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Queensland Rugby props up Mates4Mates

Queensland Rugby Union is kicking goals for former and current Australian Defence Force personnel, raising \$17,689 for the not-for-profit organisation Mates4Mates.

The money was raised by auctioning players' jerseys at the annual ANZAC Round Super Rugby game against the Hurricanes, held at Suncorp Stadium on April 26.

Twenty-three jerseys were auctioned online, including ten which featured the names of former Queensland Rugby representatives who served in World War One. Prop Ben Daley's headgear was also auctioned but it was centre Samu Kerevi's number 13 jersey that brought in the highest single bid at \$1700.

Mates4Mates Acting Chief Operating Officer Wendy Presneill said it was great to have such a high profile group of people supporting the cause.

"The money raised will go towards helping us support Australia's current and ex-service men and women and their families with physical and psychological rehabilitation," she said.

"Our Defence personnel work tirelessly to protect Australians and donations like these demonstrate how much their efforts are valued."

Queensland Rugby Union has celebrated ANZAC Day for several years and, this year, teamed with the Australian Defence Force through its relationship with Brisbane's 7th Brigade to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings with specially-designed Reds jerseys.

The jerseys featured the Rising Sun emblem of the Australian Defence Force.

A cheque will be presented by former Wallaby and QRU chief commercial officer Daniel Herbert before the kick-off to the men's final at the Inter-Brigade Rugby Union Cup, being held today (May 7) on the main field at Ballymore at 5.35pm.

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