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Insight shared by Australian rugby legend at Westpac

Australian rugby legend, Tim Horan, gave an account of his incredible tale so far for both the Agribuzz faithful and newcomers alike, who had gathered at Westpac's offices in Sydney for the final Agribuzz for 2013.

Agribuzz is an initiative of NSW Farm Writers', which brings together young people beginning their careers in agribusiness with those established in the sector, to share experiences and contacts.

Tim noted in his talk the importance of networking throughout his career, particularly having a mentor for the transition between rugby and post-rugby. Tim's mentor was from the finance industry and helped shape his pursuits off the field.

By way of background, Tim is a country kid from a dairy farm in the Darling Downs district of Queensland. His rugby career began at Downlands College in Toowoomba and ended as veteran of 80 tests. In a 12 year Wallaby career, Tim became known as possibly the greatest centre the game has seen and won two World Cup championships with Australia.

He is currently Head of the Sports and Entertainment division of Westpac, a rugby commentator with Fox Sports, and is currently completing an Executive MBA at Bond University.

On the night Tim also shared anecdotes about his time as an amateur and professional rugby player, providing rare insight into the mateship, adversity and humanity he experienced in his playing days. He also spoke of the challenges that modern players face in their transition to life post rugby, particularly mental health issues and the importance of education to ensure success after playing careers finish.

It was an enjoyable evening for all and Farm Writers' thanks both Tim for his time, and Susan Bower, Head of Agribusiness, Westpac, for the generous sponsorship of the event and business card draw.

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