

## **Gorden Tallis**

## Sports Commentator and Former Professional Rugby League Footballer

One of Australia's toughest and most inspirational rugby league stars, Townsville-born Gorden Tallis joined the Brisbane Broncos in 1997, after a four year stint with St George. Labeled the Raging Bull because of his fearless, no holds barred style of forward play, Gorden played 8 seasons for Brisbane, winning three premierships. His outstanding and dominant display in the 1998 NRL Grand Final victory over the Bulldogs saw him awarded the Clive Churchill Medal, after being voted the man-of-the-match.



In a magnificent career where he played 160 matches in the Bronco's coveted maroon and gold colours, Gorden retired at the end of the 2004 season. Gorden's representative achievements saw him Captain the QLD Maroons between 1998 -2001. In 1999, in one of 20 proud and passionate appearances for Queensland, Gorden Tallis was named man-of-the-match in the State of Origin decider at Lang Park. Pulling on the Queensland jumper transformed Gorden and throughout that epic match, he repelled everything that his NSW opponents could throw at him. The match ended in a 10-all draw, which was enough for the maroons to retain the shield.

Gorden also represented Australia on 11 occasions. Being named Captain to lead his country in 2002.

In retirement, Gorden is an established media commentator being contracted to Triple M and Fox Sports. His knowledge of the game and honest and thoughtful opinions and insights make him a highly sought after personality. Gorden is also kept busy with many corporate engagement and ambassadorial requests.

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