



# Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club Annual Report 2016



Developing young people through our  
actions and through the game of rugby

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Current Wallaby player Reece Hodge... once a Harlequin

Cover image: Joshua Wickham (U6 Blue)  
gets away from the defence... and loving it!





# management committee

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### President

Colin House

### Vice-Presidents

Juniors - Peter Rankin

Minis - Colin Cardwell

### Secretary

Bill Wright

### Assistant Secretary

Craig Poynton

### Treasurer

Ryan Blieden

### Sponsorship & Marketing Officer

Colin Cardwell

### Social Coordinator

Lyndsay Hendry

## NON-COMMITTEE ROLES

### Administrator & Registrar

Katrina Martin

### Referee Liaison Officer

Chris Hedge



Manly Marlins Sam Lane and B J Hartman at Presentation Day



Chris Hedge enthral the crowd on Presentation Day



# president's report



The 2016 rugby season is now done and dusted, and I trust it was another fantastic and enjoyable season for all players and parents alike. Junior rugby is almost entirely volunteer-based and can only operate with the generous support and devotion of volunteers, spectators, sponsors and committee members. Thank you to everyone for your contribution and support throughout the year.

## ON FIELD

This season we had the great pleasure of seeing 364 Harlequins players running around various rugby fields throughout Sydney. This is a slight increase on the previous year (351) and maintains the Harlequins' position as one of the largest junior rugby clubs in the Sydney metropolitan area.

We fielded 14 teams in the Manly-Warringah Minis competition and 14 teams in the Sydney Junior Rugby Union metropolitan competition (including Vikings joint venture teams).

The Manly-Warringah Minis competition (U6 to U9) continues to thrive on the northern beaches with games held from Seaforth and Frenchs Forest to Newport each Saturday morning. The health of rugby at the Minis level is strong across the northern beaches and provides a solid base for the Junior competitions.

As has become the norm, the annual Harlequins Cup (U8 and U9) was again an outstanding success, despite being postponed two days prior to the scheduled date

due to inclement weather. One week later, the tournament went ahead as normal without incident, despite the need to replace teams, create new draws, reorganise food and utilities, etc, which is a testament to the hard work of our planning and organising committee. The apparent seamlessness of the running of this massive day - the largest competition of its kind in the state - is only possible due to the extraordinary amount of organisation and preparation done beforehand. Colin Cardwell, Katrina Martin and the organising committee are to be congratulated on staging yet another outstanding tournament, ensuring it remains the pinnacle of the Minis calendar. A huge thank you also to Chris Hedge for his efforts in organising referees for 86 games - twice! Congratulations to all the players and coaches who participated, and thank you to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the day.

We fielded 8 teams in the SJRU Sunday competition in the U10 to U12 age groups, with 6 teams making it through to the finals. Congratulations to the players and coaches of our U10A team for making the Grand Final, unfortunately falling just short in a hard-fought game (17-10), but nevertheless this was an outstanding achievement.

This was the third season of the Vikings joint venture between the three Manly village clubs of Manly Roos, Seaforth Raiders and Harbord Harlequins. The Vikings have grown from one age group and two teams in 2014 to six teams in four age groups in 2016, from the U14s to the Opens. The overriding objective of the Vikings is to mitigate the effect of the dramatic drop in player numbers that all clubs experience from U13s, with the commencement of secondary school. The formation of the Vikings has resulted in greater player numbers and depth in each age group, giving players the opportunity to compete safely in appropriately graded and competitive teams. The Vikings concept is proving to be extremely popular with players, coaches, managers and parents. Of the six Vikings teams fielded this year, four progressed to Grand Final day, so congratulations to all players, coaches and managers. Special congratulations to the U14A Gold Vikings, who won their Grand Final 24-15 and became the first Vikings team to win an A-grade competition - an outstanding effort!

The Harlequins were again well represented in the MJRU development and representative teams, with 54 Harlequins boys selected to represent the Manly district across the U10 to U16 age groups at this year's State Championships. This is a fantastic effort and all the players and their coaches are to be congratulated.

Special congratulations to Blair Healey and Teddy Wilson on their selection in the U14 Sydney team, and



to Daniel Ala on his selection in the U15 NSW team. It is immensely difficult to gain selection at these representative levels, so well done boys on your achievement.

## OFF FIELD

Our sponsorship partners continue to play an important role in the growth of the club and we especially appreciate the continued financial support of Macquarie Leasing, Dee Why RSL, and Freshwater Community Bank. Sponsorship is an extremely important source of funds for the club, allowing registration fees to remain as low as possible. The committee encourages all Harlequins families to support our sponsors whenever and wherever possible.

As communicated at last year's AGM, the club contracted Mike Cross of TryRugby as Coaching Director. His role was to provide guidance and assistance to our club coaches through the year, providing age-based skills development, and consistency of approach and philosophy. The general consensus was that this initiative was long overdue and that the continuation of this program will bring about a major lift in both coaching and player skill levels. I'd like to thank Mike for his valuable contribution in this inaugural year of the program.

This year the club hosted the Harlequins Rugby Club Melbourne in the first 'return leg' of the newly established tour for U12s and U13s. Substantial planning and effort went into the tour, with all the feedback indicating the Melbournians had a great time. Congratulations to all involved and hopefully this event continues well into the future.

I would like to thank Katrina Martin for her invaluable support as Club Administrator. Katrina had a big pair of shoes to fill after taking over from Rochelle Robinson and I'm glad to say she handled the role with consummate skill and efficiency, which is even more impressive given the nightmare of the new registration system, MyRugby. The Club has been extremely blessed to have had two such standout Club Administrators.

I'd also like to thank Sam Lane and B J Hartman from the Manly Marlins for their attendance at this year's Presentation Day. They were very personable and generous with their time, and their presence was greatly appreciated by all club members.

Thank you again to Al and Kris Abbey for compiling our annual report, which they have produced for the past 11 years, doing another excellent job.

Last year we were honoured to have Reece Hodge, a member of the first Harbord Harlequins team in 2001, attend our Presentation Day. Two weeks prior to our Presentation Day this year, Reece became the first

I WISH TO SINCERELY THANK EVERYONE FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED OVER THE YEARS AND I WISH THE NEW PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE EVERY SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.



Harbord Harlequin to represent Australia when he came off the bench against the All Blacks in the Wellington test on 27 August. He soon made his presence felt with a massive 53-metre penalty goal. Two weeks later, he was in the run-on Wallabies team that played the Springboks in Brisbane. The club is extremely proud of Reece and his achievements and look forward to watching him in action for the Wallabies for many years to come.

As the old saying goes, all good things must come to an end, and after six years serving on the Committee, it's time for me to step down and hand over to the next generation of Harlequins administrators. It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve this great club. I wish to sincerely thank everyone for the tremendous support and assistance provided over the years and I wish the new President and Committee every success in the future.

*Colin House, President*



Reece Hodge, a member of the first Harbord Harlequins team in 2001, in his debut Test with the Wallabies in August 2016.





# treasurer's report

The club recorded a net deficit for the year of \$9,279 (2015 surplus \$5,468).

Gross profit for the year was \$79,126 (2015 \$92,821), and was derived from:

2016	2015
60% Registration Fees	51%
14% Sponsorship	20%
12% Gross Profit from Sales	17%
14% Gala Day Income, Commissions & Interest	12%
100%	100%

Key contributors to income were:

- Registration Fees - \$47,747, an increase of \$848 on last year (\$46,899).
- Sponsorship - \$11,200, a decrease of \$7,800 on last year (\$19,000).
- Canteen & Merchandise Sales - \$27,167, a decrease of \$10,381 on last year (\$37,548).
- Harlequins Cup Gala Day profit of \$9,504 (2015 \$9,080), which continues to be a key fundraising event. (Note: Includes Freshwater Community Bank sponsorship, which is reported under sponsorship income. Canteen income and expenses are estimated based on GP%).
- Interest Received - \$3,199, a small decrease on last year (\$3,434), reflecting the lower interest rates.

Expenses for the year were \$88,405 (2015 \$87,353). Major expenditure items were:

- Coaching & Training fees - \$13,300, a significant increase on last year (\$150) due to the new coaching program run by Mike Cross.
- Administration Expenses - \$14,000, a decrease on last year (\$17,000).

- Jerseys, Shirts, Shorts & Socks - \$10,241, a significant decrease on last year (\$19,249) due to previous completion of the jersey refresh.
- Insurance & Levies - \$21,300, an increase on last year (\$19,812).
- Medallions, Trophies & Awards - \$5,957, a small decrease on last year (\$6,121).
- Meetings & Social Functions - \$1,343, a decrease on last year (\$5,625) primarily due to the club's 15-year anniversary in 2015.
- Equipment & Supplies - \$3,098, an increase on last year (\$1,797).

The club's accounts were transferred to Xero accounting software in October 2015, which has improved reporting and record keeping capabilities.

I would like to thank Andrew Gourley for his ongoing and generous support of the club, including the conduct of the independent review of our accounts.

In accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act 1984 Section 26(6), financial accounts as set out on the following pages have been prepared. The club committee considers these are not misleading and give a true and fair view of the:

- a) Income and expenditure of the club for the year ended 30 September 2016; and
- b) Assets and liabilities of the club as at 30 September 2016.

In addition, the club committee confirms that there are no mortgages, charges or other securities of any description affecting any of the property of the club as at 30 September 2016.

*Ryan Blieden*  
Treasurer



# independent review

## INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE HARBORD HARLEQUINS RUGBY CLUB 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

### SCOPE

I have reviewed the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet (2016 Financial Report) of Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club as set out on the following pages. The Club's Committee are responsible for the 2016 Financial Report. I have performed an independent review of the 2016 Financial Report in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures set out below, anything has come to my attention that would indicate that the 2016 Financial Report is not presented fairly.

My review has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards applicable to review engagements. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of the Club's Committee and agreement of the 2016 Financial Report to the Club's books and records on a test basis. These procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, thus the level of assurance is less than given in an audit.

### STATEMENT

Based on my review, I have not become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the 2016 Financial Report of Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club does not give a true and fair view of the Club's financial position as at 30 September 2016 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.

*Andrew Gourley*  
Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants  
in Australia



Finlay Cardwell (U9 Blue) on the burst



Harbord Harlequins versus Melbourne Harlequins!

**Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club**  
**Income & Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended 30 September 2016**

	2016	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>			
Coffee & Photo Commission	1,344	1,420	1,645
Gala Day Income	6,450	6,107	4,168
Home Game Sales	24,408	32,198	27,413
Interest Received	3,199	3,434	3,896
Merchandise Sales	2,759	5,350	2,135
Registration Fees	47,747	46,899	49,605
Sponsorship Income	11,200	19,000	16,000
	<b>97,107</b>	<b>114,408</b>	<b>104,862</b>
<b>Less: Cost of Sales</b>			
Canteen Running Costs	3,530	1,782	1,855
Home Game Stock Purchases	11,330	14,286	13,513
Merchandise Cost of Sales	3,121	5,519	3,482
	<b>17,981</b>	<b>21,587</b>	<b>18,850</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>79,126</b>	<b>92,821</b>	<b>86,012</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>			
Administration Expenses	14,000	17,000	15,000
Advertising	1,649	1,572	1,140
Bank Fees	43	44	44
Canteen & Storage Rental	2,200	2,200	2,200
Coaching & Training Fees	13,300	150	834
Council Lighting Fee	811	-	-
Council / Sports Union Fee	4,259	3,875	4,275
Depreciation	4,651	4,435	10,107
Donations	1,000	1,000	-
Equipment & Supplies	3,098	1,797	3,939
Fees Written Off	1,090	-	765
Field Marking	1,920	1,350	2,200
Ground First Aid	1,720	2,105	2,230
Hall & Equipment Hire	150	-	474
Insurance & Levies	3,487	3,559	4,550
Jerseys, Shirts, Shorts & Socks	10,241	19,249	14,671
Medallions, Trophies & Awards	5,957	6,121	6,344
Meetings & Social Functions	1,343	5,625	2,219
Mini Referees	1,560	1,555	1,130
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,196	2,868	2,626
NSW Participation Fee	9,168	9,096	7,153
Postage, Printing & Stationery	1,391	1,269	1,775
Pre-Season Ground Rental	2,015	1,727	1,629
Software	760	-	-
Website	396	756	577
	<b>88,405</b>	<b>87,353</b>	<b>85,882</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(9,279)</b>	<b>5,468</b>	<b>130</b>





# financial report

## Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2016

	2016	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Bank</b>			
Bendigo Current Account	26,941	34,080	35,177
Bendigo Current Account 2	738	794	656
Bendigo Term Deposit	124,161	120,963	117,528
	<b>151,840</b>	<b>155,837</b>	<b>153,361</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Merchandise Stock on Hand	5,098	8,135	4,664
Receivables	2,370	3,460	5,500
	<b>7,468</b>	<b>11,595</b>	<b>10,164</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Equipment at Cost	28,903	28,765	42,081
Less: Accumulated Depreciation on Equipment	(13,037)	(15,398)	(25,719)
	<b>15,866</b>	<b>13,367</b>	<b>16,362</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>175,174</b>	<b>180,799</b>	<b>179,887</b>
<b>Less: Liabilities</b>			
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Accrued Fees	4,259	605	5,161
	<b>4,259</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>5,161</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>4,259</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>5,161</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>170,915</b>	<b>180,194</b>	<b>174,726</b>
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>			
Surplus - Current Year	(9,279)	5,468	130
Surplus - Brought Forward	180,194	174,726	174,596
<b>Total Accumulated Surplus</b>	<b>170,915</b>	<b>180,194</b>	<b>174,726</b>



# sponsorship report



We are extremely fortunate to have the continued financial support of our sponsors. The costs associated with running the club are significant and the generous contributions from our financial sponsors allow us to keep a cap on registration fees to help keep as many boys in the game of rugby as possible.

As a club, we urge all players and their families to support all the businesses that support our club. Without their support, our club could not operate as it does.

Firstly, I would like to thank Macquarie Leasing and Dee Why RSL Club for their continued support in 2016. Both organisations have been loyal and generous supporters of the Harlequins for many years and their continued support is greatly appreciated.

Also, a warm thank you to Freshwater Community Bank for their support and sponsorship of the Harlequins Gift, the very exciting race held each year as part of our annual Harlequins Cup.

On behalf of all the Harlequins players and supporters, I extend a big thank you to all our sponsors! We look forward to continuing a strong relationship this year and beyond.

*Colin Cardwell*  
Sponsorship & Marketing Officer  
Ph 0401 888 322



<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Macquarie Leasing	5,000	5,000	5,000
Dee Why RSL Club	4,000	6,000	4,000
Freshwater Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank	2,200	2,000	-
Harbord Diggers	-	5,000	-
Bower Interactive	-	1,000	-
Toshiba	-	-	6,000
Freshies Restaurant, Harbord Beach Hotel	-	-	1,000
	<b>11,200</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>16,000</b>



## THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

I first got involved with the Harlequins back in 2003 when my son Rohan started packing into scrums in the U8s. Rohan loved it and so did his mum and dad.

There was one thing we noticed that we thought was a bit strange. There was never an accredited referee on hand to referee the matches. It was always some lucky dad who got thrown a whistle and asked to give it a go. Some of those dads went off on their own and got accredited as referees. Some didn't.

Ah, but everyone was pretty happy with things in those days because:

- Australia was hosting the Rugby World Cup that year;
- the ARU had plenty of money in the bank;
- the Wallabies were regularly beating the All Blacks;
- rugby player numbers were rising at a very healthy clip all over Australia.

Roll forward six years to 2009. Harlequins Life Member Sean Richardson came up with the brilliant idea of starting a program to get teenage rugby players accredited as referees so they could referee the U8 and U9 matches played on Saturday mornings between the Manly and Warringah village clubs.

Not all brilliant ideas meet with immediate success, but this one did! In that first season in 2009, we recruited, accredited, coached and mentored 14 brand new teenage referees. Current Wallabies player Reece Hodge was one of those 14 referees, while eight of the others were Harlequins players.

We were off and running with a bang. Our teenage referees were very much in demand from the coaches and parents of all the U8 and U9 teams. So much so that we couldn't cover all the Saturday morning matches.

Roll forward another seven years to 2016. This season we had 33 teenage referees, including two young ladies, while eight others were Harlequins players (see table). Every Saturday we have more referees than matches available for them to referee – and rugby player numbers on the northern beaches are still growing.

I hope to see all these referees PLUS a host of brand new faces out in the middle in 2017. And hey wouldn't it be nice to have one or more Harlequins ladies as part of that group – mums, sisters, aunties, girlfriends, grandmothers... whatever!

*Chris Hedge, Referee Liaison Officer*  
Ph 0405 149 365



Hedge - as comfortable with a microphone as he is with a whistle.

Tom Douglas keeping the Minis playing to the rules



### Harlequins players who formed part of the Manly and Warringah referee community in 2016

Aidan Campbell  
Liam Davidson  
Tom Douglas  
Gabe Foley  
Liam Grady  
Liam House  
Max Poynton  
Sam Rankin





## team reports



### UNDER 6 GOLD

The Harbord Harlequins U6 Gold team was created on week 3 of the season as our Blue, Maroon and White teams were a bit too large. A smaller team of 7 or 8 players meant virtually no time on the bench and everyone getting a full game.

The kids quickly formed a bond and started to gel as a team. Despite virtually no rugby experience from this group of boys aged 4 to 6, we quickly settled into a series of passing, tagging and positioning drills at training which transformed the team into a solid rugby unit on game day.

A highlight of our training sessions was always the mock game against the White team, which honed the boys' game skills, positioning and tagging techniques, not to mention distracting them from wrestling each other.

It didn't take too long for a flurry of tries to be awarded for their efforts and the enthusiasm of all the boys skyrocketed. Standout running and stepping performances led to some spectacular tries that would not have looked out of place in much more senior games.

As the season progressed, so did the skill level, and it was great to see the group become a team. Passing and supporting each other became more common near the end of the season. The faster and more confident kids made sure everyone got a run with the ball.

A HIGHLIGHT OF OUR TRAINING SESSIONS WAS THE MOCK GAME AGAINST THE WHITE TEAM, WHICH HONED THE BOYS' GAME SKILLS, POSITIONING & TAGGING TECHNIQUES, NOT TO MENTION DISTRACTING THEM FROM WRESTLING EACH OTHER.

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Still a bit of work to do with inside rules, but considering their age the boys did a great job to understand the dynamics and rules of the game, learning some solid foundations for next season.

Thank you to all the parents for sharing the orange and snake duties throughout the season and a huge thank you to Andy (Owen's dad) and Boris (Ethan's dad) for their help on training and game days.

Looking forward to the U7s next season!!

*Emma Robertson, Manager*



# 6

## UNDER 6 BLUE

The mighty U6 Blues, led by veteran Jasper Boreham, started the season with 9 rugby debutants. What the boys lacked in experience, they more than compensated for with enthusiasm, determination and a positive attitude.

After two short training sessions, our season began in a flurry of confusion, most players not knowing the difference between the sideline and the try line, but the Harbord Blues were quick learners and the boys soon worked out what the game of rugby is all about.

For the first half of the year, defence was the priority. With the introduction of tackle bull rush at training (at the boys' request), our opponents often found it impossible to penetrate our brick wall defence.

In the second half of the season, we moved on to the more difficult concept of passing. By August, this was working with spectacular success. The boys:

**Toby Grey** - Defender of the year. The crash tackle king. Although U6s is tag, Toby pulled off some of the best tackles seen on a rugby field in all ages this year.

**Will Donnan** - Try-scoring machine. Blessed with electric pace. Finished the season with 47 tries, an U6 Blue record. Could sniff a try from anywhere.

**Lennox Patterson** - Great player with a ton of ability. Relished mixing it up when the going got tough and loved his one tackle per half. A pretty boy with bite!

**Austin Olde** - Finished the season with three Man of the Match performances. Some great running, kicking and passing.

**Lewis Olde** - Has real potential and really seemed to enjoy being part of the Harbord Blues this year. One to watch in the future.

**Sam Northcote** - Produced some of the strongest runs this year. Voted #1 passer, especially in traffic. Always ran with the ball in two hands, as per coach's instructions.

**Brad Nitz** - Scored arguably the try of the season. Ran over 200m to do so. Electric pace. Kiwi pedigree meant he always pushed the envelope.

**Jasper Boreham** - Most experienced player, not only in the Blues, but possibly the entire competition. Set up and scored plenty of tries this year.



**Josh Wickham** - A coach's dream. Keen learner and always put new knowledge into practice. Noted cover defender when not scoring tries himself.

**Jordan Fear** - Captain Courageous. Great skills. Can kick, pass and score tries. Well rounded player who will shine in the U7s.

The enthusiasm the boys showed at training and games made coaching this team a great experience. Of course, it's not only the players who contribute to a successful rugby season. Our team was supported by a great group of parents who diligently brought their sons to all the training sessions and games. Alison and Mick Donnan did a great job ensuring all families knew what they needed to know and were kept up to date with team proceedings.

*Cameron Patterson, Coach*

AFTER TWO SHORT TRAINING SESSIONS, OUR SEASON BEGAN IN A FLURRY OF CONFUSION, MOST PLAYERS NOT KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SIDELINE AND THE TRY LINE, BUT THE HARBORD BLUES WERE QUICK LEARNERS & THE BOYS SOON WORKED OUT WHAT THE GAME OF RUGBY IS ALL ABOUT.



## team reports



### UNDER 6 MAROON

The U6 Harlequin Maroons burst onto the rugby scene with gusto. A lot of laughs, a few tears, the odd moment staring up at planes in the sky... but always plenty of spirit, energy and a love of getting stuck in - sometimes to each other, but mostly to the opposition.

Coaches James George and Andy Ling, with able assistance from dads John and Jan, found that mixing it up at training meant that the basics of sidesteps, passing, kicking and defending in a line were gradually taken on board. At one stage, we even had the boys teaching their mums how to kick and pass.

Come match day, Ben would typically score a couple with his sidestepping, with the strong-running Luke, Alex and James not far behind. Hugo, Thomas and Jackson showed prowess in organised defence, while Jake and Lucas were great all-round players who mastered kicking by the close of the season.

It was a joy to watch these boys from St John's and Curl Curl become a team, with all the ethics and discipline that entails.

What an introduction to rugby! On to next season.

*James George, Coach*

A LOT OF LAUGHS, A FEW TEARS, THE ODD MOMENT STARING UP AT PLANES IN THE SKY... BUT ALWAYS PLENTY OF SPIRIT, ENERGY AND A LOVE OF GETTING STUCK IN - SOMETIMES TO EACH OTHER, BUT MOSTLY TO THE OPPOSITION.





