



# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Illawarra Wheelchair Basketball  
Team "Roller Hawks"

## To all Sponsors and Supporters past & present

The year 2010 marks a significant milestone for Illawarra Wheelchair Basketball and especially for the Wollongong Roller Hawks. It was in 2001 that the vision of Eino Okkonen became a reality with the entry of the Roller Hawks in the National Wheelchair Basketball League. The year 2000 was a year of seeking support and planning for the entry of the Roller Hawks into the NWBL and its culmination was at the Woonona Bulli RSL, where the team was launched with Wallaby Legend, Nick Farr-Jones - who was Ambassador to the Sydney 2000 Paralympics at the time - the guest speaker.

Albion Park Memorial & RSL Club, Shellharbour Workers Club, Wheelchair Sports NSW and Shellharbour City Council have been major sponsors and invaluable supporters in each year of this decade. Community support has enabled this team of elite athletes to continue to participate in the NWBL and along the way, produce 5 Australian representatives, four of which have been bestowed with OAM honours from the Australian Government. Support for 'The Team' has been extraordinary, most of which has been from small businesses within the community, donations, participation at fundraising events and government grants. The Rotary Club of Shellharbour has been a player sponsor for every year since the 'Player Sponsorship Option' was offered. HighLube came to our assistance at a most critical time in 2006 as a naming rights sponsor and for 3 years were an integral part of the club until the economic situation changed globally and nationally. The financial footing that Wal initiated and the management strategies he instilled up on us, are still with us today.

The Club has always been non-profit and volunteer based and in addition to the sponsors, it is those volunteers, who are the history makers of the club.

A 10 year Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Albion Park Memorial Park RSL Club on Saturday, 19th June, 2010. "Macca" our wonderful Court Announcer will be at his best on the microphone, interviewing the many and varied personnel, who have travelled the journey over the 10 years. Please join us in celebrating our journey of the past decade.

This is not a fund-raising event, this is not just an excuse for a party (although it is certainly that) - it is to be a celebration of a 10 year history. We do so look forward to seeing you all again.

Yours in wheelchair basketball

"The Roller Hawks Team"

DATE  
Saturday, **19th June**

**6.30 for 7.00pm start**

VENUE

**Home of our long term**

**Albion Pk RSL Memorial Club**

**Cnr Hamilton & Tongarra St**

**Albion Park Ph 42561200**

ENTERTAINMENT

**Past and present coaches,  
players and sponsors, who will  
be "grilled" by Macca.**

COST

\$50 per person

**3 course sit down dinner.**

**Beer and wine included**

\$450 for table of 10

RSVP

1st June, 2010

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