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OPR Sponsors GNFL Round 4

This weekend Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR) will proudly sponsor round four of the Great Northern Football League (GNFL) season.

The sponsorship is part of the company's ongoing investment in the mid-west and follows the recent appointment of OPR as major sponsor of the GNFL and their 2008 Country Week Championships team.

The company will sponsor matches held on the Sunday 11 May of the split round. These games will feature appearances by Fremantle Football Club player Paul Hasleby and 'Best on Ground' trophies for each team.

Paul Hasleby said he was delighted to be involved with local football.

"I grew up playing footy at these grounds and am very excited to be back to see the local talent performing at their best."

"Community football is an integral part of the mid-west community. Fremantle is proud to be involved with a company like Oakajee Port and Rail who are supporting the GNFL and the local players."

OPR is seeking the right to design, develop, construct and operate a new port business to transport iron ore from mines in the mid-west to a new deepwater port to be built at Oakajee, north of Geraldton.

Chris Eves, OPR Chief Executive Officer reinforced the company's commitment to social benefits and community projects.

"The future success of the port project will be underpinned by OPR's commitment to people and to the community," said Mr Eves.

"We are making this commitment upfront now to demonstrate that we intend to support the mid-west for the long haul.

"The community will be in safe hands if you back us on this project to build a new port at Oakajee".

Paul Kosovich, GNFL President, said that the GNFL endorsed OPR's sponsorship of this weekend's football round which showed that OPR was truly committed to the GNFL and the mid-west region as a whole.

"The Great Northern Football League is fortunate to have been given a major role in this initiative and believes the partnership will be of great benefit to both OPR and the GNFL in the future," Mr Kosovich said.

Paul Hasleby, will be visiting Wonthella and Eadon Clarke on Sunday 11 May 2008.

He will be available at half time during the Towns versus Mullewa game at Wonthella and before the game at Eadon Clarke to sign autographs.

This weekend's round falls on the Australian Football League's Community Football Weekend. The AFL is encouraging the entire football community to take part in the celebrations, and hopes to see more than 2 million people attend local games across the country over the three day period.

This GNFL OPR sponsored round will comprises the following games.

- Rover Football Club v Chapman Valley Football Club (Saturday 10 May 2008, 6pm)
- Brigades Football Club and Northampton Football Club (Sunday 11 May 2008, 2pm)
- Towns Football Club v Mullewa Football Club (Sunday 11 May 2008, 2pm)

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