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From Jim Wilson

Anchor for Rugby League World Cup on Seven

The Rugby League World Cup is the jewel in the crown and to have it in our backyard, in prime time is super exciting.

As a kid growing up in Queensland, rugby league had a passionate following and I remember watching World Cups.

Now, league is back on Seven and it's my absolute honour to host our coverage.

The opener on 27 October in Melbourne will be huge. Mal Meninga's Kangaroos versus Wayne Bennett's England. The last time the old band will be together in a World Cup.

Cameron Smith, Billy Slater, and Cooper Cronk fresh from winning the premiership and back in familiar territory in the Green and Gold. Cam and Billy are our sole survivors from 2008 when the Kiwis stunned us at Suncorp Stadium. Now they're out for revenge and what a backdrop for the RLWC opener on the Friday night.

A day later, mighty mare Winx takes centre stage on Seven chasing a third Cox Plate - it's a sporting festival over 24 hours.

The RLWC will be five weeks of non-stop excitement with the biggest names playing for the prize silverware in Australia, PNG and New Zealand.

The eligibility rules mean overseas nations have been bolstered by genuine star power.

This is not just about Australia, England and the Kiwis.

Tonga, Samoa, Italy, Lebanon and 2013 Quarter Finalists, USA, have fire power to burn. The defection of Jason Taumalolo and Andrew Fifita to Tonga has given them a massive injection.

Standby for the unexpected and an event the entire country can be proud of, and it's five weeks of the very best in rugby league.

I'm thrilled the Women's Rugby League World Cup will run concurrently with the Men's from mid-November.

Our Jillaroos are flying and the action from Cronulla and then the final on 2 December at Suncorp Stadium will be brilliant.

A double header when hopefully our Jillaroos and Kangaroos will be crowned world champions.

Enjoy everyone and from this league lover, cannot wait to be part of a fantastic team.

League is back on Seven. Join us.



From Tim Worner, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Seven West Media

We are genuinely excited to be the home of the Rugby League World Cup and the Women's Rugby League World Cup.

We are looking forward to bringing the Seven style of live sports coverage to rugby league, a coverage that will be available on all screens.

Our securing of the Cup is yet another step in our development as we build the platforms to create our future. The Rugby League World Cup delivers our company an extraordinary opportunity to drive home our leadership following the success of our coverage of the AFL Grand Final and we look forward to being the network of the biggest events: the Melbourne Cup, the Rugby League World Cup, the Australian Open, the Olympic Winter Games and the Commonwealth Games across late 2017 and early 2018.

We wish all teams in both Cups and our innovative production teams the very best.

**From Kurt Burnette, Seven West Media Chief Revenue Officer, and Event Director,
Rugby League World Cup, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games**

The Rugby League World Cup and the Women's Rugby League World Cup, live in primetime on Seven, underlines the power of television in delivering big audiences and powering the conversation and audience across all screens through video.

An Australian and global audience will see the best in the world compete in our primetime. We have the best in the business to deliver an outstanding coverage.

The Rugby League World Cup and the Women's Rugby League World Cup are the starting points for a remarkable six months of major sports events on Seven, including the Melbourne Cup, the major golf tournaments in Australia, the Australian Open Tennis, the Olympic Winter Games, the Commonwealth Games and the 2018 AFL season all in our timezone.

This will be the largest premium events schedule on a single television network this country has ever seen, across every screen to all Australians. We could not be happier to have Rugby League here on Seven. The partnership with the Rugby League World Cup and the Women's Rugby League World Cup will see us not only create the global television coverage, but also undertake the most far-reaching and expansive coverage of the Cup across television and connected devices. We are looking forward to being a partner with the Rugby League World Cup. It will be a remarkable event. And broadcast live in our primetime.

From Saul Shtein, Head of Sport, Seven Network

We're delighted to be the network of this year's Rugby League World Cup and the Women's Rugby League World Cup. We are also delighted to have secured such an outstanding group of people who will bring both Cups to millions, not only here in Australia but around the world. We are looking forward to being a partner with the Rugby League World Cup and the Women's Rugby League World Cup.



