



Newport Rugby Club

Name

Rhys Blackburn

Nickname

Wesser

Position

Hooker

Date of birth

8 March 1979

Occupation

Environmental engineer

Junior club

Collaroy Plateau Cougars & Narrabeen Tigers

School(s)

Hurlstone Ag., St Pauls Manly, Marist Brothers North Shore

Proudest moment

Aside from my wedding day, Grand Final day in 2003 – played all of 2nd grade and won in the last few minutes and then got to play off the bench in the winning 1st grade side straight after.

Which Breaker do you most aspire to become? Why?

Wayne Rides – Still a regular starter after how many years? And a clubman. And a front rower.

My worst habit is...

Putting shit through the wash. Receipts, tissues, mobiles...

My sporting hero outside of rugby is

Lance Armstrong – Amazing athlete and an amazing story.



Rhys (far left) with Will Sare (2nd from right) & Luke “Mad Dog” Perrin (far right)

Which three people would you most like to be stranded on a desert island with?

Halle Berry and the 2 dudes who paddled a kayak from Sydney to New Zealand.

Outside rugby I support

North Narrabeen Surf club – I’ve been a member there for 12 years. I’m hot and cold on the Tahs – they’ve let me down too many times.

The meal/food I am best at cooking is

Chilli con carne

Favourite rugby player when I was growing up

David Campese, he had pace, he could kick the ball a mile, and he had attitude. I was captivated by his goose step. He didn’t change direction, or accelerate, but he managed to bamboozle the best wingers in the world all the time. I’m over him now.

Favourite movie

The Big Lebowski

Favourite actor/actress

Christopher Walken

Favourite holiday destination

France – could easily settle there.