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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **HUNTER MEMBERS GET BEHIND THE KNIGHTS**

The Hunter's Federal Labor Parliamentarians have wished the Newcastle Knights well ahead of their first home match of the season.

Sunday's match against the NZ Warriors will also mark the public opening of the redeveloped Eastern Grandstand, giving our community its first experience of this important regional infrastructure.

After a difficult beginning to the season, both on and off the field, we urge people to get out to Broadmeadow and support our team this weekend.

Over the years, the Knights have been an inspiration to the people of the region, and on Sunday they will be again carrying our hopes with them when they march out onto the field.

The importance of the Knights is not just about football - the Club is entwined in the social and economic fabric of our community. With a strong, loyal supporter base and a dedicated and determined team the Knights will continue to play this vital role in our community.

Coming together at our home ground on Sunday will be an important beginning to building a successful season and a successful enterprise for the Knights. Go Knights!

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank former Chairman Michael Hill for his hard work and dedication over the years, and to wish his successor Michael Tyler all the very best in the position.