The Rugby League World Cup is on Seven

The Seven Network, Australia's most-watched broadcast television platform, will deliver an all-encompassing coverage of the Rugby League World Cup to be co-hosted by Australia and New Zealand from 27 October to 2 December 2017. Seven is also the network of the Women's Rugby League World Cup.

Seven's agreement for the Rugby League World Cup 2017 delivers all rights in Australia including free-to-air broadcast television and subscription television rights, online, mobile, and expands to Seven's digital and mobile platforms. Seven has also been appointed to undertake the host broadcast for international television of all games played in Australia in the Rugby League World Cup 2017.

Seven will deliver the Rugby League World Cup and Women's Rugby League World Cup across the Screens of Seven, with live simulcast streaming of broadcast matches through the 7Live app and 7live.com.au (both live and replayed matches). In addition, 7Live will also deliver exclusive live app only coverage of four women's matches.

Seven is also delivering across social media with video on demand and latest news and highlights through [facebook.com/7RLWC](https://www.facebook.com/7RLWC) and twitter.com/7RLWC (#7RLWC). Fans can 'join the RLWC conversation' on social via Facebook and twitter using @7RLWC and #7RLWC with updates from Seven's RLWC team.

Seven's partnership with the Rugby League World Cup and the Women's Rugby League World Cup follows Seven's successful broadcast of the sport's pinnacle event in 2013. The agreement also confirms Seven's commitment to bringing major events to all Australians and further strengthens our leadership as the television network of major international events held in Australia, building on Seven's coverage of the Australian Open, the World Swimming Championships, the Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000, the Rugby World Cup in 2003 and the forthcoming Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in 2018. Seven is also the network of the Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang in 2018 and Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2020.

About Rugby League World Cup 2017

The 2017 Rugby League World Cup is the 15th staging of the game's pinnacle international event which dates back to 1954, making it the second oldest World Cup of any sporting code. This year's Rugby League World Cup will be played in 13 cities across hosting nations Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea from 27 October to 2 December 2017. Fourteen teams will play 28 games over five weeks in front of an expected 450,000 fans, making it the largest sporting event in the region this year.

About Women's Rugby League World Cup 2017

This year's tournament will be the first time the Women's Rugby League World Cup has been held as a standalone event, with the pool matches to be played at Southern Cross Group Stadium in Cronulla (Sydney) as triple-headers on 16, 19 and 22 November with the semi-finals to be played as a double-header on 26 November and the final on 2 December.



Seven Delivers Leadership in Sports

Seven is focused on delivering the biggest sports events to all Australians. Seven is the network of the Australian Football League and the Olympic Games. Seven's long-term partnerships confirm the company's leadership in sports television with the network continuing to dramatically expand its coverage of major sports across its digital broadcast television channels and accelerate coverage across online, mobile and other emerging forms of content delivery.

Seven's commitment to an expanding presence in sport builds on the network's unprecedented new agreement with the International Olympic Committee. Following its coverage of the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro in 2016, Seven will be the network of the XXIII Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang in 2018 and the Games of the XXXII Olympiad in Tokyo in 2020. Seven is also the home of the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in 2018.

Seven's agreements for the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast and the World Swimming Championships join the company's long-term commitment to the National Football League, including the Super Bowl, The US Masters and Wimbledon as major international sports franchises for Seven.

Seven also has all-encompassing agreements for coverage of the Australian Football League Premiership Season, Finals Series, the Grand Final and Brownlow Medal, and the local Australian Rules Football competitions the West Australian Football League, the Victorian Football League and the South Australian National Football League, the Bathurst 12 Hour Endurance Race, all major horse racing events including the Sydney Easter Carnival, the Stradbroke Handicap, the Melbourne Spring Carnival and the Melbourne Cup Carnival, the Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race, all major Australian golf tournaments, the Stawell Gift, the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, the New South Wales Shute Shield in Rugby, and all major tennis tournaments in Australia including The Australian Open and The Davis Cup. Seven also has all-encompassing rights to swimming in Australia and is the network of the Australian Swimming Championships.



