



Worboys Returned Unopposed

Bruce Worboys has been re-elected unopposed as President of New South Wales Country Rugby Union for the next two years.

The Union's 55th Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, 29 November 2009 at the New South Wales Rugby Union Offices, Moore Park.

This will be Worboys' second term as the Union's President, and he was also elected unopposed as the Delegate to the NSW Rugby Union Board of Directors, also for a two year period.

He will replace Laurie Maher on the NSW Rugby Union Board, as Laurie Maher had to stand down under the NSW Rugby Union Constitution having completed three two year terms.

In other NSWCRU elections, Phil Payne was re-elected as a Director, while Barry Ruddy was elected as a Director to replace Col Jeffs who didn't seek re-election due to increased business commitments.

Worboys, Payne and Ruddy will join Laurie Maher, Steve Rosa, Peter Veenstra and Garry Warfield on the NSW Country Rugby Union Board for the 2010 season.

Worboys said "he was looking forward to leading Country Rugby into the next decade, as the Union would have to face many challenges to maintain its profile as one of the leading sporting associations in Australia".

He went on to say "the sporting landscape had changed dramatically, and what had worked for Country Rugby in the past mightn't work in the future, so there was a need to move with the times and make the necessary changes".

The Union had enjoyed a successful season during 2009, with the performances of the representative teams, in particular the Country Cockatoos, once again showing the Rugby talent which continues to be developed in the bush.

The Union's season will officially kick off on 20 March 2010 with the staging of the 2010 Country Championship Qualifying Matches at Nelson Bay, Orange, Wollongong and Woy Woy.

The 2010 Country Championship Weekend will be held on 27 & 28 March 2010 in Newcastle.

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