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SUBURBAN

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2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman's Report



After 15 years in the Chair it is difficult to know where to start this report and probably more difficult to know where to finish. Of course there are the normal thankyou's etc. and I'll get to those later but I'm really struggling with my final message.

You see, at the moment I honestly think Rugby in this country is in trouble. I won't

even comment on the threat from other codes, I'll restrict my comments to our game.

Let's start with the product itself. The ELVs are now gone, dispatched in one of many notable stupid decisions made by Rugby over the past century or so. We now revert to a contest of set pieces and penalty shootouts, mostly courtesy of the lottery known as the breakdown. With in excess of 20 offences that can be penalised at the breakdown, all you need is an officious referee (and there are plenty of those) and you have a formula for frustration and disappointment. There was some respite with the ELVs, with the short arms facilitating 'play on' but no more. We've had our spoonful of sugar and now it's back to the cod liver oil we had before.

And it won't work. Why? Because when the game went professional the game changed, as it had to. There was a recognition that we needed to entertain; we needed a product that attracted the punters, the event-goers. The purists didn't necessarily agree with that view. They revelled in the dour struggles of old and took comfort in the fact that they actually thought they understood what was going on in close quarters. You know the purists. They're the ones who are still complaining about that bloody music. Anyway, the good guys won and for a while the world was full of beauty.

But things have changed again. The players are bigger, faster and stronger, the gaps fewer and the defence better. What does that lead to? You guessed it, more breakdowns and a better than even chance of a penalty. The supposed solution to this is kicking the ball downfield so that you can play outside kicking range. With a growing number of prodigious kickers that distance can be up to 60 metres. Then there is the credo that 'winning ugly' is completely acceptable. The end result is the crowds stay away in their thousands.

That's on the field. Off the field the reality is, at the provincial level particularly, that the model is precarious at best. Ever increasing player salaries, spectator expectations, sponsorship demands and the responsibility for the community game at all levels, all on the back of 6 or 7 nights a year doesn't make sense in anyone's language. From a NSW perspective, throw in a couple of Friday night games, a dud draw, an hour and a half to get to the stadium and an hour to get out of the car park,

rude stadium staff and boring rugby and it's a pretty hard sell job.

Having said that though, NSW Rugby needs us all to get behind the Waratahs. Because without healthy crowd numbers, rugby at all levels is under threat. The expanded competition in 2011, with more local derbies, can't come soon enough and at least that should generate desperately needed additional revenue.

Unfortunately though, that doesn't solve many of the other challenges facing the game. Rugby is indeed blessed that the true believers, by and large, have held firm until now because as we know, there is more to Rugby than the game itself. To many the 'game' is just the excuse to enjoy everything else that happens around rugby. Those mysterious, intangible qualities that are wrapped up and referred to as the ethos of the game. The lifetime friendships forged on and off the field and the 'good times' left on tour. Those of us who were fortunate enough to enjoy 'the good times' can only feel sorry for the professional players of today who are now under such scrutiny and control they may never get to experience 'all of rugby'. When life under the microscope and virtual emasculation tempers the desire to represent at the highest level, then 'Houston we have a problem'. And don't believe for a minute that's not happening.

Anyway, enough of that. Thank God for Subbies. Ironically, Suburban Rugby has been a major beneficiary of the game turning professional in 1995, having embraced change in a most positive manner. Whilst the ethos and spirit of the game has changed little during my tenure, the modus operandi of Suburban Rugby has evolved significantly.

Increased staffing levels have allowed for increased professionalism and shifted duties formally undertaken by volunteers to skilled staff who were able to dedicate their time in a fulltime manner. Complementing the staff has been the Union's approach to technology... working smarter not harder.

In the mid 1990s the Union forged a very strong partnership with Interfuse who went on to develop the Union's website and competition management system. This saw Suburban Rugby become the first Union in the world to move to online result sheets in the early 2000s. This technology has now been embraced by the ARU and rolled out nationally. Benefits such as SMSing and posting all results, tables and club championships online early Saturday evening is a credit to our staff and the technology the Union has invested in.

An emphasis on Colts and their inclusion in the club championship structure has improved clubs' participation base, whilst new competitions such as the popular U85KG Cup has opened the game up to players that would have otherwise stopped playing or were not playing at all.

The Union's relationship with NSWRU is solid and harmonious, and our move to the NSWRU at the SFS in 2002 was a key factor in forging the ongoing strength and direction. The Union is now entrusted with managing



all Sydney based competitions be it Premiership, Juniors, Women or Masters.