The Seven Team for the Rugby League World Cup and Women's Rugby League World Cup

The Seven Network, Australia's most-watched broadcast television platform, has secured its key anchor, commentary and special analysts team for its all-encompassing coverage of this year's Rugby League World Cup and the Women's Rugby League World Cup.

Seven's coverage will be hosted by Jim Wilson and Laurie Daley. Also joining Seven's coverage will be Renee Gartner and Allana Ferguson, along with Benji Marshall.

Play-by-play commentators for the Rugby League World Cup 2017 are: Mark Braybrook, Andrew Moore and Dan Ginnane. Joining them are: Benji Marshall, Allana Ferguson, Gary Belcher, Adrian Morley, Brett Kimmorley, Ryan Girdler, Scott Sattler, Brent Tate and Andrew Ryan. Glen Larmer will be our play-by-play caller alongside Daryl Halligan and Monty Betham in New Zealand. Covering the Women's Rugby League World Cup are: David Tapp, Drury Forbes, Bill Harrigan, Nathan Cayless, Andrew Ryan and Renee Gartner.

Mel McLaughlin, Michelle Bishop, Josh Massoud, Liam Cox, Shane Webcke, Pat Welsh and Chris Garry from Seven News also join Seven's Rugby League World Cup and Women's Rugby League World Cup team.

The Seven Team: Snapshot Profiles

Gary Belcher – prolific try-scoring fullback, capped 15 times for Kangaroos, 16 Origins with Queensland and 148 club games with Canberra Raiders. He is a two-time Premiership winner with the Raiders (1989–90), a three-time Dally M Fullback of the Year, played 6 World Cup matches for Australia and has been involved in rugby league broadcasting since his retirement in 1993.

Mark Braybrook – highly-regarded TV and radio caller with over 25 years' experience in rugby league broadcasting. Mark's family is steeped in the sport; father, Denis, was a former first-grade referee and grandfather, Garnet, was a member of Newtown's 1933 Premiership side scoring a try against St George in the final. Mark has called AFL, Rugby Union and Soccer Internationals, hosted commercial radio coverage at five Olympics and recently commentated gold-medal performances from the Australian women's rugby team and shooter Catherine Skinner at Rio 2016 for Seven.

Nathan Cayless - former New Zealand Test captain who led the Kiwis to Rugby League World Cup glory in 2008 and former captain of the Parramatta Eels. Current reserve-grade coach at Parramatta.

Laurie Daley — one of the most decorated players at club, state and international level. He made his first-grade debut at just 17, and his international debut before his 21st birthday. He captained NSW in State of Origin 13 times, playing in five series wins. Laurie played 26 Tests for Australia, including seven as captain. At club level, he played 244 first-grade games for the Canberra Raiders, winning three premierships.



Allana Ferguson — one of the stars of Australia's rugby league women's side, and one of the first women to sign a professional playing contract, lining up with the Cronulla Sharks. She was selected to play in Australia's 2016 Rio Olympics women's rugby sevens side but injury prevented her from competing. A PE teacher at Woolooware High School, Allana is passionate about rugby league and developing the women's game in Australia. She will provide expert analysis on both the men's and women's Rugby League World Cup as part of the Seven team.

Drury Forbes - former Newtown Jets player, former Fox Sports NSW Cup sideline commentator. Current AFL caller on ABC Grandstand.

Renee Gartner - daughter of former top winger Russel Gartner, and a sports commentator on multiple networks over an extended period. Part-time boxer.

Dan Ginnane – the lead rugby league caller on commercial FM radio since 2009, including State of Origins and NRL Grand Finals. Dan's experience extends to calling Olympics, NFL Super Bowl, Wimbledon, Masters golf, Wallabies Tests and hosting a nightly sports talk show.

Ryan Girdler — NRL premiership winning player, NSW and Australian representative and now a commentator across radio and TV. Ryan played for the Illawarra Steelers and the Penrith Panthers, winning the 2003 premiership with the Panthers. In all, he played 227 first-grade games, 10 games for NSW and 14 times for Australia as a goalkicking centre.

