

# KYOGLE COUNCIL

## Media Release



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Chutzpah and being in the right place at the right time earned Kyogle Council Mayor Danielle Mulholland and Cr Maggie May a fully signed North Queensland Cowboys rugby league jersey which they are now auctioning off for charity.

The two Kyogle Councillors, who are not shy in coming forward when it comes to representing the interests of their community, acquired the jersey while attending the National Congress of Local Government in Canberra in June.

It was first prize in a stallholder's draw and while Kyogle didn't win it, the two women saw an opportunity to acquire it when a Victorian-based councillor, with little knowledge or interest in rugby league, won the prize.

Councillors Mulholland and May shared a taxi ride with a colleague of the prize-winning Victorian councillor and convinced her to ring her counterpart to see if they could buy the jersey for a small sum of money with the aim of auctioning it for charity.

A short phone call later and the two councillors were beaming after the Victorian councillor agreed to give them the jersey for nothing.

The jersey, which features the signatures of the Cowboys 2017 original line-up including co-captains, Johnathan Thurston and Matthew Scott and head coach Paul Green, is now being auctioned on EBay with a starting bid of \$999.

All proceeds from the auction will be split between the Bonalbo and Kyogle Hospital Auxiliaries.

"We've done our homework and to buy something similar from official memorabilia sites would cost \$1995," Cr Mulholland said.

"It would make the perfect gift for a Cowboys' tragic or any rugby league fan," Cr Maggie May said.

"And remember all the money raised from the auction will be given to the Bonalbo and Kyogle Hospital Auxiliaries which do an incredible job for the community, so everyone wins!"

The auction, which closes on December 21, can be found at <https://www.ebay.com.au/itm/112684679629>

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*Photo: The fully signed North Queensland Cowboys jersey that is being auctioned on EBay to raise funds for the Bonalbo and Kyogle Hospital Auxiliaries.*