



ABOUT ROD MACQUEEN AM

“During the Macqueen-Eales partnership, Australian rugby experienced its golden era. Sometimes words of high praise are thrown round loosely, but I dare any historian to go back through more than a century, and find in terms of silverware, a more successful team – a team hallmarked not only by an outstanding coach and players but outstanding role models as well.”

John O’Neill AO, ARU Chief Executive and Managing Director

Rod Macqueen AM is arguably Australia’s most successful national coach and is recognised worldwide as one of the best rugby coaches of the modern era.

Following the Wallabies World Cup win in November 1999, the Macqueen coached team created rugby history by becoming the only nation to hold every international trophy on offer at the one time.



Under Rod’s coaching, the Wallabies achieved an astonishing 81 per cent win/loss ratio.

In 2001 the International Rugby Board acknowledged his success as National Coach when he was awarded the “International Coach of the Year”. In the same year, Rod was admitted to the Australian Sports Hall of Fame as an Associate member and was presented with the Prime Minister’s Sports Medal Award.

In the 2003 Australia Day Honours List Rod was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia.

Rod Macqueen combines his rugby expertise with community contribution. He is renowned for his leadership in the Surf Lifesaving movement and for his creative vision in business. As a sportsman in his own right, Rod excelled at the highest level in both surfboat rowing and rugby.

Rod played 173 First Grade matches for Sydney rugby club, Warringah, then went on to coach their top grade into two grand finals, and later successfully coached the NSW ‘Waratahs’ to an undefeated season in 1991.

He then surprised the Super 12 competition with his innovative and enthusiastic stint in charge of the newly formed ACT 'Brumbies' who were never defeated under his leadership on home soil and made the finals in just the second year of their existence. Rod was instrumental in the development of the ACT Brumbies playing structure and culture. Rod has also been an Australian rugby Test selector.

A lateral thinker and innovator, Rod has demonstrated throughout his life an ability to unite people to a common cause and create an environment to help them realise their potential to achieve maximum success.

A commercial artist by trade, Rod's point-of-sale advertising business, Advantage Line, has a multi-million dollar annual turnover and has regularly won Australia's top design awards. In addition, he is on the board of several major corporations and consults to multi-national companies.

Rod was also a member of the IRB's Rugby Committee and has played an influential role in conceiving and implementing law changes widely acclaimed as enhancing international rugby.

As a member of the advisory board to the Melbourne Rebels, Rod has made a major contribution to the licensing and establishment of international rugby's newest club in Melbourne. He was also an advisor to the Melbourne Rebels team that competed in and was runner-up in the Mazda Australian Rugby Championship that ran for a single season in 2007.

"Rod Macqueen developed a highly effective way of playing and took a cutting edge managerial role that would be followed in future by others"

John O'Neill AO, ARU Chief Executive and Managing Director

ROD MACQUEEN AM - ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORT

- Associate member of the Sports Hall of Fame
- Member of the Order of Australia (AM)
- Prime Ministers Medal for Excellence in Sport

Surf Lifesaving Career:

- Won three NSW surfboat titles with Collaroy in 1977, 1978, 1984
- Twice second in the national surfboat championships in **1979 and 1980**
- Third in one mile surfboat race at world championships in Hawaii in 1983
- Represented NSW five times, on three occasions as captain, with the team winning each time
- Won Australian masters rowing competition in 1989, 1990
- Won over-35 State surfboat championship in 1990
- Two years captain of Collaroy Surf Club and subsequently awarded honorary life membership.

Playing Career:

- Eleven seasons as a forward with Warringah and two with Eastwood between 1969 and 1981
- Entered Warringah's first-grade at 18 years of age. Played more than 200 first-grade games, 173 of them with Warringah and had five seasons as Warringah captain
- Warringah's Best and Fairest Player in first-grade in 1969, 1973, 1974, 1976 and also awarded the President's Trophy in 1973
- Played for Sydney and Australian Barbarians in 1973 and following year in Australian Possibles-Probables trial.

Coaching Experience:

- Started aged 19 with Warringah junior representative sides
- Took Warringah second grade to the final in 1985
- In 1986, appointed Warringah's club and first-grade coach, with the club fielding six grade and four colts teams. During the four-year period 1986-89, Warringah won the NSWRU club championship in 1987 and competed in the first-grade grand finals in 1987 and 1988
- Coached Sydney in 1987, NSW B in 1988, NSW Waratahs in 1991-92, Australian XV in 1995, ACT Brumbies in 1996-97
- Australian **Coach** from September 1997 until his retirement after the Lions series in July 2001.
- Coached Australia against **14 different** countries.

Australian selector:

1992, 1994-95, 1997-01.

Records/Achievements:

- In 1991, NSW Waratahs were undefeated in ten games under his coaching, including wins over Argentinean and New Zealand provincial teams, Queensland (twice), England and Wales. The 71-8 victory over Wales in 1991 was a record score. Altogether, he guided the Waratahs to 14 wins and a draw from 19 games
- ACT Brumbies never beaten on home soil when Macqueen was coaching and in 1997, their second year in the competition, were finalists against Auckland Blues in Super 12, in which they were defeated 33-7.
- Macqueen assumed the role of national coach after Australia suffered a 61-22 defeat at the hands of South Africa in Pretoria on August 23, 1997
- On November 6, 1999 the Wallabies defeated **France** 35-12 in Cardiff to capture the Rugby World Cup, after an undefeated run through their pool games, then the quarter and semi-finals
- Macqueen's Wallabies played before a world record rugby crowd of 109,874 when beaten 39-35 by New Zealand at Stadium Australia on July 15, 2000. They also attracted 107,042 to the same venue when they defeated New Zealand 28-7 on August 28 the previous year
- Vodafone Wallabies received "International Team of the Year" Award at the 2000 Australian Sports Awards in Adelaide. Other finalists in the international teams category included the Hockeyroos and the Australian cricket team. Macqueen also a finalist in Coach of the Year category
- Macqueen's record as national coach: Tests 43, Won 34, Drawn 1, Lost 8. Unbeaten ratio: 81.4 per cent. Non-Test match record: Played 5, Won 5
- The Wallabies had never beaten the Lions in a series until they did so under Macqueen in 2001.

Cups Won

- Cook Cup (v England) 1998/1999
- Bledisloe Cup (v NZ) 1998/1999/2000
- Hopetoun Cup (v Scotland) 1998, 2000
- Lansdowne Cup (v Ireland) 1999
- World Cup 1999
- Puma Trophy (v Argentina) 2000
- Mandela Challenge Plate (v South Africa) 2000
- Tri Nations Trophy 2000
- Trophee des Bicentenaries (v France) 2000
- Tom Richards Cup (v British & Irish Lions) 2001

Record Scores

- 76-0 (v England), Brisbane 1998. This was the highest score ever against any nation and the biggest winning points margin.
- 53-6 over Argentina in Brisbane in 2000
- 66-20 over Fiji in Sydney in 1998
- 46-10 over Ireland in Brisbane in 1999
- 57-9 over Romania in Belfast in 1999 (World Cup)
- 45-3 over Scotland in Sydney in 1998
- 44-23 over South Africa in Melbourne in 2000
- 74-0 over Tonga in Canberra in 1998
- Longest winning streak (10): 28 August 1999 – 15 July 2000 and 29 August 1998 – 17 July 1999