

Rugby fever hits the National Sports Museum!

To fuel the fever already gripping rugby fans across Australia, and in time for the start of the 2011 Rugby World Cup, the National Sports Museum this morning unveiled a display that celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Wallabies' historic first World Cup win.

On display is memorabilia from the 1991 Rugby World Cup tournament, including:

- The Australian rugby union jerseys worn by John Eales and Tony Daly during the final.
- A pair of rugby boots worn by Nick Farr-Jones during the final.
- A rugby ball signed by the squad.
- The representative cap issued to players.
- A final match ticket and souvenir program.
- A scrapbook compiled by the Wallabies' team doctor (Dr John Moulton).
- A framed photograph, team autographs and trade cards.

Margaret Birtley, General Manager of the National Sports Museum said, "We are thrilled to be part of the 20th anniversary celebration of the Wallabies' win in the 1991 Rugby World Cup. This occasion is even more special, given that the Wallabies are currently competing for the 2011 title. Through our display, rugby lovers have a chance to relive one of the greatest moments in Wallaby history."

"We are proud to support the team and wish them all the very best for the tournament," Ms Birtley added.

Australia's victory at the 1991 Rugby World Cup tournament saw the Wallabies defeat England 12-6 in the hard-fought final in London. Eight years later, they defeated France in Cardiff and became the first nation to collect the trophy for a second time. This year, Australia will attempt to become the first country to put its name on the prized World Cup for a third time.

The National Sports Museum is located at Gate 3 of the MCG (Yarra Park, Jolimont) and is open from 10am to 5pm daily. The Rugby World Cup display is included in the admission price which starts from \$8 for children (5 - 15 years) and \$15 for adults. For more information on the National Sports Museum, visit www.nsm.org.au.

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**The Rugby World Cup display is at the National Sports Museum
from September 9 to November 2011.**

The National Sports Museum

The National Sports Museum is one of Australia's finest museums, hosting Australia's most comprehensive collection of sporting memorabilia across a broad range of disciplines. Housed within the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), one of Australia's most significant sporting stadiums, the National Sports Museum showcases world-class exhibitions of significant sporting artefacts, alongside permanent exhibitions that re-live the moments that shaped Australia's rich sporting history.

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