



[Dragons Support Bush Fire Relief](#)

The St George Illawarra Dragons' community relief tour of the South Coast concluded on Wednesday; the club spending three days covering off 200 kilometres of the bushfire-ravaged area.

Select Dragons representatives spent Monday in Moruya before the entire club's playing squad, football and administration staff convened at Batemans Bay's Hanging Rock Sports Complex on Tuesday for an afternoon of activities and a meet and greet.

While the tragic double fatality in Bodalla later on Tuesday prevented the club from staying in their planned accommodation in Narooma and Bermagui, members of the playing squad and staff still travelled south on Wednesday to fulfil the majority of the scheduled community events.



[Bushfire relief tour brings devastation home to Dragons](#)

[Dragons to replace goal posts burned in school fire](#)

Wednesday saw the Dragons take part in a number of community activities that included setting up animal food stations in Milton, feeding giraffes at Mogo Zoo, fixing fences on the Jessop and Salway family farms in Cobargo as well as visiting schools and community centres from Lake Conjola to as far south as Quaama.

The Dragons' major partner St.George Bank also donated \$2000 to Cobargo Public School to help buy new goal posts after their old ones were destroyed amongst the bushfire devastation, while the club funded a community BBQ as part of the Cobargo Co-Op.

A broken down bus at Narooma impacted a number of Dragons players and staff members on Wednesday afternoon – of which we thank Davis and Herbert Timber and Forestry mill for their assistance – but that was nothing compared to the suffering caused within this segment of the club's catchment.

Dragons Community have already committed to continually frequent the South Coast in name of delivering important programs such as Best You Can Be. The Dragons Community team will also visit the likes of Bega, Eden and Tathra later in 2020.

As announced on Thursday, the Dragons' community relief tour acted as an extension to the NRL's Roads to Regions program that will commence in mid-February.

League Stars - The first round of League Stars for 2020

- Kevin Walsh Oval Jamberoo
- Mount Brown Public School
- Jim Allen Oval, Wombarra
- Oatley Public School
- Carlton Public School
- Brighton Le Sands Public School
- Peakhurst West Public School
- Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Earlwood

[Try League](#)

The NSWRL are once again running their 'Try League' program in the St George area this coming February and March.

The 'Try League' program is a fun, safe way for boys and girls from culturally and linguistically diverse communities to get active and learn the basics of rugby league.

The eight-week program (February 4-March 24) costs \$20 and will be run out of Bexley Park.

All Stars

The NRL School to Work Program (S2W) is an education and employment program that utilises the positive profile of the game of Rugby League to support and encourage young Indigenous Australians to complete their schooling and successfully transition into further education or employment.

Each year four students from each NRL Club enrolled in the School to Work program are selected to attend the NRL All Stars Indigenous Youth Leadership Summit. Students are selected to attend the week-long summit as a result of the outstanding effort they have put into their school work, attendance, attitude, willingness to learn and recommendations from their teachers.

This year we are proud to announce that the following four students will be representing the St George Illawarra Dragons in 2020

Name	School
Nathan Eldridge	Kanahooka High School
Maverick Waddell	Kanahooka High School
Tykiera Brown	Warrawong High School
Mayra Brewer	Oak Flats High School

NRL 9 Trophy Tour

Off the back of a successful NRL 9s campaign the women's trophy has been on the road with our development team as a part of Best You Can Be (63 Schools to date in 2020) and Dragons Assembly visits across the region, with Peakhurst West Public School (pictured) among the first in the Kogarah region to get their hands on the trophy.

The Trophy will also head west when The Dragons visit schools in Mudgee, Gulgong, Dunedoo, Rylstone and Kandos during Charity Shield engagements.

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