# 6

## UNDER 6 WHITE

Our debut season started with a training session that had the coaches scratching their heads, but it finished like a well-oiled Wallaby machine.

This tight-knit group took to learning the skills of rugby like ducks to water. Passing, running, tackling, scoring tries and, most impressive of all, 'squashing the worms' – the sidestep!

This team was handpicked - the best of the best on the Northern Beaches - and they sure delivered. The team:

**Freddy** - Beautiful to watch in full flight with the ball in hand, this guy has speed. Also one of the hard nuts of the team and known as one of the Bruise Brothers.

**Luka** - Loves to burn the opposition down the sideline with sheer pace. Massive future as a winger or outside centre. Also likes getting dirty in defence.

**Harvey** - The talker of the team. His half-time speech at Newport will be talked about for years to come. A real ball-playing fly-half with sharp spurts of speed and always there in defence. Invented the back-up call!

**Lachie** - Mr Rugby. I'm glad his contract didn't have a try-scoring bonus in it, or the club would have gone broke. Loves to hide behind the coaches in defence, only to surprise his opponents when he flies out to smash them.

**Archer** - Has a great step and scored many a try when facing one-on-one defence. Loves cover defending and has the makings of a good centre.

**Harry** - Twinkle Toes and the team jester! No one is faster over 15 metres. A big tackler in the centre of the park. Calming presence before big games. No doubt this Yogi has a big future in rugby.

**Toby** - The other Bruise Brother, our enforcer. Best sidestep in the team. Scored many tries going from one side of the pitch to the other, then under the posts. Will thrive when touch turns to tackle.

We enjoyed an undefeated season filled with plenty of tries, laughter and of course copious amounts of wrestling in between training drills. A big thank you to Coaches Neil Macarthur and Pete Dunn and head trainer Jamie Weston. All the boys loved every minute with you!

*Mike Dunn, Manager*



LOVES TO HIDE BEHIND THE COACHES IN  
DEFENCE, ONLY TO SURPRISE HIS OPPONENTS  
WHEN HE FLIES OUT TO SMASH THEM. ,



## team reports



### UNDER 7 GOLD

Our team was a mixture of boys who played together last season and some new faces. The team comprised: Tom (the Terminator), Luke, Phoenix, Hudson, Harrison (the Dodger), Connor, Max, Archie and Oliver.

It took a few weeks to get to know one another and gel as a team. Old bonds were strengthened and new friends made. On the field it took the boys quite a while to work as a team and pass the ball around, rather than their first preference of running solo to try to score that elusive try. Over the weeks they gradually improved and near the end of the season they were playing with confidence, cohesion and having lots of fun.

Once tackling began, there was a healthy mixture of nervousness, excitement and courage - from the boys as well as their parents! - in the process of mastering the technique of tackling another player. The game changed quite a lot in this part of the season as the boys now had to try really hard to support each other, run straighter and secure possession of the ball. They loved the tackling once they knew how it felt to tackle and be tackled. Our standout tackler was Tom, who earned the nickname "The Terminator" for his courageous and enthusiastic tackling.

Our coaches Crispin Swan and Ryan Blieden learned a huge lesson in patience, given the inattentive and



highly energised 7-year-olds they were having to coach each week! They really helped the boys develop their skills throughout the season and improve their game. A big thank you to both of them for giving up their time each week and passing on their knowledge to our boys - it was greatly appreciated. Well done U7 Gold for a great season of rugby!

*Simon Dudley, Age Group Manager*





ONE OF THE BIG BOPPERS. TAKES A LITTLE BIT TO WIND UP, BUT ONCE HE DOES, LOOK OUT. SOME FEARSOME SOUNDS THIS SEASON AS HE CRASHED INTO OPPOSITION DEFENCE.



#### UNDER 7 BLUE

Eight of last year's U6 Blues returned to form the spine of the U7 Blues, with Hendrix Green joining us early in the season as the ninth team member.

Damien Howison returned as Head Coach and continued to astound all with his ability to remain calm when all around was chaos. Hadyn Stephens began the season as Assistant Coach, but was usurped during the year by Jimmy Harridge, whose broader skill set and commitment to Friday training sessions were more valued by the Head Coach. These two formed a formidable team and will no doubt be the foundation of the U8 Blues next year. Well done boys, great season. A special mention also to James Bury, who was a stalwart of Friday trainings and a massive help to the coaches.

The team were once again unbeaten. At long last the boys were allowed to tackle for the last few games of the season, which they loved. There were a few concerned mums for the first game of tackle, but by the end of the game they were loving it as much as the boys. Finally, real rugby! A quick summary:

**Mitchell Bury** - Gives away a bit in size, but not in heart. Always keen, with a good turn of pace. Always happy and polite, a pleasure to coach. Keep practicing your tackling during the off-season Mitch.

**Hendrix Green** - A new addition to the Blues, he proved to have some real gas with scorching runs up the sideline. Look forward to seeing you back next year Hendrix.

**Mannix Harridge** - After two seasons of tag, he was finally allowed to tackle and proceeded to make up for lost time with some massive hits. Good with the ball in hand, with a strong fend and a good step for a big lad. Great season Manny.

**Matthew Hawley** - One of the big improvers with some great tackling and great slicing runs, as if he had spiders on him. Needs to work on ball retention but otherwise a great all-round season Matty.

**Carter Howison** - One of the players to watch coming through the club. Very quick with great game sense and concentration. Not easy when your dad is the coach, but definitely one of the stars of the season, easily topping the try count, if they were counted.

**Jeremy Paull** - One of the big boppers. Takes a little bit to wind up, but once he does, look out. Some fearsome sounds this season as he crashed into opposition defence. Great season JP.

**Jasper Slunsky** - Continued to improve with each outing, which is what we want to see from all players. Was a bit tentative in the tackle early on, but by the end of the season was making some tremendous hits. Always a smile on his face. Good work Jasper.

**Eddie Stephens** - Seems to have finally mastered the offside rule. Now needs to focus on running straight. Some great tackles, runs and fends in the last few weeks finished off a really good year. Well done Eddie.

**Oscar Stevenson** - As noted last year, elements of a young Christian Cullen in his play with some gliding runs and scything tackles in the backfield. A pleasure to coach and manage. Great season Oscar.

Overall a great squad of boys and parents. Looking forward to seeing everyone back next year.

*Hadyn Stephens, Manager*





## team reports



### UNDER 7 MAROON

At the beginning of the season, each player was showing potential, but still finding their natural position. By the end of the season, the boys had become a formidable unit. By then it was all about tackle, tackle, tackle - and the team excelled in this department. A quick wrap-up:

**Beau** - Showed a clean pair of heels and regularly found the gap.

**Charlie** - Made some piercing runs and showed great skill offloading the ball.

**John** - Ran straight, which paid off most when tackling was introduced.

**Rory** - Constantly tried to sniff out the try line and relished the introduction of tackling.

**Tom** - A powerhouse in the middle with defenders hanging off him as he charged towards the line.

**Jack** - Had a sidestep that Gareth Edwards would be proud of, running with pace and direction.

**Oscar** - Worked his magic around the edges of the breakdown and often sped past the opposition.

**Isaac** - Darted left and right before swan-diving over the try line.

**Justin Hooker** - Coached the team with calmness and great authority and drilled into the team the basic skills needed to become a rugby star, making sure everyone had a fun and enjoyable season.

**Simon Kasprowicz** - Used his vast knowledge of the game to teach the rights and wrongs of rugby, especially that being part of a team is the most important thing.

Well done U7 Maroons. What a cracking season!

*Amanda Corkill, Manager*

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### UNDER 7 WHITE

We had a thoroughly enjoyable 2016 season. We welcomed two new players to the team, retaining eight players from our U6 team last season.

Coaches and parents alike tried to emphasise the importance of good team play wherever possible and it was good to see the boys evolve and improve throughout the season.

Certainly the boys were ready to start tackling by the last month of the season and adapted well to the change. It was especially pleasing to see how all the boys made an effort to make their tackles and work hard at the resulting breakdowns, growing in confidence and ability each week.

Most importantly, all the boys indicated their enthusiasm to continue playing next year and we look forward to developing our skills further in the U8s. Well done to all: Antony, Archie, Ayden, Beau, Connor, Ed, Kai, James, Sam and Tom.

Special thanks to our manager Carol Markram for organising the roster and keeping us in the right place at the right time, and to Anthony O'Brien for refereeing each week, especially once tackling was introduced. Our appreciation to you both!

*Simon Dudley, Coach*

## team reports



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'THE TERMINATORS'.

### UNDER 8 GOLD

Our motley crew firstly comprised five players backing up from last season - Rory, Jonah, Archie, Beau and Zade. We were gifted Caden, Sonny and Manu from our rugby league cousins. Flynn was our interstate import from north of the border, while Charlie committed to his first season of rugby.

In a season littered with highlights, it was clear we had a real rugby team on our hands, the boys displaying skills and ability that had parents on the sidelines raising their eyebrows in knowing approval.

With the boys learning the art of tackling from co-coach hit man Anthony 'Buddha' Colella, they were stinging in defence by round 4 and it was decided to change our team name to 'The Terminators'. They lived up to this name all season and were undefeated. The boys seemed to really benefit from Friday night training, with the coaches' barking orders still echoing on Saturday game day.

The Terminators were blessed with a group of supportive parents who came to training and games with their boys ready to go - the most important piece in the puzzle. Our manager Naomie Delany nailed

the behind-the-scenes info trail and weekly Facebook match report with help from Brendan, which made fantastic Sunday morning reading. It was a real team effort across the board.

To the U8 Terminators, this season was so rewarding to be a part of, and to go through undefeated shows your heart and determination. The season started with individual brilliance, but transformed by season end to consistent team performances with all the boys sharing the load and demonstrating phase play rugby. Bring on next season and as always... FIRE UP!

*Cameron Patterson, Coach*







### UNDER 8 BLUE

Nobody under five foot in this team had ever really played rugby before game one. Those over five foot (read: dads and mums) might have had more experience, but the phrase 'they've forgotten more than the kids know' comes to mind, so the dusty recesses of the mind needed to be tapped for anything of value.

Everyone dived in and tried to make sense of it. The kids were never short of energy and enthusiasm and we all progressed. We found that having a plan at training helped, sometimes. Bit by bit, the boys worked it out. Coaches Justin White and Matt Adamo, with an honourable mention to Cam Mann, did a great job working on the required skills. Their kid-wrangling skills certainly got a workout too.

By game 3, it was possible to detect the start of some skills; by game 6, they were clearly evident; and in the last few games, it was amazing to think that these kids were in their first season of rugby! Cleaning out, tackling, backing up, ripping and even passing were all exhibited in abundance.

Through this progression there were tries scored (sometimes a lot), painful injuries (fortunately not many), some games lost (not sure how many), more won (I think), but always lots of fun. The boys improved so much and it was a great pleasure to see it unfold.

As one of the boys was overheard to say after the last game of the season: "Dad, I wish rugby could go all year".

*Greg Cooper, Manager*

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## team reports



### UNDER 8 MAROON

The U8 Maroons were an awesome little team in 2016. For many, it was their third season together, so they've all become great mates. The team was supported by a great bunch of parents who always supported at training and on game day. The team:

**Oliver Ashby** – A determined speedster with a knack for tackling the opposition into touch and running an arc around the whole field to score plenty of tries.