Modernisation of the constitution, board conferences, coaching nights held mid week rather than weekends, introduction of Club of the Year awards, improved corporate sponsorship and support, publication of the Union's history during our Centenary year, and assisting with the re-establishment of Sydney Juniors by providing generous financial and administrative support are just a few examples of some of the important initiatives and milestones achieved over the last few years.

This year I was fortunate to see a broad cross section of the competition, and the final series was up there with any of the previous years I have witnessed. Congratulations to all the winners and in particular to those clubs who have earned promotion.

On a personal note I would like to say that having a cup named in my honour on Presentation Night was a humbling experience and one I will treasure. I look

forward to presenting it to the winners for many years to come.

And whilst my tenure comes to a close this evening I can proudly report that the Union is in a solid financial, management and administrative position. We are the envy of other Unions and I am confident that the new Chairman and Board will continue to ensure that we remain a strong and vibrant Union, dedicated and focussed on its core business of providing well-run and viable rugby competitions for all who want to compete. To those board members, staff, players and volunteers past and present with whom I have had the pleasure to work, well done and thank you. I have no doubt you will continue to promote and progress Suburban Rugby into the future.



Ian Ross
Chairman

Office Bearers

Patron:

Not appointed

Life Members:

Phil Brown
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Damian Henry
Dan Moore
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Ian Ross

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Dan Moore

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Ian Ross

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Mark Green

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Tim Richards

Premiership Competition Manager:

Lisa Kinny

Auditors:

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Board Meeting Attendance

Mark Green	8/8	Dan Moore	7/8
Paul Hughes	5/8	Rick Morris	8/8
Alan Jones	8/8	Ian Ross	7/8
Michael Kennedy	7/8	John Slender	6/8
Damian Loone	6/8	Paul Timmins	5/8
Peter Macklin	5/8		



Executive Director's Report



Unfortunately, this annual report marks the end of an era in Suburban Rugby with the retirement of our Chairman, Ian "Cowboy" Ross. Ian has been part of the woodwork of Suburban Rugby - as a player in the early 1970s and then as a very successful administrator rising through the Club, Suburban and NSW ranks.

In a farewell at this year's presentation night, Cowboy spoke emotionally about Suburban Rugby and the future of the game. Fittingly, Suburban Rugby presented Cowboy with a perpetual trophy named in his honour. Cowboy undoubtedly leaves the Union in much better shape than when he started, and he has overseen a transformation of Suburban Rugby from a fledgling one man operation to a vibrant, professionally run sport. Cowboy's legacy will benefit this Union well beyond his retirement and we wish him well.

This year the Club Championship was contested under a new point structure that takes into account bonus points scored in each grade. Congratulations to Knox Old Boys for winning the Kentwell Cup Premiership and the Bruce Graham Shield for Division One Club Champions. Congratulations to Lindfield who won the Reliance Shield for Division Two Club Champions, earning promotion to Division One for the first time since 1996. And Hunters Hill, who won the Doc Harris Shield for Division Three champions and will be promoted to Division Two. Barker Old Boys won their second consecutive Barraclough Cup, by a point, this time over UNSW. Barker's coach, Alan Astley, was recognised as the Union's Coach of the Year. Merrylands, who were in Division Four this time last year, managed to win three Division Three premierships, including the Clark Cup.

Disappointingly, the Union was unable to run a viable Division Four competition in 2009. Whilst this lost a vital pathway for clubs from lower divisions, it had a positive effect on the divisions either side - with Division Three fielding 10 clubs for the first time in many years and Division Five having 12 solid clubs, allowing them to contest part of the season within their region. This proved highly popular and successful. Whilst the Union continues to promote a Division Four, we would not reintroduce it at the expense of weakening other competitions. Even without Division Four, team numbers were up on 2008 - thanks to a full complement of 10 clubs in Division Three, 12 clubs in Division Five and 14 in Division Six, as

well as 18 regular teams in the Halligan Cup. Also, the introduction of the new Sydney-wide colts competition, the Radford Cup, helped boost numbers with seven teams participating. Roseville won the Radford Cup, which was last contested in 1997. This augurs well for the introduction of club championship points for Division Three colts in 2010. Under 85KG rugby continued in 2009, with Lloyd McDermott (National Indigenous team) participating for the first time and finishing runners up to Mosman.

Congratulations to Aaron Loxley for winning the Kentwell Medal for the most outstanding player in Division One. Well done also to Knox's Alex Anderson who won the Golden Boots for Man of the Match in the Kentwell Cup Grand Final. Hunters Hill won the overall Club of the Year for their outstanding on and off field efforts during the last 12 months. The prestigious Service to Rugby Award was awarded to Clive Nettleton, who has devoted a lifetime of service to St Ives Rugby Club. This completed a remarkable string of awards to the trio of long serving St Ives administrators - Joy Johnson (2008) and Graeme Kennan (1998) having previously won this award. Clive was unable to receive his award in person at the presentation night due to ill health, however the Union wishes him a speedy recovery.