Bill Harrigan - arguably the greatest NRL referee of all time. Current Triple M commentator who also runs the game of Oztag nationally.

Brett Kimmorley – diminutive halfback, capped 22 times for Australia, 10 Origins for New South Wales and 307 first-grade games. Noddy, as he's affectionately known, starred in Australia's 2000 World Cup Final win (40-12) over New Zealand at Old Trafford. He won the Clive Churchill Medal in Melbourne Storm's first-ever NRL title success in 1999. As Dally M halfback of the Year in 2000, he was instrumental in leading NSW to a 3-0 Origin series clean sweep against Queensland.

Benji Marshall - Although his celebrated rugby league career is set to continue into a 16th season in 2018, he will always be best remembered for one moment of football genius — his high-speed, 'no look' flick pass in the 2005 grand final that sent team-mate Pat Richards away for a spectacular try. The winner of the Golden Boot as the world's best player in 2010, and the Dally M five-eighth of the year in 2011, Marshall announced late in the 2017 season that he would be reuniting with Wests Tigers for the 2018 season, to add to the 201 first-grade games he played in his first 11 years with the club.

Andrew Moore – an accomplished rugby league caller on radio since 1994, Andrew has commentated on more than 40 State of Origins and hosted primetime TV panel shows. His versatility is proven, calling many major international events such as World Cup qualifier soccer matches, golf, tennis and AFL.



Adrian Morley – destructive forward, capped 30 times for Great Britain and 17 times for England between 1996 and 2012. Morley represented England in the 2000 and 2008 World Cup tournaments. Morley was the first player to win both an NRL (Sydney Roosters, 2002) and Super League (Bradford Bulls, 2005) title. In all, Morley played nearly 500 club games across Super League and the NRL, appeared in three consecutive NRL Grand Finals and was named 2010 Rugby League International Federation Prop of the Year.

Andrew Ryan – relentless back-rower, capped 11 times for the Kangaroos, 12 Origins with New South Wales and 291 NRL club games. He captained the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs to a premiership win over the Roosters in 2004, won back-to-back State of Origin series with the NSW Blues in 2004–05 and was a powerful force in the Kangaroos’ Tri-Nations triumphs in 2004 and 2006. Current NRL ambassador, NRL commentator on ABC Grandstand and former Fox Sports expert.

Scott Sattler – tireless backrower, played 203 first-grade games and is best known for his 2003 Grand Final heroics with premiership winners Penrith Panthers. Sattler turned the momentum of the decider with a famous try-saving tackle on Sydney Roosters winger Todd Byrne. Son of South Sydney legend, John Sattler, Scott represented Queensland at Origin level and has been working in sports media since retiring from the NRL in 2004.

David Tapp - rugby league commentator/producer with more than 20 years’ experience on radio and television. Former CEO of South Sydney Rabbitohs.

Brent Tate – resilient centre, capped 26 times for the Kangaroos, played 23 State of Origins with Queensland and 229 NRL games. Tate won a premiership with Brisbane Broncos in 2006. He was named man-of-the-match in game three of the 2013 Origin series, which extended Queensland’s record winning streak to eight series. Tate represented Australia in seven matches across the 2008 and 2013 World Cup tournaments.

Jim Wilson –Seven News Sydney’s Sports Director. A self-described “sports nut” and rugby league fanatic, Jim grew up on Queensland’s Gold Coast and has worked as a journalist for more than 20 years, starting as a cadet at Brisbane’s Courier Mail. During his career as a sports journalist, Jim has covered some of the most significant sporting events of recent times including seven Olympic Games, the State of Origin series, the British Open golf, World Cup soccer and AFL Grand Finals. Jim has been part of the Seven Sports team since 1992, holding senior correspondent and reporter positions in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney.



