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**State of Origin series provides support for sick kids**



*The Tybingoompa family, from Weipa, with Johnathan Thurston at 'Maroon Fest' at Jupiters Hotel & Casino on July 4.*

The XXXX Queensland Maroons weren't the only winners in this year's State of Origin series – Ronald McDonald House South East Queensland (RMH SEQ) also scored \$405,000 towards its new South Brisbane House, courtesy of Treasury Casino & Hotel and Jupiters Hotel & Casino.

For every point Queensland scored during the State of Origin series, Treasury and Jupiters contributed \$5,000 to RMH SEQ.

Last night's 52-6 recording scoring win for Queensland over NSW in the Origin decider has bolstered the properties' significant financial contribution to RMH SEQ for the series.

Treasury and Jupiters Managing Director, Queensland Geoff Hogg said the funds will enable more Queenslanders to access RMH SEQ's vital services at their new South Brisbane House facility.

"It's great to come together with two of our major partners, Queensland Rugby League and RMH SEQ, to work on this important project for regional Queenslanders receiving lifesaving medical treatment in Brisbane," Geoff said.

"It means important beneficiaries from this year's State of Origin series are the sick kids and their families who will call this new facility home – for a night or, sometimes, for more than a year."



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Earlier this year, Treasury and Jupiters signed a three-year deal with Queensland Rugby League (QRL) to become an official partner of QRL and home of the XXXX Queensland Maroons.

Throughout the State of Origin series, Treasury and Jupiters were transformed into Maroon Kingdoms, complete with maroon thrones, and offered mighty game-day viewing experiences on the big screen, cheerleader performances and unashamedly Queensland-themed.

Ronald McDonald House South East Queensland CEO Christopher Macaulay said the outcome for the charity during the 2015 State of Origin series was a significant contribution to the development of the new South Brisbane House.

"We are very appreciative of the generous support offered by Treasury and Jupiters and congratulate the XXXX Queensland Maroons on their effort this series which has seen RMH SEQ benefit through this amazing donation that will go directly towards supporting our new House," Christopher said.

Meanwhile, another rugby league initiative is also raising funds for RMH SEQ.

The Jupiters' 'Points for Hope' fundraising initiative, where \$1,000 will be donated to RMH SEQ for every point scored by the Gold Coast Titans this season, is generating another solid financial contribution to the charity.

After 15 of their 24 home and away matches this season, the Gold Coast Titans have already scored a total of 311 points which puts them well on track to deliver around half a million dollars to RMH SEQ as part of this initiative.

Both campaigns are part of Treasury and Jupiters' pledge to raise \$3 million over three years for RMH SEQ to assist the charity build their new South Brisbane House, which will be one of the largest Ronald McDonald Houses in the world when it is completed by mid-2016.

"Foundations have now been laid at the site of the South Brisbane House, which will open this time next year, and we look forward to continued progress on the development which will see up to 450 guests accommodated each night," Christopher said.

Echo Entertainment Group, which operates Treasury Casino & Hotel in Brisbane and Jupiters Hotel & Casino on the Gold Coast, is one of Queensland's largest private sector employers with a workforce of more than 3,500. The company is proud to support a range of community groups, charities and sponsorships including Surf Life Saving Queensland (supported since 1994), Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland (supported since 2002) and Ronald McDonald House South East Queensland. More than \$100 million has been contributed to the Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund (now the Gambling Community Benefit Fund) since 1987 for grants to community groups across southern Queensland.

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