

ITEM 5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - DRUMMOYNE DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB 150TH ANNIVERSARY**Attachments:** **Nil**Submitted by: Councillor Michael Megna (Mayor)

MOTION

That Council:

1. Congratulate the Drummoyne District Rugby Football Club on its 150th anniversary.
 2. Promote the Drummoyne District Rugby Football Club's 'Festival of Rugby' 150th anniversary celebrations through Council's communications channels
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BACKGROUND

Not many sporting clubs can boast a history spanning 150 years. Some of the world's most storied and iconic clubs like Manchester United, the Boston Red Socks and Barcelona FC have not reached this milestone. So, it is with immense pride that our local 'Dirty Reds', the Drummoyne District Rugby Football Club, celebrates its sesquicentennial anniversary.

As a local, amateur and community-based sporting club, Drummoyne District Rugby Football Club has played a major role in the development of rugby in Sydney since 1874.

The Club's origins began in 1874 when the Balmain RUFC formed. In 1889, a rugby club was founded in neighbouring Glebe, soon to become famous as 'the Dirty Reds'.

Following a merger in 1919, and the depression-era project to construct Drummoyne Oval in 1931, the relocated Glebe-Balmain Club decided to change its name to the Drummoyne District Rugby Football Club. Although it changed its name, it kept its long-held traditions: the scarlet jumpers of Glebe, its nickname 'the Dirty Reds', and the black and gold of Balmain – still worn proudly by today's players on their socks.

To commemorate the Club's extraordinary history and to capture the spirit of this significant occasion, the Club is hosting a 'Festival of Rugby' from 28–30 June.

The Drummoyne Festival of Rugby will incorporate:

- **Friday, 28 June: Doltone House Hyde Park**
 - Gala Dinner
- **Saturday, 29 June: Drummoyne Oval**
 - Minis, Juniors and regular club fixtures
 - First Grade or First Grade Colts under lights
- **Sunday, 30 June: Drummoyne Oval**
 - Classic Wallabies junior clinic
 - Women's 10s Rugby fixtures
 - Classic Wallabies v Mayor's Dirty Red Invitational XV

The Club's aim is to highlight Sunday 30th as a "whole of community event" and is encouraging as many local families, kids and anyone wanting a great day out to come down to Drummoyne Oval.

The club will provide entertainment, food and drinks, and a great time for our whole community, not just rugby fans or those associated with the club.

I ask Council to join me in celebrating this significant anniversary and in congratulating the Club, it's players, officials and many passionate supporters and volunteers.