The Rugby League World Cup – In A Nutshell

- The Rugby League World Cup 2017 will be the biggest sporting event in the region during 2017.
- 14 teams will play 28 games over five weeks, from 27 October until 2 December – all hoping to be crowned world champions. Australia, England, Fiji, France, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Scotland, Tonga, USA and Wales will contest what will be the most competitive Rugby League World Cup.
- The Rugby League World Cup 2017 will be played in venues across all four corners of co-hosts Australia and NZ and in front of some of the most passionate fans in Papua New Guinea – creating a legacy for the sport. Eight cities in Australia will host games: Brisbane, Cairns, Canberra, Darwin, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney and Townsville.
- The Rugby League World Cup 2017 will be the most attended rugby league event in history, with an estimated 450,000 fans expected to attend.
- Rugby League World Cup 2017 will be the 15th edition of the tournament and will be the most competitive ever. No longer do Australia, New Zealand and England rule the world – there will be upsets and all 14 teams are coming Down Under to win in 2017.

The Women's Rugby League World Cup – In A Nutshell

- From the 16 – 26 November, nine pool games and the semi-finals to be played at Southern Cross Group Stadium in Cronulla with the final to be played as a double-header with the men's final at Suncorp Stadium on 2 December – the first time in the sport's history.
- In the first ever standalone Women's Rugby League World Cup (previously held as part of a Festival of World Cups), the six competing teams are: Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, England, Canada and the Cook Islands. The pool rounds will be played as triple-headers giving fans the opportunity to see three quality matches in one day.
- In a first for Women's Rugby League World Cup, all 12 matches of the tournament will be broadcast on free-to-air television through Seven Network (AU), SKY Sport (New Zealand) and EMTV (Papua New Guinea) in their respective countries.



The Rugby League World Cup and Women's Rugby League World Cup across the Screens of Seven

In addition to coverage of all matches across Seven, 7mate and 7Live, Seven will also be broadcasting exclusively only on 7Live four matches in the Women's Rugby League World Cup (England v Papua New Guinea on 16 November, New Zealand v Cook Island and Papua New Guinea v Canada on 19 November and New Zealand v Papua New Guinea on 22 November)

Friday 27 October

Australia v England

Sydney	7.00pm LIVE on 7mate, 7.30pm LIVE on Channel 7
Melbourne	7.00pm LIVE on 7mate, 7.30pm LIVE on Channel 7
Brisbane	6.00pm LIVE on 7mate, 6.30pm LIVE on Channel 7
Adelaide	6.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	4.00pm LIVE on 7mate

Saturday 28 October

Papua New Guinea v Wales

Sydney	3.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	3.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	3.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	12.30pm LIVE on 7mate

New Zealand v Samoa

Sydney	6.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	6.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	5.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	5.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	3.00pm LIVE on 7mate

Fiji v USA

Sydney	8.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	8.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	7.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	8.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	5.30pm LIVE on 7mate



Sunday 29 October

Ireland v Italy

Sydney	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	2.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	11.30pm LIVE on 7mate

Scotland v Tonga

Sydney	5.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	5.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	4.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	4.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	2.00pm LIVE on 7mate

France v Lebanon

Sydney	12.00am (Monday) on 7mate
Melbourne	12.00am (Monday) on 7mate
Brisbane	11.00pm on 7mate
Adelaide	11.30pm on 7mate
Perth	11.00pm on 7mate

Friday 3 November

Australia v France

Sydney	7.30pm LIVE on Channel 7
Melbourne	7.30pm LIVE on Channel 7
Brisbane	6.30pm LIVE on Channel 7
Adelaide	7.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	4.30pm LIVE on 7mate



Saturday 4 November

New Zealand v Scotland

Sydney	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	2.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	11.30am LIVE on 7mate

Samoa v Tonga

Sydney	5.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	5.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	4.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	5.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate

England v Lebanon

Sydney	8.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	8.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	7.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	7.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	5.00pm LIVE on 7mate

Sunday 5 November

Papua New Guinea v Ireland

Sydney	4.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	4.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	3.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	4.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate

Fiji v Wales

Sydney	7.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	7.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	6.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	7.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	4.30pm LIVE on 7mate



