

Your Invitation to the Legends of Rugby 2011 Rugby World Cup Curtain Raiser

*The Ben Kende
Foundation
2011*

The biggest event in Rugby is the Rugby World Cup. It comes once every four years, though it comes to this part of the world much less than that. New Zealand is hosting the Cup this September.

On the 16th of July, at the Newport Motor Yacht Club, Sean Maloney, from Fox Sports will talk with Robbie Deans, coach of our current Wallabies, and Wallaby great Matt Burke. They will talk about the inside 'oil' on the Cup and tell a few tales out of school. It will be a chance to hear from and maybe meet some of the legends of 'the game they play in heaven'.

*Searching for a cure
for quadriplegia*



It's a Benefit night for Ben Kende – our chance to help a seriously injured 19 year old player. Sean, Robbie and Matt are donating their time to help Ben Kende. During the Asian Junior Championship in Bangkok in 2010, representing Hong Kong, (where his family was living at the time) a seemingly harmless tackle resulted in the fracture of two of Ben's vertebrae.

Spinal injury is the nightmare scenario for anyone who has played the game, or has a love of Rugby. Despite several surgeries and eight months of intensive rehabilitation, he is wheelchair bound, with very limited use of his arms and no use of his legs. It is a testament to his extraordinary resilience that Ben's sense of humour and fighting spirit has remained intact. He is determined to take up his place at Sydney University in 2012.

A great team of doctors and rehabilitation specialists are supporting Ben in his fight to regain nerve function in his body. The Rugby community, friends and family have packed in behind him and have launched "The Ben Kende Foundation". The primary aim of the Foundation is to support Ben's treatment, though there is still a lot to learn in these types of injuries and his medical team are searching for treatments that may be able to help other people with major spinal trauma.

[<Click here to view an interview with Channel 9's Peter Overton>](#). [<Click here for a video with details of his accident>](#).

The money raised on the night will be used to fund equipment and therapy for Ben, so we would really appreciate it if you could help us make the night a success.

Amazing gifts have been donated for the night. Thanks to incredible generosity of supporters, there will be a range of brilliant prizes to be raffled and auctioned on the night: holidays, rugby memorabilia – even tickets to the Elton John concert!

The details:

When: 7.00 pm Saturday 16th July.
Dress: Smart Casual.

Where: Royal Motor Yacht Club, Top Deck Room
Address: 46 Prince Alfred Pde, Newport

Book now. Seats are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis, so to avoid missing this unique event, please reserve your seats as soon as possible. You can book tables of 10 or book for a smaller number & share a table.

Mr/Mrs/Ms (pls circle) First name: _____	Surname: _____
No. tickets @\$120/ticket required: _____	Credit card details: Card type: Mastercard/Visa (pls circle)
Card number: _____	Name on card: _____ Expiry date: ____/____/____
E-mail address: _____	Phone: _____
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If possible, please put me on the table booked by:: _____

Please complete the booking sheet above and send to: vivellis@ozemail.com.au or fax to 9997 6685. If you would prefer to send a cheque, please send it to 'Ben Kende Foundation', Unit 4, 11 Central Avenue Mosman 2088. Please advise when booking if you would prefer a vegetarian meal.

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