

Keyword

'As a pack, we need to be better than their pack. It starts with Paul Gallen but we have to be better than that across the board'
Queensland prop Matt Scott on State of Origin III

Myobsession



Erik Paartalu,
Brisbane Roar
Can Too ambassador

BRISBANE Roar's vigorous pre-season campaign and a recent ankle injury will prevent Erik Paartalu competing in tomorrow's Gold Coast Marathon, but the star midfielder will be cheering for a host of runners in his role as Can Too ambassador.

Can Too is a not-for-profit organisation that matches fitness incentives with a good cause. Novices and experienced athletes are trained by professionals to compete in a variety of events, including marathons, half marathons and 10km runs.

In return, participants raise funds for cancer research via Cure Cancer Australia.

Paartalu (pictured left and below), whose aunt battled cancer, is a fan of endurance events, having completed several triathlons.

He said combining his passion for sport with his desire to help in the fight against cancer was a great way to spend his time away from football.

"I'm pretty lucky to be a professional player, and I think I have an obligation to do something to help people who aren't as lucky as I am," Paartalu said.

"I don't think there would be anyone in the world who hasn't been touched by cancer in one way or another, and I want to help in whatever way I can.

"I'll be down the Coast on Sunday afternoon lending my support to the Can Too team."

They include Can Too founder Annie Crawford, who will be running the marathon.

"Annie's an amazing woman. She's so driven," Paartalu said.



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If I was an animal I'd be ...	Mum always told me to ...	Skydive or bungee jump?	If I was a Masterchef my signature dish would be ...
A lion for sure. I'm tough and strong	Pack my toothbrush	Skydiving for sure. It's more of an adrenaline	Chocolate mousse

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@MichaelZullo5 (Socceroos and FC Utrecht star Michael Zullo)
Can't believe it's only the 4th day of preseason ;)...legs dead...beep test = the enemy. Need 2 remember to sabotage stereo system next time..
@GaryAblettJnr (Gold Coast Suns skipper Gary Ablett)
Landed in Perth... On the way to hotel. Looking for