**Harley Bennet** – Our tackling machine. Put his body on the line every game, saving tries all season.

**Tyler Brown** – Fast and ball-hungry. A great team player, always in amongst it. Just keep him loaded on the snakes.

**Oscar Donnan** – Part of the dynamic Donnan duo. Kept us entertained with his passion, on-field chatter and signature try-scoring swan-dives.

**Paddy Donnan** – Came alive this season, scoring tries and making big runs with a great palm off.

**Lachlan Hammond** – A side-stepping, dummy-throwing machine. An awesome player... on the days that dad remembered his mouthguard.

**Finn Stanley** – Once he worked out he could run straight, they couldn't stop him. Not afraid of the hard tackles. And another jelly-snake addict.

**William Stewart** – The smiling assassin. Nothing fazed him and he would have a go bringing down the largest of players with a permanent grin.

**Henry Troy** – A cheeky ball-ripper and try-scorer with a lot of pace.

*Craig Troy, Manager*



## UNDER 8 WHITE

Following on from their cracking debut last season, the Mighty Whites took to the field from the opening match with fire in their bellies and victory in their eyes. Their enthusiasm could not be matched by any opponent.

This band of brothers' had each others' backs at every breakdown, ruck and rolling maul. Not only did they display some great skills this season, with cutting tackles, lightning-quick cleanouts and play-making passes, they also displayed incredible sportsmanship and respect for their opponents. Their conduct on and off the field made their coach and their parents very proud as they learned some of the harder lessons rugby teaches you. Elbows will land in your face and what happens on the paddock stays on the paddock.

The Mighty Whites each brought their own talent and skill to the game:

**Jack Davis** brought Des and Troy to each crunching tackle.

**Jack Del Grande** performed as our superb playmaking halfback, ready and waiting at the back of the ruck.

**Harry Smythe** once again brought the pace of a leopard, outrunning anyone game enough to chase him.

**Jack Lumsden** showed that a gentleman can play hard, and nice guys don't finish last.

**Ben Murray** side-stepped and out-sprinted everyone, and made incredible tackles all season.

**James Bruen** muscled up, making breaks and driving forward with superb fends.

**Will Troselj** came into his own this season, scoring tries and making great runs.

**Lachlan Will** was our mud-avoiding back, side-stepping puddles and scoring thrilling tries.

**Johnny Natilli** brought brute force and strength up the middle of the ground, making great breaks.

**Rory Timbs** was our motivator and fearless warrior, backing down from no one.

Watch out! The Mighty Whites will be back in 2017... bigger and stronger.

*Gabby Timbs, Manager*

JACK DAVIS BROUGHT DES AND TROY TO



EACH CRUNCHING TACKLE.





## team reports



### UNDER 9 BLUE

After the first 6 rounds, with on-field player numbers having increased from 7 to 10, we were obliged to merge the White and Blue teams.

The boys had a tough, slow start to the year, but with good effort at training on tackling, rucking and mauling, we began to see dividends, particularly as the players from what was previously two teams got to know each other better and a new team culture developed.

This improvement culminated with our team try of the year in the penultimate round against Newport. Started by a dominant tackle and superior cleanout, the Blues made a scything attack down the open side. Great support play resulted in an offload. The ball was then passed out wide for an unmarked back to score under the posts. And the dropkick goal was converted!

**Cooper** - Extraordinary ability to win the ball and challenge the game line.

**Felix** - Ferocious tackler with a sixth sense for finding the gap in attack.

**Fin** - Deceptive runner, good organiser and keen tackler.

**George** - Scrummaging stalwart who always looks to get his hands on the ball.

**Harley** - Fast with good handling skills.

**Jack** - New to rugby, made some good tackles on much larger players as he picked up the game.

**James** - Enthusiastic support player with silky passing skills, whether from the base of the ruck or out wide.

**Josh** - Fast, so very fast. Won many a turnover in the maul.

**Leonardo** - Great ball runner with a big heart who always tries his hardest.

**Lachie** - Keen to get stuck in, enjoyed being in the forwards.

**Patty** - New to the game, took to rugby like a duck to water, demonstrating enthusiasm and effort, but sadly his enthusiasm led to a shoulder injury that kept him out for the rest of the season. Much missed.

**Raffy** - Strong presence in the rucks and mauls.

**Oscar** - Passionate and dedicated, an abrasive defender and attacker.

**Otis** - A defensive demon and extremely determined ball runner.

**Noah** - Showed speed, balance and a good step, very useful in defence.

**Teddy** - Came a long way this year. Cheerful and always keen to get stuck in, no matter what the task.

**Toby** - Like his brother, was keen and tried hard. Made some useful runs.

**Zack** - Just keeps getting better.

Thanks to all the boys this year. We hope to see you again next year, making the transition from Minis to Juniors. Also a big thank you to the parents who helped out over the year. Mucho appreciato! See you in 2017.

*Colin Cardwell & Stu Reeve, Co-Coaches  
& Megan Olde, Manager*





#### UNDER 9 MAROON

Like all U9s, this was sadly the last season that the Mighty Maroons would play together before grading shapes the teams next year in U10s.

We had a great return rate, with all players returning (other than Matty, who moved to Seaforth so joined the Raiders). We also welcomed a bunch of new faces in Owen, Jett, Mac, Wilson and Toby.

It wasn't long before we saw Matty again, as our first game of the season was against the Raiders. The boys tried really hard, but it got pretty ugly with the Raiders running up 18 tries without us bothering the scorer! This meant a hell of a lot of tackling practice and Steve Rudd starting additional training on Tuesday nights for all U9 boys.

The boys all get on really well and started to play as a team. The improvement in performance was fast. Tackling became fun and the boys also started passing and catching better. They became more and more competitive and by round 6 they were on fire. Playing Narrabeen Stripes at Wakehurst, it all started to come together, the boys winning 9 tries to 7. This was an emotional and landmark day for the Mighty Maroons and long-time coach Steve in particular – our first win in 2½ years!

The merger with the White team meant more new friends and a greater opportunity to play as a team and understand the tenets of rugby in looking after your mates. The additional game time helped the boys hone their skills and really enjoy training and playing.

The season flew past, with a couple of unfortunate injuries, lots of laughs and some great competitive rugby.

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EXTREMELY DEDICATED AND  
KNOWLEDGEABLE COACHES,  
LOTS OF VERY FOND MEMORIES!

Fast forward to the last game of the season – against the Seaforth Raiders again. The boys were pumped up to show these guys they were a pushover no more. A great game with lots of great skills on display. Half-time and the boys are leading 5 tries to 3! Unfortunately they were refereed out of the game in the second half with two red cards for high tackles, losing by one try, but they stood up for themselves and each other.

The story of the season: vast improvement, lots of fun, an amazing group of parents, an even better bunch of boys, extremely dedicated and knowledgeable coaches, lots of very fond memories!

*Drew Pearce, Coach*

## team reports



### UNDER 10A GOLD

With the boys being graded for the first time this year, we had a lot of players who hadn't played together before and with a dynamic new coaching team in the form of Sio Ifopo and Adrian Toole, we had to get going quickly at training. In the first four grading rounds, that newness of team/coaches was showing, with two losses - against traditional rivals Hills and Seaforth.

With the A-grade competition regraded and reduced to just six teams, we knew we'd come up against Hills and Seaforth again soon, so the coaches worked hard on building a strong team culture focused on playing for each other. It's a testament to this strong team culture that

we went the remainder of the regular season unbeaten. Our trademark was our strong defence, which was often mentioned by opposition coaches.

We ultimately lost the Grand Final against rivals Seaforth, but as the coaches said at the end of the match, the boys were all winners with their positive attitude and strong teamwork.

I look forward to seeing all the boys back next year to continue building on the great season we had this year.

*Craig Poynton, Manager*







WHAT FOLLOWED WAS THREE OR FOUR PHASES OF CLEANING OUT, THE BALL PASSED OUT TO THE BACKS, FOLLOWED BY MORE CLEANING OUT. JAWS DROPPED ON THE SIDELINE. THIS WAS OUR TURNING POINT!



## UNDER 10C BLUE

The 2016 season would best be described as a year of building for the Blues. There wasn't a lot of success on the scoreboard, but we most definitely improved by the season end. The most common word screamed from the sideline? "Tackle!" Enough said.

The kids love their rugby and proof of this was strong attendance at training and games. Although at training they did lean towards a good game of bull rush and potting field goals.

The most memorable game of the season was beating Collaroy at Collaroy, off the back of many demoralising defeats when we desperately needed a win. Collaroy kicked off and one of our forwards caught the ball on the full and ran full steam for the Cougars pack. What followed was three or four phases of cleaning out, the ball passed out to the backs, followed by more cleaning out. Jaws dropped on the sideline. This was our turning point!

But the Cougars scored first with a cheap try, missing the conversion. Our trainer must have given a memorable speech behind the goalposts because we soon replied with a try of our own and converted. But just before half-

time the Cougars scored a good try and our heads were down when the half-time whistle blew (three minutes early btw), the score precarious at 12-7. There must have been something in the water because the boys were talking up a win in the huddle: "We want this! We're better!" "Go get em", I said.

The second half was an arm wrestle with the highlight a beautiful team try scored in the corner by our boys, AND WE CONVERTED, putting us 14-12 up. And the crowd roared. From this point on, the boys turned into Tackling Machines, repelling wave after wave of attack. They were desperate to win. And it was great to see! Oh and there it is - the sweet sound of the full-time whistle (three minutes too late this time). Slaps on the back all round. We did it. More importantly, it confirmed what I'd always believed: we have the making of a very capable rugby team and the only way now is up for the boys.

They are a great bunch of lads and were a pleasure to coach, and I sincerely hope to see all their faces back for the 2017 season.

*Matt Oake, Co-Coach*  
**PS. TACKLE!**



## team reports



### UNDER 10F MAROON

The 2016 Maroons squad fronted up with 90% of players never having played rugby before.

The first four grading rounds saw the team adjust to the physicality of the game, playing it tough against the four top teams (of which three were promoted to a higher grade) and building an understanding of the basic skills and plays required to play the game. They tried different positions as the coaches and the players started to get a better feel for the game, the individuals themselves and started to develop an overall understanding of the technicalities of rugby, basic ball and game skills, the field positions and most importantly each other!

The boys worked hard at training to build fitness, strength and rugby skills. They loved training and playing together. In the end, the teamwork and appreciation of individual contributions and strengths saw a bunch of newbies develop into a team of capable rugby players.

The Mighty Maroons mostly played against teams that were much bigger and much more experienced, often having played together for up to four years. Despite this, our boys played hard, confronted the huge learning curve with confidence and tenacity, and had big smiles on their faces at every game.

Just getting pipped at the post in the plate semi-final, the team really came together towards the end of the season, when all the pieces started to fall into place. The season highlight was a game against the top team

on the ladder. Anticipating a loss, the boys came out firing and kept the intensity going for the entire game, shocking the opposition, ultimately losing by only two points - a clear win of the season for us, despite the scoreboard.

From a coaching perspective, the boys were incredible. A great bunch of boys who loved playing together and loved being active. The most rewarding part of the season was seeing the huge improvement in all the boys. As individuals and as a team, the progression was significant. The last four games were particularly exciting to watch as we saw real skill on the field, great positional play and the boys working and bonding as a team. It was a true credit to the character of each player and a lesson to those of us on the sideline that playing and enjoying rugby is not about winning games every week, because every player in the Maroons would say they had an outstanding season.