Italy v USA

Sydney	12.15am (Monday) on 7mate
Melbourne	12.15am (Monday) on 7mate
Brisbane	11.15pm on 7mate
Adelaide	11.45pm on 7mate
Perth	11.15pm on 7mate

Friday 10 November

Fiji v Italy

Sydney	7.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	7.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	6.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	7.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	4.30pm LIVE on 7mate

Saturday 11 November

New Zealand v Tonga

Sydney	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	2.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	11.30am LIVE on 7mate

Samoa v Scotland

Sydney	5.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	5.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	4.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	4.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	2.00pm LIVE on 7mate

Australia v Lebanon

Sydney	7.00pm LIVE on Channel 7
Melbourne	7.00pm LIVE on 7 mate
Brisbane	6.00pm LIVE on 7mate, 6.30pm LIVE on Channel 7
Adelaide	6.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	4.00pm LIVE on 7mate



Sunday 12 November

Papua New Guinea v USA

Sydney	3.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	3.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	3.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	12.30pm LIVE on 7mate

Wales v Ireland

Sydney	6.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	6.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	5.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	6.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	3.30pm LIVE on 7mate

England v France

Sydney	9.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	9.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	8.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	8.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	6.00pm LIVE on 7mate

Thursday 16 November

New Zealand v Canada (Women's)

Sydney	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	12.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	1.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	10.30am LIVE on 7mate

Australia v Cook Islands (Women's)

Sydney	4.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	4.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	3.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	3.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	1.00pm LIVE on 7mate



Friday 17 November

England v Papua New Guinea (Women's)

Sydney	10.00am on 7mate
Melbourne	10.00am on 7mate
Brisbane	10.30am on 7mate
Adelaide	11.00am on 7mate
Perth	8.30am on 7mate

Quarter Final 1

Sydney	7.30pm LIVE on Channel 7
Melbourne	7.30pm LIVE on Channel 7
Brisbane	6.30pm LIVE on 7mate, 7.00pm LIVE on Channel 7
Adelaide	7.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	4.30pm LIVE on 7mate

Saturday 18 November

Quarter Final 2

Sydney	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	2.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	11.30am LIVE on 7mate

Quarter Final 3

Sydney	5.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	5.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	4.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	4.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	2.00pm LIVE on 7mate



Sunday 19 November

Australia v England (Women's)

Sydney	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	12.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	1.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	10.30am LIVE on 7mate

Quarter Final 4

Sydney	3.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	3.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	3.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	12.30pm LIVE on 7mate

Wednesday 22 November

New Zealand v Cook Islands (Women's)

Sydney	11.30am on 7mate
Melbourne	11.30am on 7mate
Brisbane	10.30am on 7mate
Adelaide	11.00am on 7mate
Perth	8.30am on 7mate

England v Cook Islands (Women's)

Sydney	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	12.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	1.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	10.30am LIVE on 7mate

Australia v Canada (Women's)

Sydney	4:00pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	4:00pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	3:00pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	3:30pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	1:00pm LIVE on 7mate



Thursday 23 November

Papua New Guinea v Canada (Women's)

Sydney	11.00am on 7mate
Melbourne	11.00am on 7mate
Brisbane	11.00am on 7mate
Adelaide	11.00am on 7mate
Perth	11.00am on 7mate

New Zealand v Papua New Guinea (Women's)

Sydney	1.00pm on 7mate
Melbourne	1.00pm on 7mate
Brisbane	1.00pm on 7mate
Adelaide	1.00pm on 7mate
Perth	1.00pm on 7mate

Friday 24 November

Semi Final 1

Sydney	7.30pm LIVE on Channel 7
Melbourne	7.30pm LIVE on Channel 7
Brisbane	6.30pm LIVE on Channel 7
Adelaide	7.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	4.30pm LIVE on 7mate

Saturday 25 November

Semi Final 2

Sydney	3.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	3.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	3.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	2.30pm LIVE on 7mate



Sunday 26 November

Semi Final 1 (Women's)

Sydney	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	12.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	1.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	10.30am LIVE on 7mate

Semi Final 2 (Women's)

