



## **HEZ and Bulldogs together for another season**

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Hunter Economic Zone (HEZ) will continue its sponsorship of the Kurri Bulldogs Rugby League Club in 2008, as the club looks set for a strong season performance, bolstered by several new players.

HEZ began its sponsorship of the Bulldogs and its home ground, HEZ Sports Ground, in 2007, joining the club at a time when the ground was facing closure and the Bulldogs uncertain if they had the funds required to play the upcoming season.

HEZ general manager, Michael Barrow, said HEZ is delighted to be on board with the Bulldogs for a second year, and is looking forward to seeing the side perform strongly.

"HEZ is committed to the local community in Kurri Kurri and its surrounding areas, and sports such as Rugby League are an important part of that. He said HEZ looks forward to watching the club grow and prosper under our continued sponsorship," Mr Barrow said.

With a now certain future, six new players have joined the Bulldogs in 2008, and according to club secretary, David Ross, the team has expectations of gaining a berth in the semi-finals.

"The Bulldogs has put together a strong side for 2008, which combines both the experience of existing members and the addition of fresh skills from our new players.

"With the support of HEZ for another year, we are expecting to produce some outstanding performances and results throughout the season," Mr. Ross said.

HEZ's sponsorship of the Bulldogs and HEZ Sports Ground runs for three years.