Jim Melrose was recognised at the presentation night for his 10 years service on the Judiciary. Together with Mark Groom (Chairman), Tony Beger (Deputy Chairman), Philip Sutherland, Geoff Cramp, Jim Smith, Matt Payne and Joanne Harrison, the Judiciary met on 28 occasions during the season doing a very difficult job well - thank you.

John Morrison returned as coach of the NSW Suburban representative team and reclaimed the Barraclough Shield at Ballymore in June in convincing style. The Union looks forward to our annual clash against Queensland Suburban in Sydney next year on the June long weekend. A curtain raiser at the SFS on Saturday 15 May against NSW Country will also be contested.

The Union made a modest operating surplus in 2009. This was helped by a rally in the stock market over the last six months which improved the paper profit of the Union significantly. Although the investment is still nowhere near the lofty heights of 2007, the Board views this investment as a long term strategy and part of its overall investment mix. However, Suburban Rugby is not immune from the economic climate around us. Losing our major sponsor midway through a two year agreement and a reduction in the Union's grant from NSW Rugby Union could have meant a disastrous year for the Union. Instead, the Union took a number of proactive measures in terms of cost



saving and revenue generation, without impacting directly on clubs, to ensure that the grim outlook around us did not eat into the Union's reserves. Finals series attendance was the best in five years which helped the bottom line - no doubt this correlates with the fine weather this year across the eight weekends of finals.

Congratulations to Damian Henry who was awarded life membership of the Union at this corresponding meeting last year; following 14 years' outstanding service to the Board and his club, Brothers. With Damian moving on, the Union welcomed Damian Loone (Rouse Hill) onto the Board, representing Division Five and Six. Thank you to all other Board members who met regularly at Board and Sub-committee level during the course of the year.

Matt Want left the Union during the course of the year and was not replaced, so I must thank Tim Richards and Lisa Jane Kinny for sharing the additional workload during the busy season. Their dedication and commitment to the position is second to none and without them Suburban Rugby would not operate as efficiently or effectively. Michael Bell, Lachlan McBain and Michael Kline continue to make inroads in Junior rugby. Sydney Juniors is currently undergoing a restructure, the result of which should allow them to maximise the economies of scale and continue to improve the professionalism and service offered to Junior rugby clubs.

The Union continues to work very closely with NSW Rugby Union, Chairman Ed Zemancheff and CEO Jim L'Estrange who are strong supporters of the Union and we thank them and their staff for their ongoing assistance.

Thank you to the Union's sponsors. In 2009 we welcomed Skins as a sponsor; so thank you to Hodgie for your support. Pleasingly, all our long term partners continued their association with the Union and we thank them for that: Hartley Anderson at Coke (15 years), Chris Clark at Interfuse (13 years), John Blondin at Australian Rugby Review (13 years), Cameron Black at Gilbert (13 years), Rob Baumann at Leuko (11 years), Michael Zann at Icons of Sport (5 years), Brian Travers at IST (4 years), and Scott Philipson at ISC (4 years).

Issues such as amateurism within Suburban Rugby and the season structure are firmly on the Board's agenda, and we will continue to review these items and make decisions in the best interests of Suburban Rugby and the Game.

Finally, thank you to all the volunteers for your tremendous efforts throughout the year. I look forward to your continued support in 2010 and beyond.



Mark Green
Executive Director

Kentwell Cup Premiers Knox Old Boys

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Honour Roll

Kentwell Medal

Aaron Loxley *(Campbelltown)
Shane Mcleod (St Patricks)
Oliver Sheer (Knox Old Boys)
Mark Wilkinson (Kings Old Boys)

Barraclough Medal

Ryan Brownette (St Ives)
Sione Fakaluho (St Ives)
Hazely Kara (Waverley)
Fraser Leavasa * (Oatley)

Clark Medal

Paul Lambert (Epping)
Chad Maher * (Blacktown)
Matt McIntyre (Brothers)
Max Ng Lam (Merrylands)

Jeffrey Medal

Jerome Bowden (Rockdale)
Pat McDonnell (Sydney Harlequins)
Johan Moll (St George)
Tom Solomon * (Rouse Hill)

Meldrum Medal

Farjan Atshan (Roseville)
Epineha Cribb (Manly Savers)
Andrew Mason (Roseville)
Tom Tudehope * (Redfield)

