



Rogers named ambassador

September month to remember good sports

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GOLD Coast Titan Mat Rogers has been announced as an official ambassador for National Sports Day on Friday, September 17.

Sportember is the nickname given to the month of September which is dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of grassroots sports and exercise across Australia.

Mr Rogers has had an extensive National Rugby League career and has played five State of Origin matches for Queensland.

He has also played 11 Tests for Australia.

The 34-year-old Titan winger has also recently announced his retirement.

The national sporting day hopes to raise much needed funds to help Australia's young sporting stars to reach their full potential.

Half of the proceeds will be shared between Diabetes Australia and the Heart Foundation in Queensland.

Jacob Gough, Sportember founder, has always been heavily involved with grassroots sporting clubs and attributes his success to his local club.

"Local clubs are fundamental to the Australian way of life and it's important that we all acknowledge the role they play in providing our children with sporting opportuni-

ties and life skills," he said.

"I wanted to make a difference so I set about establishing The Sports Rewards Foundation."

Brisbane Lions Captain Jonathan Brown said funding is crucial for Australian grassroots sporting clubs.

"Australian kids love their sport and the sustainability of our grassroots sporting communities is vital in providing them with opportunities for growth, both in their chosen sport and as people," he said.

"Unfortunately many children are missing out on these opportunities due to lack of funding, so we are proud to be able to now assist where we can through The Sports Rewards Foundation."

The foundation will offer funding and donations of sporting equipment to individuals and clubs in need.

Participants are also encouraged to wear their favourite sports team colours to work or school on the day.

Every registrant will receive a National Sports Day pack including the e-book, *More Than Sports*, a Sportember Sports Rewards card; three-day passes to any local Jetts Gym and the chance to win lunch with a sporting star.

To donate or register a team for National Sports Day, visit www.sportember.com.au.



NATIONAL Sports Day ambassador and Gold Coast Titan Mat Rogers with Sports Rewards Foundation founder Jacob Gough. PHOTO: SUPPLIED