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MEDIA RELEASE

Junior Crushers get pro-tips from footy legend

North Queensland Toyota Cowboys legend Ray Thompson and the Cowboys game development team put local junior rugby league players through their paces as part of a free footy clinic held at the Herbert River Crushers grounds last Thursday (30 May).

It was an opportunity for juniors to hone their kicking, passing and agility skills under the guidance of footballing professionals.

Juniors even had the chance to try out their speed against Thompson during a game of bull-rush.

"It's great to be involved in grassroots rugby league, especially when it's in regional North Queensland," Thompson said.

The clinic was run in partnership with Wilmar, and was open to players aged 8 to 12 years.

Wilmar Community Relations Manager Kylie Newman said it was the second year that the clinics had been run for juniors in the Herbert and Burdekin regions.

"We're providing the clinics as part of our community partnership with the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys," Mrs Newman said.

"It's great to be able to bring the Cowboys game development team to our milling regions, where there are a lot of loyal footy fans."

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CAPTION: Junior Herbert River Crushers with Ray Thompson, Cowboys game development team members and Wilmar's Chris Winship at the clinic



CAPTION: Game Development Manager Liam Bartlett explains a kicking drill to juniors



CAPTION: From left: Levi Murray, NQ Toyota Cowboys legend Ray Thompson and Lewis Inunciaga



CAPTION: Game Development Officer Gavin Lloyd had juniors cheering each other on as they ran drills



CAPTION: Ray Thompson challenges juniors to a game of bull-rush



CAPTION: Wilmar's Chris Winship with NQ Toyota Cowboys legend Ray Thompson