Thanks for a great season – hopefully one of many for the boys!

*Andrew Murray, Coach & Stephen Bruen, Assistant Coach*

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## UNDER 11A GOLD

At the start of the season, all the boys were talking about finals so it was clear they had high expectations and were giving us way too much credit as coaches. We quickly tempered their expectations to focus on one game at a time, giving us a Get of Jail Card in the event of an epic fail.

After starting the season with great potential, we were confident we had the firepower in the piggies and the speed in the princes to be a threat in the competition, although we went over the handlebars by confusing ambition with ability. We needed to challenge the boys by improving their basic skill levels, sprinkle in some courage to ensure our defence was the best in the comp, and most importantly build a team spirit of respect for themselves, their mates and their coaches.

Get 16 kids around a table and throw a heap of pizza into the middle (thanks Brad McBean). The best way to get their attention! Together with the coaches and manager, we shared embarrassing, funny stories about each other and taught the boys what a team is all about: we're all in this together and we encourage each other, no matter what! That night at Harbord Bowling Club was the turning point for our team.

As the boys have always got plenty to say and are full of hot air, we introduced what our team is about: FART. Once they stopped laughing and rolling around the floor, we explained that FART means more than what dad is famous for. It means:

Forward - in attack and defence, always.

Aggressive - in everything we do, so we win the battles.

Respect - for themselves, their mates, their coaches, their opponents and the ref.

Tackle - commit to contact and be courageous.

From that night, we lost 16 individuals and gained one team. Respectful young men who were keen to learn and grow their rugby skills and knowledge.

We focused all year on the three core skills of rugby - tackling, the breakdown, and catch and pass - something the All Blacks concentrate on for three or four sessions a week, so it's a good recipe to follow and one that is encouraged by our coaching director Mike Cross.

Our boys played some very entertaining rugby this season. Their skills improved, allowing them to play with more speed and confidence. There were games that were more entertaining than Super rugby games and definitely Wallabies games. We had a great season and lots of fun with the U11 Gold team. Thanks to a wonderful group of parents who supported our coaches and manager all season, with special mention to Heather Lawson and Cassandra Waddington, who supplied superb medical knowledge, advice and treatment to our boys.

Lastly thanks to the 16 young blokes who turned up to training each week and played with such style each Sunday. You gave us plenty of laughs and excitement, and we're all very proud of you and the way you've grown as young men. Surf well in summer and we look forward to seeing you all play again in 2017.

*Dave Leslie, Coach & Mike Clancy, Assistant Coach*





## team reports



### UNDER 11C BLUE

At the start of this season, there was an air of anticipation and excitement in the Blue team, and the first game gave us plenty of reasons to be positive, with a win over eventual minor premiers Penrith. That game was to be Penrith's only loss in the regular season and showed how the Blues could play with pace and width.

The next three games followed the same pattern, with some good rugby played, although we started to suffer from injuries, including a season-ending ACL injury to Jedd Thomas.

From the first four games, we were three wins and just the one loss - to Oatley by two points, who were then moved up a grade.

After the regrading, we again played some great team rugby with forwards and backs combining well and the wingers seeing plenty of ball. However, injuries started to take their toll and we often found ourselves at games with one or no reserves. We also had an unfortunate run of results, losing three games by two points, including games to the eventual winners and runners up.

We managed to pick ourselves up and play some more great rugby, especially against Northern Barbarians, where we picked up a great win and scored some super team tries. Heading into the final few games, we found ourselves needing wins, but unfortunately the weather prevented us from getting on the pitch to train and work on our weaknesses.

We managed to make the Plate Grand Final against Hunters Hill in which the boys started slowly, but finished the season strongly. Although the final score was against us, we took heart from the way we battled and won the second half.

When the opportunities presented themselves, we had players play up in A grade with the Gold team. We also took players from both the Gold and Maroon teams when the opportunities arose. The fact that boys who played in higher grades never looked out of place shows how strong we are as a club, especially with two Blues players making the Marlins development squad this year.

As a team, the boys' skills and game knowledge improved strongly through the year. Throughout the season, the boys never stopped trying and always came off the field with smiles on their faces.

A special thanks to Paddy Douneen, our qualified touch judge, who even refereed one of our games against Penrith.

Well done to all the boys and thanks to all the parents for transporting the boys around Sydney.

*Justin Hooker, Coach & Richard Wathen, Assistant Coach & Herve Vichemont, Manager*





## UNDER 11F MAROON

So another season has passed for the U11 Maroons. 15 boys raring to play - with three aspiring coaches, a pride of parents and one stoic manager - set out on a journey of discovery to the far-flung parts of Sydney.

The final competition table told a story, but not the whole story. We lost 14 from 14 and finished with -398 points difference, but the team stuck together and worked for each other in every game, and supported each other on every long trek back to the halfway line.

As such, I would say we were never defeated, but rather victorious in our search for character, good humour, team spirit and mateship.

The team fought valiantly, whether the score was 60-0 or 22-12. Rarely a bickering word was said, or blame laid. There were stirring speeches from Coach Matt Di Micco and Assistant Coach Richard O'Flynn, and a good team squeeze whenever it was needed.

We can declare the season a success for the laying of foundation blocks that make young men with dogged determination. We lost many games, but were never beaten.

*John Carroll, Manager*

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## team reports



### UNDER 12A GOLD

This was another great year with the wonderful boys and parents of U12 Gold.

Unfortunately due to lack of numbers and frequent injuries, we had to change many of our game times to allow Blue team players to help us out, to whom we are very grateful as they so willingly and ably assisted. Equally, some boys from Gold also willingly helped the Blue team when they were short on numbers.

Sometimes it seemed like everything was against us. Week after week, Coach Brandon Ward put together a team that would always play an admirable game of rugby.

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The boys did battle against some fierce competitors, like Penrith and St Pat's Juniors, the likes of which they'd never seen. So it was a huge learning curve for our boys, and they learned some extremely valuable skills. They also had to learn what it was like to lose and how to come back after that.

Full respect and admiration to our boys, as every week they came back ready to fight and play some awesome rugby, usually with no reserves and our forwards never getting a break. The boys had to dig deep and fight hard for their team. I honestly believe they've become better rugby players by sticking it out through these tough times. Every year before this, most of these boys had a dream run. Now they've experienced what it's like to be on the other side.

We finished round 15 in 4th place, but the #1 team Penrith were just too strong for us in the semi-final, although our boys played really well and never gave up. So we'll be back next year to try again!

The parents of these wonderful boys were extremely supportive as always. We are honestly very lucky to have such a wonderful group of parents and look forward to our end of year BBQ and party to celebrate another fantastic year of rugby. After a season with many sleepless nights for Brandon and myself, we finish this year feeling extremely proud of the boys and look forward to seeing them all develop further next year.

*Libby Grady, Manager*







## **UNDER 12D BLUE**

The U12 Blues had another great season, with the nucleus of the side following on from last year. Numbers were always an issue in the U12s and we thank those boys who regularly backed up and played in both teams.

We started the season relatively slowly and it took the team a while to find their feet. At the mid-way point, we were down the bottom of the ladder, but then had a fantastic run in the last five rounds and squeezed into the semis.

We lost our semi-final against Drummoyne 40-26, although the game was much closer than the score suggested. We were all over them in the forwards, with some of the boys steamrolling their way down the field, but Drummoyne had a bit too much pace out wide for us to contain them.

The Kaye brothers, Jeremy and Jonny, did an excellent job teaching the kids how to become better footy players and it was noticeable by the end of the season that the boys had greatly improved.

*David Walsh, Manager*

## team reports



### UNDER 14 VIKINGS

This year saw the amalgamation of the Harbord Harlequins, Seaforth Raiders and Manly Roos clubs to form the Vikings. The idea behind this concept is to keep as many boys as possible in the game and allow everyone to play in a grade most suited to their abilities, while also providing an opportunity for those boys not at a rugby school to keep playing the sport.

We really wanted to provide an environment based around a squad, while still looking after the needs of the players and their skill level. We knew if we improved their skills and provided the right culture, the results would look after themselves.

Training sessions started with a group warm-up and stretch, before moving into skill-based games and technique work. All the coaches were involved in taking a station. Only after this did the teams break away for their own team work. The coaches took turns working with the two teams and looking after them on game day.

The group comprised 52 players, which is massive numbers for U14s. Each week, at least 35 or 40 players showed up for training, showing what a great crew we had, and hopefully that the training format was enjoyable.

The season culminated in both teams making their respective Grand Finals. Everyone involved with the group should be proud. The teams were a pleasure to coach.







## UNDER 14A GOLD

This team continues to produce the goods every year. They show no signs of complacency and are always willing to learn and improve. The skill level, style of rugby and manner in which they play has made everyone proud to be involved.

No matter who starts, all the players are very supportive and encourage one another. They have met every challenge thrown at them. After a slightly disappointing State Championships, they were able to bounce back and go through the season undefeated.

This resulted in a semi-final win against Chatswood, before taking on Wahroonga in the Grand Final, the third time these two teams have met in the Grand Final in the last five years, with all three games going to our boys. Congratulations to the players!

Thanks to the players, Pete Rankin for managing such a large group, team managers Steve Francis and Steve Collins, Dan Gartner for tending to their injuries, and all the parents for providing support and transport, and for volunteering their time to help out. Hopefully everyone returns next year for another great season.

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## team reports



### **UNDER 14D BLUE**

The Blue team was in the unusual position of having way more forwards than backs. This resulted in some interesting challenges, but in the long run it provided players with the opportunity to play different positions, which improved their game and enjoyment, as well as their understanding of the game.

The team started the season in D grade and took a little while to find combinations before really putting together some strong wins. This resulted in them being put in the C/D competition.

From here they continued to do really well. Their attitude and commitment was great and they really played for one another. They finished fifth, which put them back into the D competition finals.

A strong semi-final win against Burraneer put them into the Grand Final against Hunters Hill, who were too strong on the day.

This group kept turning up for training and games and improved immensely, playing a style of running rugby of which they should be very proud.

*Rob Gallacher, Alex Helu, Cameron Douglas, Jason Little, Mania Marsters & Lance Tutunoa, the Coaching Crew*



# 14





## team reports



### **UNDER 15A GOLD VIKINGS**

Most of last year's team returned to continue their Vikings journey, so there were high hopes for this season.

Our numbers were tested early in the season, with two season-ending injuries and four players committed to finishing their summer sports. Our first four rounds saw mixed results: two wins, one loss and a forfeit, leaving us mid-field when the comp was regraded.

From round 5 to the end of the season, our numbers were solid and the team started to fire, losing only one game coming home. The style of rugby the boys played also turned heads, with the forwards working the pod system like pros, and the backs showing silky skills that put Australian professional teams to shame. Their play drew high praise from everyone who watched.

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As the season progressed, the new boys to the team bought into the playing style implemented by the dedicated coaching team of Saia Latu and Tim Herbert. The game plan was simple: play attractive, quality rugby and winning will take care of itself.

