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MEDIA RELEASE

AEIOU FOUNDATION TEAMS UP WITH DOLPHINS AS OFFICIAL CHARITY PARTNER

AEIOU Foundation and the Dolphins NRL club have forged a new alliance with Australia's leading provider of autism-specific early intervention now on board as an official charity partner.

The collaboration offers AEIOU valuable opportunities to raise funds for its specialist programs and heighten awareness for its mission to ensure children with autism are living their best lives.

The first fundraising opportunity kicks off during Autism Awareness Month, on Saturday April 6 with AEIOU the beneficiary of a 50-50 Charity Raffle at Suncorp Stadium when the Dolphins take on Wests Tigers.

AEIOU CEO Alan Smith said all funds raised would directly support the not-for-profit's mission of enhancing the lives of children with autism through evidence-based early intervention programs and practical support.

"We're proud to be partnering with the Dolphins this season and I know our community will have their #PhinsUp in support," Mr Smith said.

"At AEIOU, we support children with complex needs. Autism isn't rare, and it's important to understand the impacts to a child and family, while appreciating each individual's unique strengths and qualities."

Dolphins' CEO Terry Reader said the partnership extends from decades of community support by parent company, the Dolphin's Group, with new avenues to assist charities in their important work.

"We look forward to supporting AEIOU Foundation and each of the Dolphin's Charity Partners across the season as we strengthen our legacy of community engagement," Mr Reader said.

In addition to the 50/50 raffle at Suncorp Stadium on 6 April, The Dolphins will support AEIOU Foundation with player appearances, the provision of merchandise and match tickets and more.

About AEIOU Foundation

AEIOU Foundation is Australia's leading specialist in autism-specific early intervention, with 11 centres across Queensland, South Australia and ACT. AEIOU's specialised program integrates therapy and specialist education for children aged 2-6 years.

In addition to individualised support for each child, families receive access to training and support, with regular parent engagement sessions and workshops throughout the year.

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