



Country Weekend Venue Determined

Southern Beaches Rugby Club has been successful in tendering to host the 2010 Country Championship Weekend.

The Newcastle Hunter club will host the Country Championship Weekend at Cahill and Barton Ovals, Belmont on 27 and 28 March 2010.

This will be the first time a Senior Country Championship Weekend has been held in the Newcastle Hunter Zone since 1994 when the Muswellbrook Rugby Club hosted Country Week.

Eight Senior and eight Colts (U20's) Zone Representative Teams will play a total of sixteen matches over the two days to determine the winners of the Caldwell Cup, Richardson Shield, Colts Championship and Colts Plate.

Four hundred players from around the state will participate at the Country Championship Weekend, which will also serve as the final selection process for the NSW Country Cockatoo and Country Colts Representative Squads.

NSWCRU President Bruce Worboys said "the Southern Beaches Rugby Club is a young club based in one of the growth areas in the Hunter, and the hosting of the Country Championship Weekend will provide an opportunity to showcase the game of Rugby".

"The Newcastle Hunter Zone is the largest in Country Rugby, both in club numbers and participants, and it is fitting the Country Championship Weekend will be hosted by one of their emerging clubs" Worboys added.

He went on to say "the tender process was extensive, with the quality of the Tender Applications being very professional and competitive, and he thanked the Zones and Clubs who hadn't been successful".

The 2010 Country Championships will be played over two weekends, with the Qualifying Matches being played on 20 March at various locations across the state, and then the semi-finals and finals at Belmont on 27 and 28 March.

Qualifying Matches – 20 March 2010

Central Coast v Central North – Central Coast
Central West v New England – Central West
Illawarra v Western Plains – Illawarra
Newcastle Hunter v Far North Coast – Newcastle Hunter

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