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Ringwood takes the Epic Good Game of Cricket to Aboriginal Students

The Epic Good Foundation has great pleasure in announcing a new partnership with Ringwood Cricket Club (RCC) in Victoria, the original cricketing home of Epic Good co-founder Stuart Giles. The three-year partnership will focus on developing cricketing opportunities within the Aboriginal community in Victoria.

The pairing of RCC with Epic Good will see the Club establish a formal arrangement with Worawa Aboriginal College in Healesville. The College provides a holistic education and boarding experience for young Aboriginal women in the middle years of schooling. The initial goal of the partnership between Epic Good and RCC is to deliver a program to the students who have expressed an interest in learning more about the great game of cricket.

Ringwood Cricket Club has a special place in the story of Stuart. He was in his first set of whites at six years of age, and was his father's shadow as he coached a junior team at the Club. By the time Stuart was 16 years old he already had a successful junior career and set a club games record. The marrying of Epic Good and RCC with Worawa was an easy decision for him. 'We are great supporters of Worawa and the many opportunities they provide to young Indigenous women from around the country. When we became aware that many of them are interested in playing cricket, we realised that the Epic Good and Ringwood Cricket Club were well placed to fill the gap in the professional assistance required for them to learn the game.'

'I'm pleased that our Foundation can build on the history we have with the Club and the Giles Foster Scholarship program we also support. It's also great to see that epic good players like Ian Holland have already stepped up to run coaching clinics with the students.'

Mark Freeman, President of RCC said he was very pleased to have formed the partnership between the Club and Epic Good. 'The Foundation is involved with a number of worthwhile community groups and valued charities, which are two areas that as a community club we are also very interested in getting involved in. Aside from establishing the cricket program with the students of Worawa Indigenous College in Healesville we are keen to get involved in the Very Special Kids annual 24 hour Treadmill Challenge, raising much needed funds for the children's hospice in Melbourne,' he said.

He went on to say, 'To be able to partner with former Ringwood player Stuart Giles and his charity and community work is a thrilling opportunity for our club and players to also make a contribution to communities and families in need. Stuart and his family have had a very lengthy association with Ringwood CC and have shared in many team and personal achievements throughout the journey. Stuart

and his father Robert (Giles Foster Scholarship Chairman) were involved in back to back Dowling Shield victories which is the elite Under 16 competition in Victoria. Along the journey Stuart's senior cricket career also saw him play in every senior eleven on his way through to his First XI debut in Round 1 V Waverley 1988/89.'

The partnership also commits RCC to assist in developing a fundraising strategy with Epic Good to help raise funds for future work in the local community beyond the three years they are currently committed to.

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