Colts Medal

Luke Bradnam (Forest)
Will Martin * (Colleagues)
Henry Mortlock (Colleagues)
Zachary Stollznow (Mosman)

* Denotes winner

Golden Boots Award –

Kentwell Cup Grand Final Man of the Match

Alex Anderson (Knox Old Boys)

Coach of the Year

Alan Astley (Barker Old Boys)

Service to Rugby Award

Clive Nettleton (St Ives)



Brian Travers from International Sports Tours presents the Kentwell Medal to Aaron Loxley



Mark Green presents Mosman President Damon Lynch with the Div One Club of the Year Award



Ian Ross presenting Union cufflinks to long serving Judiciary member, Dr James Melrose

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Club of the Year

Division One

Mosman

Division Two

UNSW

Division Three

Hunters Hill*

Division Five

Rouse Hill

Division Six

Dee Why

* Denotes overall club of the year



Judiciary Report

The 2009 Judiciary story is very similar to last year, with no change in the overall number of send-offs.

Striking, as always, is the most prevalent offence. Referee abuse remains a scourge on our game, with this year's figures showing a troubling increase in the number of club officials cited for this offence - nearly a third of all referee abuse offences were committed by coaches. This is clearly unacceptable when coaches should be leading the way in stamping out referee abuse.

The Union was this year pleased to recognise the enormous ten year contribution of Judiciary member, Dr. James Melrose. He is a fine servant of the game and he honours us with his service. We thank also the other

judiciary members – Mark Groom (Chairman), Tony Beger (Deputy), Geoff Cramp and Philip Sutherland; and their 'reserves' - Joanne Harrison, Matt Payne and Jim Smith.

Two Judiciary cases were sent to the Union's Appeals Tribunal this year. Both appeals were dismissed. We thank the Tribunal members for their time and expertise - Richard Harvey (Chairman), Paul Angus, Phil Brown, Warren Gorman and Danny Hinton.

The following clubs had no established offences recorded against them in 2009, and the Union applauds them and their players:

Div 1:	Beecroft Kings Old Boys	Div 5:	Lane Cove Liverpool Macquarie Uni St George Sydney Harlequins Wollondilly	Div 6:	Dee Why Maccabi Norwest Roseville Seaforth Terrey Hills
Div 2:	-				
Div 3:	Blacktown Brothers				

Judiciary Statistics

Offence	2009	2008	Previous Years	Send Offs
Striking	37	36	2004	128
Dangerous Tackle	9	13	2005	107
Rucking	5	9	2006	124
Referee Abuse	18	17	2007	94
Kicking	2	3	Breach of Tolerable Level	
2nd Yellow Card	15	9	Merrylands	7 (3 over)
Other	4	4	Chatswood	3 (1 over)
Not Proven	10	9	Rouse Hill	3 (1 over)
Total	100	100		



Kentwell Medal Finalist Shane McLeod

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Representative Team Report



NSW Suburban Rugby Union Representative Team with the Barraclough Shield back in safe hands

The mission for the 2009 NSW Suburban Representative team was brief, if not entirely simple – bring back the Barraclough Shield from Queensland.

New coaches John Morrison and Andrew Hill set about that task very early in the season and were determined to achieve it with a raft of fresh faces in the squad.

On the way to the Barraclough Shield showdown at Ballymore, the rep team faced the monumental challenge of an early season match against NSW Country, played as a curtain raiser to a Waratahs match. Unfortunately, this annual clash was played immediately after Round one – far too early for a rep match. Scheduling must be a major consideration for future rep programs.

It was apparent from the start that the Cockatoos were determined to avenge their 2008 defeat. Country scored five tries to three, with three of those tries coming in a blistering start to the match where Country skipped out to a 21 – 0 lead after 20 minutes.

The Country points blitz finally stirred the Suburban team into action, and after mounting a series of attacking raids, halfback Adam Ross (Campbelltown) ran the blind and sold several dummies to defenders to cross for a try.

Subbies continued to mount pressure, finally gaining points from a long range penalty goal to Josh Bohl (St Patricks), making the score-line 21 – 10 at half time.

Country were the first to score in the 2nd half, but the Suburban team responded and mounted a series of attacking raids, resulting in a great try to Chris Sione (Drummoyne).

Subbies continued to attack from the restart, but Country's defence held up well, and in the seventy fifth minute,

Country prop and man of the match, Fergus McIntosh, celebrated his birthday with a try. The conversion took the score-line out to 35 – 15 and it looked like this would be the end of the scoring for the night.

