

The Score program has always been heavily focused on creating opportunities for participants to play and have discussions around social inclusion for those we play against. This year however heading into our 8th year with The Disability Trust and The Score Program we have enlisted the help of Score Dragons participants to become involved with our club on a weekly basis.

The Score Dragons ambassador have predominately worked within The Dragons Community department where they have been involved in a number of activities including 'The Best You Can Be' Health and Wellbeing school visits, assisting at Gala Day as well as being on hand at NRL Game Day events.

Our aims as a club is to provide the these current and future Score Dragons participants every opportunity to become champions for change in their space of influence, shifting individual and community perspectives through their own take up of inclusion strategies.

We intend having The Score Dragons participants working with us on a regular basis, building their self-confidence, independence as well as providing our community with another best practice program to be modelled by other clubs and sports.

The Score Dragons program was awarded the 2015 NRL Community Program of the Year and has since been the inspiration for the Raiders, Wests Tigers and Melbourne Storm to adopt similar programs.



‘Score Dragon v Score Raiders

The Score Dragons and Score Raiders enjoyed playing the curtain raiser exhibition match on Saturday, June 19 at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

The Score teams were a part of Saturday's triple-header including the NRL and Knock On Effect Cup teams respective clashes with Canberra.

The Score Dragons and Raiders met in 2019 in a fun-filled afternoon at the Sydney Cricket Ground and collided once more in the nation's capital in 2020. They share a win apiece.

This was set to be the first of two Score games between the two teams in 2021, however due to COVID-19 the second match scheduled for early July in Canberra, was cancelled.

As a part of the program, the Score Dragons are regularly invited to train at the WIN Stadium facilities. On this occasion it provided a great opportunity for the team to hold their Captain's Run prior to the Score Raider clash. A number of Dragons players were also in attendance including Zac Lomax, Mikaele Ravalawa, Jackson Ford, Tyrell Sloan and Junior Amone. All regulars at Score Dragons training throughout the year.

Score Dragons player Samil Bagia was also mic'd up for their victory over the Score Raiders at WIN Stadium, with all the action from both events showcased on dragons.com.au



2021 Indigenous Round Wrap:

Although we did not have a home fixture this year, our club successfully took part in a number of engagement to celebrate this years NRL Indigenous Round. These activities included the following:

- NRL School to Work student visit to training in conjunction with ADF. Tyrell Sloan & Tyrell Fuimaono both being graduate's of the program.
- Back 2 Juniors visit to Berkeley Eagles JRLFC in conjunction with Doordash, Sneaky Burger and NRL. The NRL supplied each participant with a football and dinner on the night. Jack Bird (Berkeley Junior), Josh Kerr and Tyrell Sloan were all on hand.
- The Dragons hosted some legendary former Indigenous players and local elders to present our Indigenous Round team with their jerseys before being invited to stay back for a BBQ.
- Anthony Mundine, Nathan Blacklock, Jeff Hardy, John Simon, Craig Simon and Ricky Walford
- Anthony Mundine and Nathan Blacklock also lead the side onto the field for our Round 12 clash v Tigers
- Paul Everill and media manager Jack Brady discussed the Dragons' 2021 indigenous jersey with designer Johnny Robinson ahead of Indigenous Round



