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# Clinic gives a bird's-eye view of next-gen stars

## Youngsters meet heroes and get a few pointers at Narrabeen training session

MONDAY night's slashing win over the St George Illawarra Dragons at Brookvale Oval was not the only highlight for a fast-improving Sea Eagles this week.



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On Wednesday the players laughed and joked their way through a young members day, with youngsters from all parts of the state and the peninsula enjoying personal time with the players at a fun clinic at the team's training headquarters at Narrabeen.

The players enjoyed the morning as much as the young fans.

The bye week has given the team the chance to spend time with their supporters, who have stuck solid through tough times of late.

On Thursday the team broke training to spend time with the amazing people from Ability Options, who place people with disabilities in sustainable jobs via Federal Government initiatives.

Manly captain Jamie Lyon said the team was delighted to support Ability Options, who are a key community sponsor of the Sea Eagles.

"The support they give to people who need assistance to achieve their goals is amazing," Lyon said.

Lyon led the team in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday at the visit for longtime member and supporter Lee-ann Ellem.

She is wheelchair-bound but never misses a game at Brookvale Oval with her amazing mum and carer Deidre. They travel from the Central Coast for all home matches and have been doing so for 20 years.

#### BUHRER BELTER

IF EVER a player deserved to kick a ball out off the park after scoring a long distance try it is Jamie Buhrer.

Buhrer has spent more time in rehabilitation than on the field in recent seasons but never once gave up the fight to get back to doing what he does best for Manly.

His amazing runaway try against the Dragons from a scrum win on his own 20m line was a highlight in a game of total enjoyment for the fans.

#### WORKERS PAIRING

THE joint venture with Blacktown Workers for the next four years in the Intrust Super Premiership puts the Sea Eagles in line with other NRL clubs who have similar arrangements with clubs outside their district.

South Sydney have an alliance with North Sydney, Canberra with Mounties.

Melbourne have the Sunshine Coast, Parramatta have Wentworthville, Cronulla have Newtown.

It simply means players in the top 25 who don't make the NRL top 17 will play at Blacktown with the newly formed Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles.



A similar arrangement which saw Daly CherryEvans and Tony Williams playing for the Sunshine Coast Sea Eagles several seasons ago.

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