After the home and away season, the boys were third on the ladder and headed off to play long-term rivals Lindfield in the qualifying semi-final. This highly anticipated match lived up to the billing, as both sides attacked and counter-attacked. After trailing early, we skipped away to a 14-7 lead and were starting to dominate. Then an unlucky break allowed Lindfield to score a try, although the conversion went wide. Clinging to a 2-point lead, we conceded a ruck penalty wide out on the 22m line and Lindfield pointed to the posts. They kicked the goal, sneaking home 15-14. After the game, the Lindfield coach made a special request to address our boys to thank them for being such great rivals over such a long period and hoped they would continue to represent their club so well.

So yet again a long season had finished with the boys narrowly missing out on their big day, Lindfield going on to win the Grand Final 23-7. But many highs can be taken from the way the boys played. Congratulations also to the boys who made the Sydney trial squads, with special mention to Daniel Ala who was selected in the NSW U15 squad for the national U16s tournament. Thanks to all the parents and supporters and we hope to see everyone back next season for another run at the title!

*Steve Painter, Age Group Manager*







## UNDER 15B BLUE VIKINGS

Well 2016 was a real up-and-down year!

The Vikings U15 Blues started on fire, playing in C grade and winning the first four games by 50+ points. As a result, we were promoted to B grade, where we started with a narrow win.

Unfortunately the season then turned for us. After losing some of our star players - and some of our confidence - players were forced to play out of position and the team really struggled. Even with a welcome boost from Forest players, we weren't able to turn our season around.

However, we can take some positives from the season. The boys kept turning up and giving it their all in each and every game. Rugby is a team game designed to build character and the 2016 season sure helped with this aspect! The boys learned perseverance and true grit through a tough season. I take my hat off to our boys for playing hard, often against significantly bigger and stronger boys.

I believe we learned a lot from this season, including ensuring we're graded correctly, playing the boys who will continue to play throughout the season. We also expect to have the welcome addition of extra players

from other clubs to help with overall numbers. It was great to get to know and coach such a great bunch of young men.

Thanks also to Mark Zanon, Charlie Puddicombe, Warren Hannam and Lisa Rees-Allen for their support, as coaching and managing a group of 20 to 30 teenage boys requires many helping hands!

*Anton Gain, Coach*

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# team reports

## UNDER 16 VIKINGS

Our task this season was to put together a squad from the players who returned from last year's U15A Gold and U15E Blue teams, and turn them into one cohesive and competitive team capable of competing in whatever grade we found ourselves.

After endless debate by the SJRU, we were left with just one enormous grade in the U16s, with 16 teams and all the issues that creates in terms of different sizes and standards across the 16 teams.

With 32 registered players, we thought we had a big enough squad to cope with the demands of playing in such a big competition, but as always we underestimated the fallout. By the final game of the season, the toll from injuries and sporadic availability had left us with only 20 fit and eligible players.

We started slowly with two losses as we tried to find our way through new selections and trying new combinations, however from the outset it was clear that what this team lacked in size and sometimes ability, they made up for with teamwork and a willingness to play for each other that was the cornerstone of our season.

A 35-all draw in round five against Lane Cove, coming back from 28-7 down at half-time, was an early season highlight, instilling a self-belief in the boys that took them on a winning streak right up until round 12. Thereafter we were a bit more inconsistent as some mid-

season injuries left us searching for the form that had brought us this far, but at various stages of the season we played some quality, free-flowing rugby as we chose to go wide as often as we could to use our pace and more mobile pack to our advantage.

In round 14, we travelled to play an unbeaten Blacktown, mostly comprising Parramatta rep players. Despite a heavy loss, the boys scored one of the few tries conceded by Blacktown all season, earning the respect of their opposition and all the parents and coaches in a game that served to reinforce our team spirit and was the catalyst for our final push, finishing the regular season seventh on the ladder with a healthy seven wins.

The U16s were then graded into groups for the finals. In our group's semi-final, we cruised through a tight and keenly contested local derby with Forest 24-22. It was never in doubt, for those of us who could bear to watch the last two minutes!

This led us to a Grand Final at Rat Park against Lindfield/Chatswood, whom we had beaten convincingly in earlier rounds. Unfortunately on the big day we were found a bit wanting as a much bigger opposition dominated at the set piece and the breakdown. Although we scored two good tries through the backs, we played much of the game without the ball and ended up on the wrong side of a 32-10 scoreline.

However this should not detract from what was a very successful season in many ways. It was a great achievement for our team to be in a GF and we hope this will provide an incentive for the boys to come back and go one better next year.

The team was superbly guided and coached by Manly Marlins player Kotoni Ale, who was an inspiration with his knowledge and humility and should be a rugby role model for them all.

We had 13 players represent Manly in the State Championships, three of whom were selected for Sydney trial squads.

We hope the boys enjoyed their season and made some good friends to encourage them to carry on their rugby journey together.

*Billy Connolly, Age Group Manager*

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# 16



U16 Vikings award-winners Tua Marsters, Robbie Grant & Conor English with assistant coaches Neil Barnett & Billy Connolly at Vikings Presentation Day



Will Barnett awarded Best Back by Manly rep coaches Michael Herringe & John Rose & manager Larry Delaney





# team reports

## UNDER 17 / OPENS VIKINGS

2016 was a wonderful year for the Manly Vikings Opens. While it didn't see a Grand Final victory, it did see some wonderful milestones reached.

The Opens age group is a pivotal time when players transition from boys into men and take ownership of what happens on the rugby field at both training and in games. Coaches offer their best advice at training, but it is the team and the players who make the decisions on the field. Coaches and managers become more like mates than mentors, bringing a whole new level of enjoyment. And when boys drive their dads to and from rugby training, it also takes bravery to a whole new level.

We started the season with new coach Scott Foketi joining the longstanding Dad's Army of Josh Dowse, Peter Leventis and Mike Dickson. Some parents initially expressed concern that our young Opens side might struggle to compete against older and bigger players, but with additions to our squad such as this year's Captain Sigas, and some older and more experienced lads in the shape of Cameron, Picko, Liam, Blaney and Hayden, we gained some bigger players with top-level experience.

Last year's squad members Ollie, Jamie, Jake and Dan led the way up front, well supported by Dan, Sam and George. A screamingly fast set of flankers in the form of Ethan, Barney and Cameron topped off a pretty mobile forward pack. Jordan at 9 discovered a whole new ability to lead the forwards around the park. The backline had the likes of Rory and Sefo at 10, Ben, Picko and Jake in the centres, Crumps, Sean, Ethan and the lightning-fast Billy covering the wings, with Harry at 15 completing a formidable backline.

Sadly, injuries robbed us of the talents of Lachie, Rory and Hayden during the season, while Billy notched up a new record for Most Visits to Hospital in One Season, yet still finished the year intact (well almost). Tom was available for a few games, but spent most of the season in the ACT and his talents were missed.

Scott Foketi brought with him a new zest and enthusiasm, some new skills sessions and some more current ideas on the game of rugby. Pete and Mike maintained their collective enthusiasm to player fitness and the players did the rest. We notched up a few early wins and put to rest any doubt about our ability to compete at Opens level.

We beat local rivals Forest during a storm that saw Noah float past in the ark, were only just beaten by Newport, and took wins from Dural, Sylvania and Blue Mountains. Our biggest win was 72-14. So much for our ability to compete! We finished all our winning games with a raucous rendition of Manly Boom Boom. Oh how we love that song as it echoes across the footy field.

We even embraced the old rugby tradition of the bus trip, travelling to Bowral where we lost to the team that would ultimately beat us in the Grand Final, when we failed to capitalise on an early lead and went down 22-17.

As the person responsible for collecting the footy jumpers after each game, I have to say that young men of this age can achieve a whole new reading on the stenchometer, moving the indicator needle beyond Wet Dog and past Old Possum to the brand new rating of Sundried Roadkill. To the mums who washed these jumpers each week, thank you so much, you all deserve a bravery award!

To Scott, who chose to walk around Keirle Park in the rain each week rather than be at home with his young family - mate you're a legend! You have a way of communicating with the players that is unique, your game plans and drills took the players to new levels and your enthusiasm is infectious. I hope we can do it all again next year.

To Pete - who will ever forget Sergeant Slaughter and the Rope of Death? - and Mike, who both started the pre-season in the blazing sun running laps of Manly Beach and ended the season knee-deep in mud, your words of encouragement were the glue that bound our players together so tightly when times were tough. Thanks also to Josh and Doug, who also played their part at various stages.

To the 26 young men who made up this team, you make me so very proud of each and every one of you. Spending time with such a wonderful group of level-headed and mature teens was the greatest gift of all. You guys personify all that is good about sport - mateship, commitment, camaraderie and culture. Thanks for a great season guys.

To the mums and dads who manned the BBQ, did canteen duty, assisted with first aid, timekeeping, scoring





and all the other jobs, a wholehearted thank you. You parents bring it all together. In fact, thank you to everyone associated with this 2016 Vikings Opens team. In all my years of rugby, I have never met a more generous, caring, committed and kind bunch of parents. You are a very special group of people.

As for season 2017, to those who will leave us, good luck and never forget us. For those young enough to go around again for another year of Vikings Opens, I say "I'm excited!" And I hope you are too!

*Grahame White, Coordinator*

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# for the record

## U6 Gold

Aiden Bruen  
Torin Easton  
Owen Gray  
George Humphries  
Adam Landon  
Luis Panetta  
Michael Paull  
Joshua Robertson  
Ethan Slunsky

## U6 Blue

Jasper Boreham  
William Donnan  
Jordan Fear  
Toby Grey  
Bradley Nitz  
Samuel Northcote  
Austin Olde  
Lewis Olde  
Lennox Patterson  
Joshua Wickham

## U6 Maroon

Benjamin Boucher  
Luke Bruen  
Hugo Diggin  
Lucas Ellens  
Alex George  
Jackson Godsall-Hole  
James Ling  
Jake Loughnan  
Thomas Mottram  
Jake Smythe

## U6 White

Archer Dunn  
Freddie Dunn  
Harrison Giddings  
Harvey Macarthur  
Luka Matwejev  
Toby Murchison  
Lachlan Weston

## U7 Gold

Luke Delany  
Harrison Fear  
Archie Humphries  
Phoenix Marsh  
Thomas Northcote  
Maxwell Peake  
Connor Stoermer  
Hudson Swan  
Oliver Wiggins

## U7 Blue

Mitchell Bury  
Hendrix Green  
Mannix Harridge  
Matthew Hawley  
Carter Howison  
Jeremy Paull  
Jasper Slunsky  
Edward Stephens  
Oscar Stevenson

## U7 Maroon

Thomas Bradley  
Rory Corkill  
Charlie Crouch  
John Crouch  
Jack Gordon  
Beau Hooker  
Isaac Kasprowicz  
Oscar McCluskey

## U7 White

Sam Ashby  
Archie Brooks  
Kai Dudley  
Ayden Toon  
Antony Markram  
Tom O'Brien  
James Pearce  
Beau Potter  
Connor Slade  
Ed Williams

## U8 Gold

Sonny Colella  
Archie Delany  
Manu Elliot  
Jonah Inchley  
Flynn Johnson  
Beau Patterson  
Zade Pitkeathly  
Charlie Spiteri  
Rory Toole  
Caden Winston

## U8 Blue

Ethan Adamo  
Xavier Adamo  
Reuben Cooper  
Ollie Dawes  
Sebastian Ellens  
Owen Mann  
Nate McFarlane  
Oliver Priddis  
Oscar White

## U8 Maroon

Oliver Ashby  
Harley Bennett  
Tyler Brown  
Paddy Donnan  
Oscar Donnan  
Lachlan Hammond  
Finn Stanley  
William Stewart  
Henry Troy

## U8 White

James Bruen  
Jack Davis  
Jack Del Grande  
Jack Lumsden  
Ben Murray  
Johnny Natilli  
Harry Smythe  
Rory Timbs  
Will Troselj  
Lachlan Will





# minis

## U9 Blue

Lachlan Adamo  
 Leonardo Anderson  
 Patty Brown  
 Finlay Cardwell  
 Cooper Dickson  
 Noah Dudley  
 Zack Evans  
 Teddy Healy  
 Felix Hodgkinson  
 Jack Hoffman  
 Toby Hoffman  
 Joshua Lowe  
 Harley Mogensen  
 Raffael Morris  
 Otis O'Neill  
 Oscar Reeve  
 James Olde  
 George Wright

## U9 Maroon

Harry Ashby  
 Owen Blieden  
 Christian Choi  
 Blake Davidson  
 Cole Ingleton  
 Cormac O'Connor  
 Art Osborne  
 Lachlan Palazzi  
 George Pearce  
 Wilson Pyle  
 Charlie Ricketts  
 Toby Robinson  
 Thomas Rudd  
 Connor Schmidt  
 Kelvin Smolenski  
 Charles Studden  
 Kai Thomson  
 Jett Tumminello  
 Malcolm Westcott-Byron

## PLAYER NUMBERS

	2016	2015
U6	36	33
U7	36	33
U8	38	30
U9	37	57
Total	147	153



Harlequin's Cup rumble!