Sydney	4.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	4.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	3.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	3.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	1.00pm LIVE on 7mate

Saturday 2 December

Final (Women's)

Sydney	4:30pm LIVE on 7mate
Melbourne	4.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Brisbane	3.40pm LIVE on 7mate
Adelaide	4.00pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	1.30pm LIVE on 7mate

Rugby League World Cup Final

Sydney	7.00pm LIVE on Channel 7
Melbourne	7.00pm LIVE on Channel 7
Brisbane	6.00pm LIVE on 7mate, 6.30pm LIVE on Channel 7
Adelaide	6.30pm LIVE on 7mate
Perth	4.00pm LIVE on 7mate



The Story of the Rugby League World Cup

The Rugby League World Cup is Rugby League's premier international competition and is one of the longest running World Cup tournaments in world sport. The Rugby League World Cup was first raised by the Fédération Française de Rugby à XIII (FFRXIII) in the 1930s, however it took until 1953 for the rest of the then International Rugby League Board (IRLB) to accept the proposal.

1954: Birth of the Rugby League World Cup

Taking place in 1954, the World Cup celebrated the 20th anniversary of France as a Rugby League nation, and featured four nations – Australia, New Zealand, France and Great Britain.

Tournament hosts, the FFRXIII, donated the World Cup trophy (which is still used today), with the silverware worth eight million francs. Captains for the historic inaugural World Cup included Rugby League royalty: Puig Aubert (France), Cyril Eastlake (New Zealand), Clive Churchill (Australia) and Dave Valentine (Britain).

France and Great Britain qualified for the tournament final after both going through the group stages undefeated, with the Dave Valentine (Scotland) led British Lions emerging 16 – 12 victors in front of over 30,000 fans at Parc des Princes in Paris.

1957: Australia Sweeps Tournament

Following the success of the inaugural tournament, it moved to Australia in 1957, where again the event was held in front of large crowds, including more than 50,000 at the SCG to watch France take on Great Britain. The Kangaroos were awarded the 1957 World Cup after going through the tournament undefeated.

1960: Paul Barriere Trophy Returns to Europe

The third World Cup saw the event return to the Northern Hemisphere with England hosting their first ever tournament in 1960. Buoyed by a passionate home crowd, Great Britain went through the tournament undefeated, to claim their second World Cup trophy.

1968: New Zealand First Time Co-Host

It was eight years before the next World Cup was held with New Zealand and Australia co-hosting the tournament.

The tournament represented the first time New Zealand had hosted a World Cup match. Despite the home ground advantage the Kiwis' finished last in the tournament. France qualified for the tournament final after pulling off a surprise 7 -2 victory over Great Britain in wet conditions at Carlaw Park in Auckland, however were unable to compete with Australia in the final, going down 20 – 2.



1970: Australia Wins on English Soil

Australia emerged victorious in the 1970 tournament, defeating Great Britain 12-7 in the Final. The Lions defeated Australia in the Group stages and finished in a higher position on the tournament ladder.

1972: Great Britain and Australia Draw in Cup Final

Great Britain were awarded the trophy in 1972 despite the final being a 10-all draw; with the Lions defeating Australia in the Group stages and finishing in a higher position on the tournament ladder.

1975: Great Britain Splits in Two

Great Britain was split into England and Wales for rugby league, and the tournament was played over the entire 1975 season, with each team playing each other twice.

Arguably the split ended up costing either British side the trophy, with Wales defeating England 12 – 7 in the famous 'Battle of Brisbane' game, which saw the England side finish the tournament second to Australia. This was despite the fact England did not lose to Australia in the tournament.

1977: Birth of Great Britain

Australia defeats the British Lions in a 1-point thriller. By the 1977 World Championship, England and Wales had become Great Britain again in rugby league, and the tournament was hosted in Australia and New Zealand over two months. Australia won their fifth World Cup at home, defeating the Lions 13 – 12 in the final at the SCG.

1988: Australia Claims World Cup on New Zealand Soil

The next two World Cups underwent more changes. Firstly the tournaments were stretched out over a three-year window, with each team playing each other home and away. Secondly, Papua New Guinea was added to the tournament, seeing the event again grow to five teams.

