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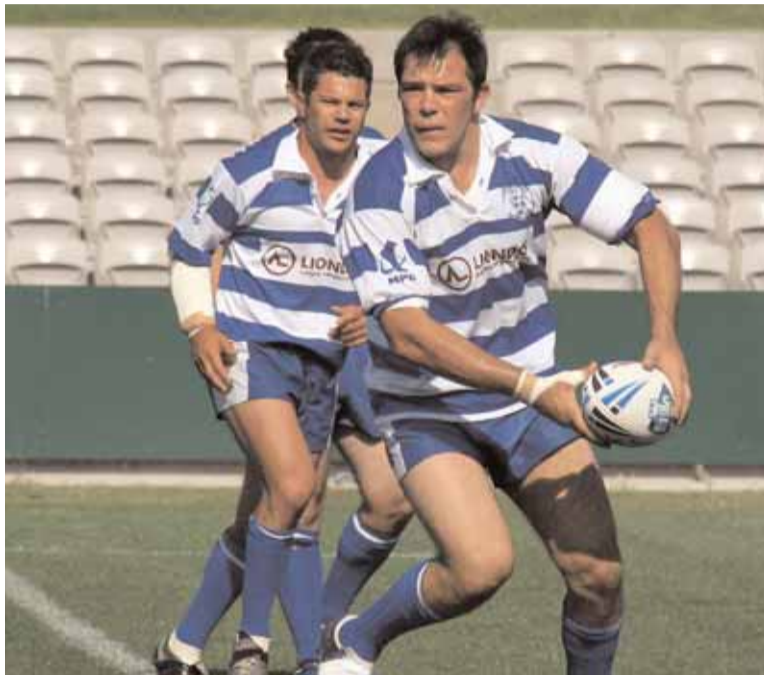
Australian - Mediterranean Shield 4 Nations Rugby League

BY TERRY LIBEROPOULOS

Greece, Italy, Malta and Portugal will do battle in the inaugural Aus-Med Shield Four Nations tournament this month. The tournament will be held over two weekends at Marconi Stadium in Sydney's west with the opening matches commencing on October 10. Greece will take on Portugal at 3pm and Italy will then do battle with Malta at 5pm.

On October 17, the two winners will take on each other at 5pm with the play-off for third at 3pm. While all players will be coming from Australia and England, the aim of the tournament is to help develop the game in the Mediterranean nations. It will also be the first step to the 2013 World Cup with the nations preparing their squads in order to compete in the qualifying stages from 2011.

Greece will go into the first



game understrength with skipper Michael Korkidas unavailable for the first game. With Nick Kouparitsas, George Gatis and David Georgiou all unavailable due to injury, Greece will be looking towards the likes of Petros

Thanos, Kosta Kouparitsas, Nick Nikitaras, Alex Pattalis and former Penrith player Jamie Theoharous to lead the way. **"We are still hopeful of getting John Skandalis to play in the second game,"** said Greek Rugby League coach

Steve Georgallis. Portugal could be the surprise packets after selecting the likes of Victor Penitani, Blake Austin, Eddie Sua, Chester Pselio and Demetrius Ainuu. All the

players have been playing in either the Toyota Cup or Bundaberg Red Cup and will add some much needed experience to the side. Italy have been installed as favourites to win the AMS Four Nations with former

Cronulla first grade players Andrew Dallalana and Paul Franze selected. Newcastle Knights first grader Cameron Ciraldo has also been selected to play for the Italians as has Wests Tigers Toyota Cup player Jay Florimo. Jay is the son of former North Sydney legend Greg Florimo, who is still part of the Bears set-up. Greg represented Italy in 2003 when they played Greece. Other key players that have been selected for the Italians include NSW Cup/Bundaberg

Red Cup players Rhys Lenarducci, Ben Stewart, Ray Nasso, Andrew Kaleopa, Ryan Tremonte and Alex Ranieri. Malta have selected Jarrod Sammut in their squad.

The Penrith NRL player has also represented Malta both in Australia and overseas and will be the key weapon during the tournament. Malta will be skippered by Brad Clews and have selected Simon Micallef, Ian Catania, Luke Vella, Guy Borgas, Dane Snelson and Pat Galea for their squad.

The Aus-Med Shield
 Marconi Stadium, Sydney
Saturday, October 10
 3pm: Greece vs Portugal
 5pm: Malta vs Italy
Saturday, October 17
 3pm: Plate Final
 5pm: Shield Final

New Mayor for Randwick City

Councillor John Procopiadis welcomed the opportunity to serve as Mayor for the next year, following his election on Tuesday night, 29 September 2007.

Councillor Procopiadis was elected by a majority vote to the mayoralty in front of a packed gallery, which included former Mayors and councillors and community representatives.

In his opening address as the new Mayor, Cr Procopiadis said

he was committed to working cooperatively with all Councillors and the Council staff for the benefit of the residents of Randwick City.

"I've enjoyed representing my West Ward constituents on Randwick Council for 15 years. I'm now very privileged to be able to represent the whole community of this terrific City," said the Mayor.

"While the work of a council is broad-ranging and covers many different types of works and services, during my term as Mayor I want to have a specific focus on four areas: community engagement; Council reform; remediation of contaminated land sites, in particular Chifley Reserve; and additional services for children and seniors."

Elected to Council in 1994, Mayor Procopiadis has lived in the great City of Randwick for nearly 48 years.

Cr Robert Belleli, who has served on Randwick Council since 2004, was elated to be elected to the position of Deputy Mayor and said he looked forward to working with the new Mayor of Randwick.



The new Mayor, Cr Procopiadis, and Deputy Mayor, Cr Belleli.

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