Mini's March Past



# for the record

## U10A Gold

Charlie Blank  
Sam Blank  
Hugo Davidson  
Jack Donnan  
Oliver Hannan  
Paddy Hearn  
Kai Hush  
Sonny Ifopo  
Alfie McClean  
Cameron Paull  
Charlie Poynton  
Baxter Stewart  
Zac Toole  
Coby Toon  
Joe Walsh  
Xavier Walsh  
Abe Whitfield

## U10C Blue

James Ashby  
Lucas Briggs  
Barnaby Brown  
Dylan Cahill  
Angus Cardwell  
Ollie Davies  
Morgan Elvy  
John Gerich  
Finley Hendry  
Jelle Hollander  
Oli Joyce  
Ben Leman  
Alex Oake  
Jayden Peake  
Felix Perego  
Caelan Pitkeathly  
Taj Stephens  
Ethan Troselj

## U10F Maroon

Hamish Brooks  
Nelson Brownbill  
Flynn Bruen  
William Crozier  
Lachlan Doyle  
Tully Gilbert  
Archer Hogan  
Logan Howes  
Noah Humphries  
Finn Inchley  
Angus McInnes  
Jayden Maddison  
Oliver Milner  
Luke Murray  
Ashton Quilter  
Nicholas Reeve  
James Stuart  
Harper Timbs  
Hugo Wrightson

## U11A Gold

Thomas Bridgewood  
Guy Charteris  
Nick Clancy  
Darcy Davies  
Jesse Dixon  
Jordan Dunn  
Joshua Gedz  
Samuel Green  
Samuel Ifopo  
Albert Ingleton  
George Lawson  
Leroy Leslie  
Ewen McBean  
Thomas Porter  
Levi Smith  
Hugh Waddington

## U11C Blue

Alex Brigden  
Dylan Brownbill  
Kai Coetzee  
Ngaru Davis  
Nicholas Douneen  
Cohen Ferguson  
Oscar Gambourg  
Callum Hooker  
Lukas Mateju  
Jack Rankin  
Samuel Smythe  
Cooper Stapleton  
Jedd Thomas  
Lio Vichemont  
James Wathen  
James Wheen

## U11F Maroon

Tom Adamo  
Oliver Benson-Sparkes  
Angus Brain  
Bryn Callard  
Nic Carroll  
Charlie Chandler  
Alex Di Micco  
Jed Dias-Carter  
Callum Henaghan  
Ziggy Jones  
Oliver Keys  
Cuan O'Flynn  
Jeremy Reeve  
Toby Savage  
Ruben Stones



# juniors

## U12A Gold

Hunter Auld  
Angus Campbell  
David Campbell  
Jack Colbran  
Caden Crouch  
Oliver Cummins  
Ben Di Staso  
Noa Faatui  
Flynn Grady  
Edward Hannan  
Oliver James  
Lee Melbourn  
James Morrissey  
Cooper Oxley  
Harrison Pearce  
Liam Toole  
Daniel Ward  
Archie Warneford

## U12D Blue

Angus Brooks  
Will Chapman  
Harry Conlon  
Liam Doughty  
Finn Hearn  
Ben Kaye  
Oli Kaye  
Jed Langby  
Flynn Lumsden  
Billy O'Brien  
Harrison Pearce  
Cameron Pietor  
Max Poynton  
Zander Schmatloch  
Dante Sivis  
Nick Walsh  
Max Westbury  
Julian Wynne

## U14A Gold Vikings

Griffin Bamford  
Josh Coetzee  
Benjamin Dines  
Tom Douglas  
Adam Eglesz  
Pita Foliaki (Manly)  
Lachlan Francis (Manly)  
Benjamin Gallacher  
Nathan Gartner  
Blair Healey (Manly)  
Aiden Helu (Manly)  
George Holakeitua (Manly)  
Thomas Jarrett  
Declan King (Manly)  
Unga Latu (Manly)  
Oliver Little  
Angus McBean  
Alexander McLean (Manly)  
Akemi Ma'u  
Toby Newey  
Samuel Rankin  
Sebastian Severino  
Edward Sproule (Manly)  
Nesta Tutunoa  
Tonga Vei (Manly)  
Max Von Appen  
Teddy Wilson

## U14D Blue Vikings

Braith Alexander  
Taine Allen  
Joshua Beachley  
Ethan Blieden  
Ben Cleverly  
Jack Collins (Manly)  
Marshall Downs (Manly)  
Robin Evans (Manly)  
Max Garling (Manly)  
Jeremy Gategood  
Liam Grady  
Ryan Hughes (Manly)  
Jack Hunter (Manly)  
Dominic Isherwood (Manly)  
Justyce Kelemete (Manly)  
Jonas Marsters (Seaforth)  
Lincoln Mobbs  
Logan Preece (Manly)  
James Roche  
Riley Roebuck  
Aaron Rogers (Manly)  
Oliver Russel  
Henry Thompson (Manly)  
Tom Vekas  
Rory Williams (Manly)





# for the record

## U15A Gold Vikings

Daniel Ala  
Angus Allen  
Tevita Faupula  
Junior Filimaua  
Tony Francis (Seaforth)  
Joel Halliday (Manly)  
Harry Herbert  
Addison Hawke (Seaforth)  
Tom Latu  
Will McBean (Seaforth)  
Levi Moger  
Liam O'Sullivan (Seaforth)  
Daniel Palmer  
Noah Perego  
Samiuela Pinomi  
Nick Pollack  
Jacob Ratcliff  
Hanz Sales (Seaforth)  
Joshua Tuipulotu  
Finua Tava  
Alec Tuitavake  
Jai Vakai  
David Vei  
Jasper Welsh

## U15B Blue Vikings

Johnny Austen (Manly)  
Trent Brutnell-Rayner (Forest)  
Aidan Campbell  
Sean Dean  
Murray Gain (Manly)  
Alex Ganski (Forest)  
Tim Gavidi  
Zac Geach (Forest)  
Corey Grace (Manly)  
Harley Hannam (Forest)  
Tom Hughes (Forest)  
John Jeffrey (Manly)  
Harry Johansson (Seaforth)  
Paul Latu  
Gus Partington (Seaforth)  
Dylan Passarinho (Manly)  
Max Puddicombe  
Nick Rees-Allen  
Lincoln Zanon  
Dylan Zietsman (Forest)

## U16 Vikings

Will Abbey  
Tobias Astill  
Will Barnett  
Jaiden Brazier  
Liam Burke (Manly)  
Liam Connolly (Seaforth)  
Oscar Cowell  
Josh Cox  
Finlay Dennison (Manly)  
Conor English  
Harrison Fisk (Seaforth)  
Sione Foliaki (Manly)  
Dominic Gay  
Robert Grant  
Ryan Hamilton  
Connor Hearn  
Luke Huijsen  
Liam Kent (Manly)  
Mitch Lockie  
Sam Main (Manly)  
Tua Marsters (Seaforth)  
Steven Mathieson-Bong  
Lachlan Miles  
Max Moon (Manly)  
Ewan Nicoll (Seaforth)  
Matt Paul  
Jamie Regan  
Campbell Robinson  
Isaac Semisi (Manly)  
Callan Sparkes (Seaforth)  
Maxwell Stiggants  
Ben Thomas  
Liam Thompson (Seaforth)  
Tim Whyte (Manly)  
Ryan Woodger

## U17 / Opens Vikings

Jacob Abraham  
Jack Antill  
Jamie Campbell  
Sean Cooper  
Samual Cryan  
Rory Dickson  
Barney Dowse  
Oliver Evans  
Ethan Fairlie-Sutton  
Cameron Foley  
Cameron Gain  
Matthew Johnson  
Hayden Jones  
Daniel King  
Jordan Leventis  
Ben Main  
Thomas Mika-Seto  
Liam Miller  
Lachlan Moore  
Ben Pickering  
Blaney Powe  
Thomas Scott  
Cameron Signorini  
Billy Smith  
George Stanton  
Daniel Stone  
Harry White



# juniors



Leaving the field after the U16 Grand Final at Rat Park



## PLAYER NUMBERS

2016		2015
54	U10	47
47	U11	35
36	U12	22
-	U13	43
30	U14	25
24	U15	25
21	U16	1
5	U17 / Opens	-
217	Total Juniors	198
147	Total Minis (pg 45)	153
364	<b>Harlequins club</b>	351



# for the record



## HARLEQUINS IN MANLY REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS - 54 PLAYERS

<b>U11 Red</b>		<b>U11 Blue</b>		<b>U12</b>	
1	Kai Coetzee	1	Thomas Bridgewood	1	Angus Campbell
2	Sam Green	2	Jordan Dunn	2	David Campbell
3	Albert Ingleton	3	Joshua Gedz	3	Jack Colbran
4	Leroy Leslie	4	Sam Ifopo	4	Oliver Cummins
5	Levi Smith	5	Ewen McBean	5	Ben Di Staso
6	Cooper Stapleton	6	Tom Porter	6	Noah Faatui
				7	Flynn Grady
				8	Daniel Ward
<b>U14</b>		<b>U15</b>		<b>U16</b>	
1	Griff Bamford	1	Daniel Ala	1	Will Abbey
2	Josh Coetzee	2	Tevita Faupula	2	Will Barnett
3	Benji Dines	3	Harry Herbert	3	Conor English
4	Tom Douglas	4	Paul Latu	4	Robbie Grant
5	Adam Eglesz	5	Tom Latu	5	Jamie Regan
6	Benji Gallacher	6	Levi Moger		
7	Nathan Gartner	7	Noah Perego		
8	Tom Jarrett	8	Samiuela Pinomi		
9	Ollie Little	9	Nick Pollack		
10	Akemi Ma'u	10	Jacob Ratcliff		
11	Angus McBean	11	Josh Tuipulotu		
12	Toby Newey	12	Alec Tuitavake		
13	Seb Severino	13	Jai Vakai		
14	Max Von Appen	14	David Vei		
15	Teddy Wilson				



