



Title: Tim Mannah: Community Superhero

Category: Heart of the Community

Club Name: Parra Leagues

1. Provide an outline of the program, project or cause that addresses each of the following aspects:

- a. The program/project/cause objectives**
- b. The support the club provided, i.e. was it financial, in-kind, staff volunteers or use of club facilities?**
- c. A timeline of activities/events**
- d. Any developments made since implementation (for example: if the support spans multiple years, how has the program grown? Will the club provide support again? Will the program be enhanced in the future?)**

Tim Mannah rose through Parramatta Junior League to play 233 games for the Parramatta Eels where he was Captain for 6 years. He also represented NSW, Australia and Lebanon in Rugby League.

Tim is passionate about giving back and has worked closely with numerous charities, Parramatta Leagues Club and the Parramatta Eels to provide value to the community.

Tim won the Citizen of the Year Award in 2014 at the Australia Day City of Parramatta Awards. Tim has also won the Ray Price Community Award at the Parramatta Eels Ken Thornett Medal on four occasions (2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016).

Tim is currently employed by Parramatta Leagues Club (PLC) as a Promotion & Marketing Officer. His core KRA is to promote PLC business and community initiatives.

Tim goes above and beyond when it comes to the community element of his role. He volunteers, promotes community and charitable initiatives and is involved with numerous charities and community groups. Whilst there are too many things to list in this application, we have selected 5 highlights.



1. The Mannah Foundation

Tim founded the Mannah Foundation in 2013 to honour the impact made by his brother Johnny Mannah by continuing his tireless work in the community. The Mannah Foundation is a registered charity that supports organisations and young people creating positive change in their communities. Tim presented the idea of the Mannah Foundation to Parramatta Leagues Club in 2013 and the Club support continues to this day.

The Mannah Foundation partnered with Compassion Australia in 2017 to raise funds to build a new Skills Development Centre in Uganda. The centre is now used to allow sponsored children to go through the education program to learn a life skills (e.g. dress making, shoe making, graphic design, etc). This allows them to have a practical skill to provide income for their family.

Through the ClubGRANTS program, Parramatta Leagues Club is the largest funder of the Skills Development Centre, providing 67% of the project funding.

Tim has recently completed a documentary filmed in 2019 which is streaming on Kayo. It shows Tim visiting Brianah Mugabi, his Compassion sponsor child, in what is a hugely emotional moment that will warm your heart. The documentary also features 2020 Clive Churchill medalist Ryan Papenhuyzen and Melbourne Storm forward Christian Welch.

2. Ronald McDonald House (RMH)

Parramatta Leagues Club began their relationship with RMH in the mid-1990s and are part of the bricks and mortar at the Westmead Ronald McDonald House, see links to supporting websites. Tim was introduced to RMH through the Parramatta Eels who regularly take players to visit RMH, particularly at Easter and Christmas. Tim used to attend RMH with Nathan Cayless who was an ambassador for RMH until he retired from Rugby League in 2010. In 2011, Tim took over as the Eels RMH Ambassador and has continued in his RMH Ambassador role post football retirement.

Families often have to travel far from home to receive the medical care their child needs. RMH provides essential care and support for families, only steps away from the hospital.

Tim works closely with the team at RMH and has formed connections with many families in the house. He values the incredible difference RMH make to the lives of families going through a hard period.



3. Parramatta Mission

Parramatta Leagues Club have supported Parramatta Mission for many years. Recently, Parramatta Leagues Club donated \$35,000 to support the Parramatta Mission 2020 Christmas Event. Tim volunteered his time on two occasions during the 2020 Parramatta Mission Christmas Event to assist with feeding the homeless and has volunteered for Parramatta Mission on many other occasions.

One of these volunteer opportunities was undertaken with the Chairman of our Board of Directors, Greg Monaghan, see supporting photos.

Parramatta Mission support those in Greater Western Sydney who are vulnerable, experiencing homelessness, hardship or isolation by providing meals, accommodation and mental health services.

4. Junior League

Rugby League is part of the DNA of Parramatta Leagues Club and positivity impacts health and wellbeing in the community. Tim worked his way up through Junior League to become Captain of the Parramatta Eels and attends Junior League training 2-3 times per month in his own time. This inspires young people to get involved in sport, develop their skills, their sporting community and drives wellbeing.

5. 2020 Parra Leagues Community Awards and Functions

2020 was a year like no other. Tim was looking forward to hosting the 2020 Parra Leagues Community Awards, however the in Club event was unable to go ahead due to the restrictions associated with COVID. Tim and the team at Parra Leagues were determined to push forward with the awards. As a result, Tim hosted the first ever Parra Leagues online Community Awards and it was viewed by more than 200 people. These awards celebrate the work Parra Leagues' community groups do in the local area and provide grants for projects that meet the following aims:

6. Improve the quality of life for disadvantaged groups.

Tim promotes and attends numerous charity and community events both in his role at Parra Leagues and in a personal capacity.

Tim Mannah was humbled that Parramatta Leagues Club CEO Bevan Paul wanted to nominate him for this award. He is a very modest man and the Club often only finds out about Tim's involvement in the community when they directly ask him or when they are told by other members of the community.