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Illawarra codes combine for bushfire appeal golf day

The St George Illawarra Dragons, Wollongong Wolves and Illawarra Hawks have joined forces to announce a first of its kind Illawarra combined codes bushfire appeal golf day.

Players and coaches from the Dragons, Hawks and Wolves will convene on Monday, February 3 at Wollongong Golf Club to help raise funds for the NSW Rural Fire Service, Salvation Army Disaster Relief Appeal and Australian Wildlife Rescue (WIRES) following the recent bushfires that have devastated Australian communities.

Entry for a four-man Ambrose team is \$2000 and includes an afternoon of golf, cart hire, food and beverage package as well as a post-presentation event and the chance to mingle with all your favourite players across the three different codes that represent the Illawarra. Each of the 18 holes are also available to be sponsored at a cost of \$1000.

Spots for the day are extremely limited, with all queries and purchases available by emailing partnerships@dragons.com.au or partnerships@hawks.com.au.

Dragons coach Paul McGregor hailed the bushfire appeal golf day as a unique and significant opportunity to raise funds for several special causes.

"The codes combined bushfire appeal golf day is one of several causes the Dragons have chosen to back in response to the horrific fires that have overwhelmed the country," McGregor said.

"The chance to see your favourite players across Illawarra's three main codes on the one day is an opportunity that cannot be missed, all in name of a very good cause."

Hawks coach Matt Flinn gave a personal affirmation to the bushfire appeal golf day.

"This is an exciting event that all three sporting clubs are collaborating on," Flinn said.

"I've been personally affected, with family members caught up in the bushfires, as have many of our members and supporters within the south coast region, so this is a way in which we can help unite our community and raise funds for a terrific cause."

Wolves coach and former Socceroo Luke Wilkshire echoed his fellow coach's sentiments regarding the recent bushfire devastation.

"As far as sport in the Illawarra region goes, it is great that we can support each other and work collectively," Wilkshire said.

"To showcase a strong, positive message by bringing our different sporting identities together as one for a great cause is very important."

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