The 1985-1988 World Cup tournament saw the Kiwis qualify for their first ever World Cup Final, with the New Zealanders drawing Australia at Eden Park. Despite the home ground advantage, the Kiwis went down 25 – 12 to Australia in the final.

1992: Kangaroos Triumph

The 1989 – 1992 World Cup tournament final saw Great Britain go down 10 – 6 in front of over 73,000 at London's Wembley Stadium against the Australians, as the Kangaroos recorded their seventh tournament victory.



1995: World Cup Debuts for four Test Nations

The tournament celebrated 100 years of Rugby League and saw 10 nations take part in the celebration. The 1995 tournament saw Fiji, South Africa, Tonga and Samoa take part in their first ever World Cup, with again Great Britain split into England and Wales. The highly successful tournament again finished at Wembley, with Australia too good for the English, running out 16 – 8 victors.

2000: The World Cup Resumes After Super League

With Super League in place, the next World Cup was not held until 2000 in what was one of the most ambitious tournaments to date. With games held in England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and France, and sixteen nations taking place, the event saw even more nations make their World Cup debuts. The Cook Islands, Ireland, Russia and Scotland joined World Cup qualifier, Lebanon, in the expanded tournament. Australia was undefeated through the tournament, running out 40 – 12 victors over New Zealand in the final at Old Trafford.

2008: New Zealand Upsets Australia

New Zealand win their first Rugby League World Cup after defeating the Australian Kangaroos. The 10-team tournament was held in Australia in 2008. The tournament saw Australia and New Zealand meet in the final. Unlike 2000, this time the Kiwis were victorious, claiming their first ever World Cup trophy in front of 50,000 fans at Brisbane's Lang Park.

2013: Australia Dominates at Old Trafford

The World Cup returned to the Northern Hemisphere for the first time in 13 years in 2013, when the fourteenth World Cup was hosted by England and Wales. The event expanded to fourteen teams, with Italy and the United States making their World Cup debuts. The tournament was won by Australia, with the Kangaroos defeating the Kiwis 34 – 2.

2017: Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea Host the Rugby League World Cup

The fifteenth World Cup will take place in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea from 27 October – 2 December 2017.



Rugby League World Cup Winners

Up to and including the 2013 tournament only Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain have been crowned World Champions with Australia easily the most successful, winning ten of the 14 tournaments.

Great Britain have won three times, and New Zealand once. New Zealand have also finished runners-up in three World Cups, while France have been runners-up on two occasions, including the inaugural cup where they were captained by Puig Aubert.

England have also finished runners-up on two occasions while the Great Britain team were runners-up four times. Fiji have reached the semi-finals on two occasions, while Wales also made the semi-final in 2000. Ireland and Samoa have twice made it past the qualifying pool stages. Other nations to have proceeded to the knock-out stages are Papua New Guinea, Scotland and the United States.

The Trophy

The World Cup trophy was commissioned by French Fédération Française de Rugby à XIII president Paul Barrière at a cost of eight million francs, and then donated to the International Rugby League Board to be used for the inaugural competition in 1954. This trophy was used and presented to the winning nation for the first four tournaments, before being stolen in 1970. After its recovery, the trophy was reinstated for the 2000 tournament.

The Women's Rugby League World Cup

In September 2016, the Rugby League World Cup 2017 (RLWC2017) Organising Committee (OC) announced that for the first time in the sport's history the Women's Rugby League World Cup would be held concurrently with the men's tournament. This will see two world champions crowned in the one Rugby League World Cup for the first time in the tournament's 60 year history.

Women's Rugby League World Cup 2017 pool matches and semi-finals will be played at Southern Cross Group Stadium, the home of NRL team the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks, from 16 November, with both the women's and men's finals played as a double-header at Brisbane Stadium on 2 December 2017.

Women's Rugby League World Cup Winners: New Zealand (2000), New Zealand (2003), New Zealand (2008), Australia (2013).