



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB LTD

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the North Sydney District Rugby League Football Club Limited (Company) for the 2023 year will be held in the **Irvine Room at North Sydney Leagues Club, 12 Abbott Street, Cammeray** on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6.00pm**, in accordance with the following agenda:

- 1) Meeting opened by the Chairman and Apologies.
- 2) One minute's silence in memory of deceased members and their families.
- 3) Acceptance of the previous AGM Minutes 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023.
- 4) Chairman's Address: Mr Daniel Dickson
- 5) CEO's Address: Mr Gareth Holmes
- 6) Receive and consider the Financial Statements of the company for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 and the reports of the Directors and the Auditor thereon.
- 7) To consider Special Resolutions listed below
- 8) Election of NSDRLFC Board 2024-2027
- 9) Election of Life Members - Mr Jason Taylor
- 10) Head Coach's Address: Mr Pat Wiesner
- 11) NRL Bid Update
- 12) General Business - any matter which may lawfully be brought forward in accordance with the Constitution.
- 13) Close

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#### **Special Resolution - Appointment of Mr Anthony 'Tony' Crawford as a Sponsor Director.**

As per clause 29(b) of the Company's Articles of Association, that Mr Anthony 'Tony' Crawford be appointed as a Sponsor Director of the company.

#### **North Sydney Bears**



## Explanatory Memorandum

Clause 29(b) requires a special resolution of members to appoint a Sponsor Director to the Board who is not required to be a member of the company.

The Bears are pleased to announce the appointment of Tony Crawford as a Director of the NSDRLFC Board, bringing with him strong working knowledge of the NRL having been involved at both a club and league level. Tony has broad experience and success across multiple industry sectors, with focus in operational leadership combined with exceptional financial skills to drive outcomes. As Chief Financial Officer and Head of Club & State Services of the NRL from 2013 – 2020, Tony led the planning and execution of strong NRL financial results, building a war chest that ultimately allowed the NRL to successfully meet the financial challenges COVID brought to professional sport. Tony also led the restructure of a number of NRL clubs, including the leagues ownership and later sale of the Newcastle Knights and Gold Coast Titans. Tony will be a key leader in our push for readmission to the NRL as the 18th team.

**The Board recommends that members vote in favour of the Special Resolution.**

### 2023 Financial Report

The 2023 Financial Report is available to Members with this agenda. It may also be viewed on the company's website at [www.northsydneybears.com.au](http://www.northsydneybears.com.au) Should you wish to receive a hard copy version, please contact the Football Office on 02 9245 3060 or email [admin@northsydneybears.com.au](mailto:admin@northsydneybears.com.au)

Members are provided the opportunity of asking questions at the AGM relevant to the Financial Report. To be able to provide an informed response, any such questions should be made in writing seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Any question(s) raised without notice may need to be deferred until further detailed information is obtained, in which case the answer(s) shall be posted on the Club's website. Questions can be sent via email to [admin@northsydneybears.com.au](mailto:admin@northsydneybears.com.au)

### Proxy Voting

The relevant laws governing Proxy Voting are contained within the *Corporations Act*. The provision of proxy voting is mandatory for public companies, unless the company is a registered (licensed) club.



The legislation provides that for a proxy's appointment to be valid, the Member must forward the proxy appointment to the company at least 48 hours before the meeting. Accordingly, to ensure the validity of a proxy vote, the proxy vote must be delivered to the North Sydney District Rugby League Football Club Ltd, 12 Abbott Street CAMMERAY or by mail to PO Box 150 Cammeray NSW 2062 by 6.00pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March or by email to [admin@northsydneybears.com.au](mailto:admin@northsydneybears.com.au)

### **Election of Directors**

Nominations are invited for election to the Board of Directors for the 2024-2027 period. Nominees as per Clause 36(b)(ii) of the Company's Articles of Association are required to have been a Member in the year in which the meeting is held and each of the two preceding years. As per Clause 35, nominations must be received not less than 28 days before the date of the AGM. Nominees are invited to complete a biographical statement on the nomination form for distribution to financial Members.

### **Life Members**

As per clause 11, the Board shall at the AGM recommend for individuals for election to Life Membership of the Club. A list of the Club's current Life Members appears in the Club's Annual Report. At this AGM the Board has recommended one individual for Life Membership whom they believe satisfies the relevant criteria:

#### ***Jason Taylor***

JT played 147 games for the Bears between 1994 and 1999 as well as being selected on three occasions for the New South Wales and City Origin representative sides. In 1996 JT was awarded the Rothmans Medal for the Best and Fairest Player in the ARL competition. JT scored more points in his six years as a player at North Sydney than any other in the Club's history, amassing 1,274 points. JT was to play 276 First Grade games in total between 1991 and 2001. He set some extraordinary records, including in 2001 breaking Darl Halligan's point-scoring record of 2,034 points. He retired from having scored a record 2,107 First Grade points. He also retired with the record for the most First Grade career goals at 942. JT also demonstrated an extraordinary resilience as a player, playing 194 First Grade games in succession between 1992 and 2000.



After retirement JT has continued his significant contribution to rugby league and the North Sydney club. In late 2018 JT re-joined North Sydney as Head Coach. In his five years JT coached the NSW Cup side to a Minor Premiership and Grand Final in 2023 as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 2022 and 2019. As the Club's Director of Coaching he played an important role in the women's programme that saw the NSW Harvey Norman competition side win two Minor Premierships.

Prior to JT rejoining North Sydney he enjoyed a distinguished NRL coaching record. In 2006 he coached Parramatta before joining South Sydney in 2007 for three years, coaching the Rabbitohs to their first finals appearance in 18 years. In 2010 he joined the coaching team at the Sydney Roosters for several years before joining the Wests Tigers as head coach between 2015 and 2017. After the conclusion of his five years as North Sydney coach he has recently joined the Canterbury-Bankstown NRL side as assistant coach.

### **Membership**

It is a requirement that your membership is up to date. If your membership is up for renewal please do so in order to attend the meeting. The Club will accept renewals at the meeting.

### **Minutes**

Minutes from the 2022 Football Year AGM held 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 are available on request to [admin@northsydneybears.com.au](mailto:admin@northsydneybears.com.au) or for review prior to the meeting at the door.

Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024