U14 City v Country - Teddy Wilson on one knee in foreground



## HARLEQUINS - HIGHER REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Year	Age	Name	Team/Squad
2011	15	Marcus Cutler	Metropolitan Southern Zone, Sydney, NSW
	15	Will Cronin	Metropolitan Northern Zone
	15	Jonte Kaplan	Metropolitan Northern Zone, Sydney
	16	Sam Duke	Metropolitan Northern Zone
2012	16	Will Cronin	Metropolitan Northern Zone, Sydney Barbarians
	16	Brendan Hollis	Metropolitan Southern Zone
2013	13	Angus Bell	ARU Gold Pathway (NW Harbour)
	13	Tautua Faatui	ARU Gold Pathway (NW Harbour)
	14	Luke Ratcliff	Metropolitan Northern Zone, Sydney
	17	Will Cronin	Metropolitan Northern Zone, Sydney
	17	Scott Williams	Metropolitan Northern Zone, Sydney
2014	14	Max Douglas	Sydney
	15	Liam Curran	Metropolitan Northern Zone, ARU Gold Pathway (N Harbour)
	15	Zach De Rooy	Sydney Barbarians, ARU Gold Pathway (NW Harbour)
	15	Ben Gleeson	Sydney Barbarians
	15	Gianluca Natoli	ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
	15	Cameron Prince	Sydney Barbarians, ARU Gold Pathway (NW Harbour)
	15	Luke Ratcliff	ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
	15	James Sidery	Sydney Barbarians, ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
2015	14	Daniel Ala	Sydney
	15	Jack Walsh	Sydney Barbarians, NSW
2016	14	Blair Healey	Sydney
	14	Teddy Wilson	Sydney
	15	Daniel Ala	Metro Nth Zone, Sydney, ARU Gold Pathway (N Harbour), NSW
	15	Tevita Faupula	Sydney Barbarians
	15	Junior Filamanu	Sydney Barbarians
	15	Tom Latu	Metropolitan Northern Zone, ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
	15	Levi Moger	Metropolitan Northern Zone, ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
	15	Nick Pollack	Sydney Barbarians
	15	Jacob Ratcliff	Metropolitan Northern Zone, ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
	15	Alec Tuitavake	Sydney Barbarians
	15	David Vei	Metropolitan Northern Zone, ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
	16	Robbie Grant	Sydney Barbarians
	16	Jamie Regan	Sydney Barbarians



Daniel Ala - U15 NSW



Jamie Regan & Robbie Grant  
U16 Sydney Barbarians

# 2016 honour board

## CLUB AWARDS

<b>Coach - Minis</b>	Cameron Patterson (U6 Blue & U8 Gold)
<b>Manager - Minis</b>	Gabby Timbs (U8 White)
<b>Coach - Juniors</b>	Rob Gallacher (U14s)
<b>Manager - Juniors</b>	Libby Grady (U12A Gold)
<b>Supporter</b>	Campbell Forsyth



Campbell Forsyth  
Supporter of the Year  
with son Charlie



Cameron Patterson - Minis Coach



Gabby Timbs - Minis Manager



Libby Grady - Juniors Manager



Rob Gallacher - Juniors Coach

## PLAYER AWARDS

### Team

U10A Gold  
U10C Blue  
U10F Maroon  
U11A Gold  
U11C Blue  
U11F Maroon  
U12A Gold  
U12D Blue

### George Smith

#### Best & Fairest

Sam Blank  
John Gerich  
Luke Murray  
Thomas Bridgewood  
Cooper Stapleton  
Angus Brain  
Noa Faatui  
Harrison Smith

#### Most Improved

Zac Toole  
Ben Leman  
Flynn Bruen  
Jordan Dunn  
Oscar Gambourg  
Oliver Benson-Sparkes  
Oliver James  
Dante Sivis

#### Team Player

Kai Hush  
Ollie Davis  
Jayden Maddison  
Levi Smith  
Lio Vichemont  
Oliver Keys  
Jack Colbran  
Nick Walsh

U14A Gold Vikings  
U14D Blue Vikings  
U15A Gold Vikings  
U15B Blue Vikings  
U16 Vikings

#### Best & Fairest

Unga Latu  
Aaron Rogers  
Hanz Sales  
Zac Geach  
Robbie Grant

#### Player's Player

Adam Eglesz  
Riley Roebuck  
Jacob Ratcliff  
Corey Grace  
Conor English

#### Team Player

Benji Dines  
Marshall Downs  
David Vei  
Lincoln Zanon  
Tua Marsters

U17 / Opens Vikings

#### Best Forward

Oliver Evans

#### Player's Player

Cameron Signorini

#### Best Back

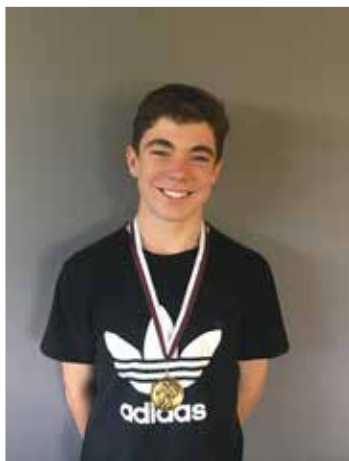
Jordan Leventis



# 2016 honour board

## 10-YEAR MEDALS

Tom Douglas	U14A
Benji Gallacher	U14A
Liam Grady	U14D



Tom Douglas



Benji Gallacher



Liam Grady

## LIFE MEMBERS

Michael Harradine	2006
Chris Hedge	2009
David Duke	2011
Andrew Gourley	2012
Sean Richardson	2014

## 2016 CUP GRAND FINALS

U10A	Seaforth	17	v	Harlequins	10
U14A	Vikings	24	v	Wahroonga	15
U14D	Hunters Hill	24	v	Vikings	7
U16C	Lindfield / Chatswood	32	v	Vikings	10
U17 / Opens	Bowral	22	v	Vikings	17



U16 Grand Final

## HARLEQUINS CUP - PAST WINNERS

Year	U8	U9
2007	Seaforth	Chatswood
2008	Chatswood	Newport
2009	Chatswood	Harbord
2010	Manly	Harbord
2011	Seaforth	Manly
2012	North Rocks	Seaforth
2013	Seaforth	Harbord
2014	Hills	Harbord
2015	Rockdale	Hills
2016	Hills	Seaforth

## 2016 GALA DAYS - FINALISTS

### Harlequins Cup

U8 - Hills v Rockdale  
U9 - Seaforth v Rockdale

### King of the Hills

U8 - Seaforth v North Rocks  
U9 - Harbord Harlequins v Hills





# club statistics

## Number of Teams

Age	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
6		1	2	2	2	3	5	3
7	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	3
8		1	1	1	2	3	3	2
9			2	2	2	2	3	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>
10				2	2	3	2	3
11					2	2	2	2
12			1	1		2	2	2
13				1	1	1	2	2
14					1	1	1	2
15							1	1
16							1	1
Opens								
<b>Total</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Club Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Players</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>331</b>

## Manly Rep Players

Age	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
10						18	13	11
11						13	16	12
12			4			1	12	13
13				8	8		2	8
14						2		
15							1	2
16							2	
17								
<b>Total</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>

## Premierships

Age	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
10					1	1	1	1
11						1	1	1
12			1				1	
14					1			
15							1	
<b>Total</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>



## club statistics

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
2	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	44
3	2	4	4	4	3	3	4	42
3	3	2	4	4	5	3	4	41
3	4	4	3	4	4	4	2	43
11	13	14	14	15	15	13	14	170
3	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	40
2	3	4	4	4	3	2	3	33
1	2	2	3	2	3	1	2	24
2	2	2	1	2	1	2		19
3	2		1	1	1	2	2	17
1	2	1		1	1	2	2	12
	1	1			1	1	1	7
1			1				1	3
<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>325</b>
<b>349</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>4,441</b>

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
10	11	21	13	10	12	15		134
5	9	12	9	10	7	14	12	119
11	7	10	11	9	15	1	8	102
14	4	4	10	11	12	15		96
4	14	14	9	9	9	13	15	89
	11	9		7	13	11	14	68
					5		5	12
			12					12
<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>632</b>

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
1	2	2	1					10
	1	2	1	1		2		10
			1		1			4
							1	2
						1		2
<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>



# office bearers

Year	President	VP Juniors	VP Minis	Treasurer	Secretary
2001	Graeme Hodge	Geoff Waterworth	-	-	Michael Harradine
2002	Graeme Hodge	Geoff Waterworth	-	Marilyn Harradine Shelley Waterworth	Michael Harradine
2003	Graeme Hodge	-	-	Jenny Duke	Ian Ferguson
2004	Graeme Hodge	Chris Hedge	-	Andrew Gourley	Ian Ferguson
2005	David Duke	Cameron Wall	Cameron Douglas	Andrew Gourley	Chris Hedge
2006	David Duke	Pat Rodgers	Cameron Douglas	Andrew Gourley	Chris Hedge
2007	Cameron Douglas	Pat Rodgers	Sean Richardson	Brendan Foley	Chris Hedge
2008	Cameron Douglas	David Duke	Sean Richardson	John Burgman	David Bacon
2009	Cameron Douglas	David Duke	Sean Richardson	John Burgman	David Bacon
2010	Sean Richardson	David Duke	Campbell Forsyth	John Burgman	David Bacon
2011	Sean Richardson	Andrew Sidery	Campbell Forsyth	Colin House	Blithe Robinson
2012	Andrew Sidery	Paul Reid (May-Sep 12)	David Morrisey	Colin House	Campbell Forsyth
2013	Andrew Sidery	Paul Reid	David Morrisey	Colin House	Campbell Forsyth
2014	Colin House	Paul English	Colin Cardwell	Campbell Forsyth	Craig Poynton
2015	Colin House	Blithe Robinson	Colin Cardwell	Ryan Blieden	Craig Poynton
2016	Colin House	Peter Rankin	Colin Cardwell	Ryan Blieden	Bill Wright



U15A Gold Vikings about to execute a set play!





Assistant Secretary	Sponsorship & Marketing	Social	Committee Members	Administrator
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	David Duke	-	-	-
-	-	-	David Duke Scott Gourley Dave & Kelly Tonkin	-
-	Peter Spasojevic	Robert Pizzie	-	-
-	Peter Spasojevic	Robert Pizzie	-	-
Alan Abbey	Peter Spasojevic	Dani Signorini	-	-
Alan Abbey	David Grayling Andrew Sidery	Dani Signorini	-	-
Alan Abbey	David Grayling Andrew Sidery	Dani Signorini	-	-
Troy Cortis	David Grayling	Andrew Sidery	Paddy Douneen	-
-	David Grayling	John Burgman	Paddy Douneen	Rochelle Robinson
-	Sean Richardson	Sean Richardson	Michael Harradine (Jnr VP Oct 11-Apr 12)	Rochelle Robinson
-	-	-	-	Rochelle Robinson
-	Barry Smyth	Andrew Sidery	-	Rochelle Robinson
-	Barry Smyth	Lyndsey Hendry	Scott Hendry	Rochelle Robinson
Craig Poynton (Oct 15-May 16)	Colin Cardwell	Lyndsey Hendry	-	Katrina Martin



Katrina Martin enjoying a cold one on Presentation Day after her first season as Club Administrator



