



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Castle Hill RSL to Host Western Sydney Academy of Sport Benefit

Castle Hill RSL is proudly hosting 'A Night With The Stars', a benefit for Western Sydney Academy of Sport on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

The exciting Western Sydney Academy of Sport is an independent, not-for-profit and community based organisation that assists western Sydney's talented young athletes achieve their sporting goals – through the provision of high quality development programs.

The Academy's athlete development programs have established benchmark standards and value in the officially recognised development pathway for athletes in sports. The Academy works closely with recognised State Sporting Agencies, the NSW Institute of Sport and District Associations to ensure its programs carefully endorsed and provide an integrated pathway for talented athlete development.

The Academy's programs provide significant "added value" to an athlete's personal development through application of high level coaching resources, educational and technical development components and a variety of competition opportunities.

Academy CEO Martin Bullock said, "The combined efforts of so many corporate supporters from The Hills was a wonderful show of support for the Western Sydney region's talented young athletes. The Academy is a showcase for the enormous talent pool that lies within western Sydney - and so many of our talented young sportspeople will benefit greatly from the funds raised by our 'Hills Heroes'".

Warren Glenny, President Castle Hill RSL Group said, "We are extremely proud to be hosting his wonderful benefit. This is yet another way Castle Hill RSL is demonstrating their commitment to sport in the Hills District and beyond. Castle Hill RSL is committed to supporting sport across all levels from grass roots to elite programs".

Dr Jim Taggart, Managing Director of The Taggart Group Said, "The Taggart Group are proud to be supporting the Western Sydney Academy of Sport, who provides assistance in helping talented young athletes in Western Sydney to reach their sporting goals. The



Taggart Group are great supporters of Western Sydney community and sporting organisations, and we value the work that is done by the Academy for the sporting youth in our region”.

Mark Mahoney, CEO iMS Group said, “It is always rewarding being part of a great cause, having experienced exactly what the benefits of WSAS from a person point of view I did not need to be talked into becoming part of the great team of people involved in organising what will be a great night! Quality people attract fantastic results and this event will deliver much needed funds for WSAS and for our elite youth! It was a no brainer for me in the end!”.

John Glover, Director of Pendragon said, “As a child, not many have the support from elder peers and this is where we want to help. Sport stimulates the brain and acts as the essence of team building which we all know is the foundation of a good business. As businesses of today we have all shared the dream and desire to be the best, this event will help Western Sydney’s young talent to do the same”.

“Westpac Bank is proud to be sponsoring the Western Sydney Academy of Sport, we wish the talented young athletes of Western Sydney every success in their future endeavours”.

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