

(The last) Chairman's Letter from Ballymore

July 30, 2009

It's with great regret and disappointment that I announce my resignation today as the Chairman of the QRU.

The past two weeks have been the worst of my life.

Due to the sustained efforts of a few people in whom I'd placed complete trust, my integrity has been attacked and the business career in which I take genuine pride has been irreparably tarnished.

The media attacks based on half truths and downright lies are something you can't prepare for or deal with in any rational way. I would not wish this on anyone.

That said, the mud sticks and the QRU's credibility as a Queensland institution of 128 years standing must be protected.

As with my company Trinity, I leave the QRU with a sad feeling of unfinished business.

The Ballymore project in particular has great merit and the attention of all levels of Government at this time. With an extensive list of benefits to sport, community, health and fitness it deserves support.

My time in the QRU chair has been a rare privilege made so by the magnificent support I have enjoyed from my Board, the QRU staff and the army of volunteers out there who make Rugby what it is.

Thank you all.

Finally then, despite the loss of Berrick Barnes; don't underestimate Phil Mooney!

Go the Reds!

Peter Lewis