



Former hard man recognised by Men of League

Former Kangaroo and World War II Veteran, Neville 'Ned' Andrews OAM will be recognised for his services to Queensland Rugby League at Scenic Lodge, Merewether this Monday 10th October, 2011.

On behalf of Queensland Rugby League Chairman John MacDonald AM and Managing Director Ross Livermore, Mr Ross Gigg, Secretary of the Newcastle Chapter Men of League Foundation, will make a special presentation to recognise Ned's achievements north of the border during the 1950s.

A former State Dockyard rigger, Ned Andrews played his junior football with South Newcastle before joining Mackay as the district coach in 1950, where he was selected to play for Queensland.

A talented five eighth / centre, Ned was a player coach for Dorrigo and Coffs Harbour during the late 50s and early 60s and his representative career included multiple selections for Country Football, NSW Country and NSW Possibles v Probables, making him one of a handful of players to represent New South Wales and Queensland.

Ned's footballing abilities were ultimately recognised in 1950 when he played in the second Test for Australia against England in Brisbane.

Ned continued his involvement beyond his playing career, coaching several junior football teams and first grade teams including coaching the historic 1964 Newcastle side defeating Sydney. Ned was also a trustee of the International Sports Centre.

"The Men of League Foundation is thrilled to be given the opportunity to recognise Ned's football achievements," Mr Gigg said.

"To think Ned achieved so much in the game at club and representative level but still managed to work full time which is amazing. I'm looking forward to spending the morning with the residents to share some great memories," he said.

Ned Andrew's is a resident at Anglican Care's state of the art aged care facility, Scenic Lodge Merewether.

He still follows both the Newcastle Rugby League Competition and the NRL as a keen Newcastle Knights supporter.