



## MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010

### MEMBER WEB RELEASE - BRETT BACKWELL

Prior to preseason training commencing Brett explained that his business operation was too busy for him to attend training with Glenelg Football Club prior to Christmas. He also explained that he had the opportunity to play some games for the Waratahs in the NTF.

I gave permission for Brett to play 3 games for the Waratahs before Christmas and then Brett was to return to full time training with Glenelg Football Club post Christmas. Brett played 2 games for the Waratahs before Christmas and resumed full time training with Glenelg Football Club after Christmas.

On Friday February 5<sup>th</sup> Ken Applegarth (Football Manager) was alerted to the fact that Brett had played an additional two games for the Waratahs through January. Ken phoned me and advised me of this information. After approximately 3 days Brett returned my call.

After I returned from leave Ken Applegarth, Steve Barratt (CEO) and I met with Brett at the GFC on Monday February 15<sup>th</sup>. We explained to Brett that we were disappointed that he had played 2 extra games with the Waratahs after Christmas with no approval from the Glenelg Football Club. Brett explained that he still had a desire to play for the Waratahs and that he wanted to play for Glenelg also.

I made it clear that no further permission from Glenelg Football Club would be granted to Brett to play further games with the Waratahs and that Brett needed to decide what he wanted to do. It was made clear that there was still the opportunity for Brett to continue playing for Glenelg Football Club and to do that we needed a full commitment from him and that meant no more games for Waratahs and full training with Glenelg.

I made it clear to Brett that if he chose to play more games with the Waratahs he could not continue to train or play with Glenelg. I asked Brett to call me the next day (Tuesday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>) with a decision. Brett called back on Tuesday stating that he had chosen to play for the Waratahs. He understood that by making this decision he was no longer able to continue training or playing with Glenelg.

**Mark Mickan**  
**Senior Coach**

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Should any Members wish to discuss this matter I can be contacted on (08) 8294 5786. The Glenelg Football Club requires every player to be fully committed if we are to improve on last years performance.

**Steven Barratt**  
**Chief Executive Officer**