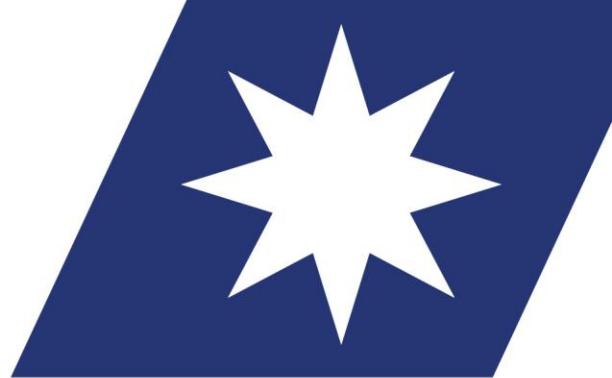


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### POLITICIAN BY DAY, BOXER BY (THIS SATURDAY) NIGHT

He's no stranger to the odd political stoush, but this weekend KAP State Leader and Traeger MP Robbie Katter will be embroiled in a fight of a different kind.

For only the second time, Robbie "Mad Hatter" Katter will step into the boxing ring on Saturday night – this time as part of the Mount Isa Annihilation II Fight Night Celebrity Match.

Steeled by a surprise win in his debut match against Mike Diamond at the 2014 Mount Isa Charity Boxing Challenge fundraiser, Robbie didn't hesitate in agreeing to throw his glove in the ring again.

It was post putting pen to the boxing match contract paper that he was informed he will fight none other than the Mount Isa Fit-Man, personal trainer and former State of Origin player John Doyle.

Robbie said he was not one to back out of a challenge, but that he has asked his supporters to bring an extra esky of icepacks on the night.

"I'm definitely keen to get out into the ring again – I needed a bit of a challenge and this has been a good incentive to train and try and get fit," the one-time boxer said.

"I have been training a little bit and done some prep, but if I'm honest I don't think much is going to help me going up against a much bigger and fitter former State of Origin player.

"But I won my last fight by 50m though – so you never know."

Robbie said his time as a local MP has sent him onto the footy field, to the opera and now for the second time into the boxing ring, and none of these feats were the silliest thing he has done while in politics.

"It's always good to get involved in local sports and I am definitely looking forward to the weekend," he said.

"After Saturday I will be putting a challenge to both Shane Knuth and Nick Dametto to see if they are willing to get into the ring against one of their community's fittest and strongest athletes.

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"In fact I would be keen to see how many of our state politicians have or would be willing to get into the ring for charity reasons.

"It might be an idea for me to host some sparring sessions in my office before (not during) Question Time, to see if any of us have some hidden talents there."

The Annihilation II Fight Night features a mix of boxing and muay thai contests and will be held at the Mount Isa Irish Club this Saturday, with doors to open at 7pm.

The main event will see local fighter Quevarn Patuwai take on ex-Mount Isa man Mark Soloman.

Tickets are available from the Mount Isa Irish Club front desk.

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