Suburban had other ideas, and refused to give up, with Ben Gordon (Beecroft) crossing for a try in the final minutes. The conversion by Bohl wrapped up the scoring, with NSW Country running out winners 35 – 22.

Adding to the scheduling issues, the team now had a two month gap until its next game – the main event against Queensland Suburban, to be played at Ballymore on June 13. The squad regathered to prepare, with some new faces and some positional changes.

The Barraclough Shield contest had become much tighter in recent years, with neither side being able to string consecutive wins together since 2004. The Queensland team had changed little in the last four years, with most players and management coming from just one Brisbane team. Coach Morrison was reasonably sure their game plan would not have changed much either. Armed with that knowledge, the squad ran out onto Ballymore well prepared.

NSW began the scoring in the 14th minute with a well constructed try to #8 Shane McLeod (St Patricks). A Josh Bohl (St Patricks) conversion extended the lead to 7 - 0. From the restart, NSW were ruled offside and Qld sharp shooter Gary Blank slotted the penalty goal for a 7 - 3 scoreline.

Ten minutes later five-eighth Ben Gordon (Beecroft) kicked through for inside centre Michael Daff (Beecroft) to touch down under the posts. A simple conversion to Bohl saw the lead extend to 14 - 3. However, once again Qld received a penalty from the restart and landed



another penalty to stay in touch with NSW.

NSW looked to push clear again from their determined rivals with a try following a 5m scrum at the Qld line. Five eighth Gordon deftly cut back into the forwards, passing to the blindside and setting up Tai Marsters (St Patricks).

In what was now becoming a frustrating (and coach killing) habit, NSW again had trouble controlling possession from the kick-off. The subsequent sin binning of outside centre Peter Low (Briars) for a professional foul in the red zone saw Qld press the NSW line, with prop Leon Makiri barging over in the 40th minute. Qld were able to go to half time still in touch with NSW, down only 8 points, 19 - 11.

An unchanged NSW team ran out in the second half, and whilst Qld opened the scoring with another penalty, it didn't take long for NSW to push further ahead. After being held up over the tryline, NSW quickly won the resultant 5m scrum, enabling Gordon to throw a perfectly timed pass, finding fullback Bohl running on an exquisite angle to dive untouched under the posts. Converting his own try, man of the match Bohl pushed the lead to 26 - 14.

From this point NSW asserted its dominance and put to rest any doubt that the Barraclough Shield was heading

back to Sydney. A NSW penalty goal was followed by a second converted try from McLeod, who this time smashed his way over the line from a lineout.

A consolation try to QLD was quickly answered by NSW with a spectacular try in the dying minutes to the fantastic finisher, Willy Teo (Drummoyne). Teo gleefully accepted a beautiful ball from rampaging midfield runner Chris Gilmore (Campbelltown) and, after flirting with the sideline, dived over in the corner for the coup de grace.

Thank you to master tactician, John Morrison, in his third stint as Coach of the Rep Team. He was ably assisted by Andrew Hill, who has one of the best rugby brains in the business. Special mention to two club coaches for their assistance, advice and co-operation - Paul Orland from St Patricks and Nathan Wicks from Drummoyne. The Rep Squad was much improved through your help.

Damian Raper was our lead Physio, performing brilliantly, as always. (Although not at night on tour!) He was assisted by Louisa McGuinness and Anthony Moore - thank you for your expertise. And last, but certainly never least, a big thanks to JJ from Drummoyne who helped manage the squad. Job well done, JJ.

Finally, congratulations to all the players, and the clubs they represented so well.

Representative Squad 2009: Josh Bohl (St Patricks), Tim Cruikshank (Drummoyne), Mike Daff (Beecroft), Chris Gilmore (Campbelltown), Tai Glassie (Beecroft), Ben Gordon (Beecroft), Dave Hankinson (Drummoyne), Jake Havebond (Waverley), Peter Low (Briars), David Low (Balmain), Josh Maleko (Drummoyne), Tai Marsters (St Patricks), Shane McLeod (St Patricks), Milo Mekaio (St Patricks), Scott Monaghan (Capt) (Drummoyne), Andrew Morris (St Ives), Tom Nielsen (UNSW), Glen Packer (Campbelltown), Sam Raymond (Briars), Adam Ross (Campbelltown), Dylan Schofield (Beecroft), Chris Sione (Drummoyne), Trent Tapp (Drummoyne), Willy Teo (Drummoyne), Matt Walden (UNSW), Chris Watt (Rouse Hill), Jarad Weston (Blacktown), Mark Wilkinson (Kings Old Boys), John Morrison (Coach), Andrew Hill (Ass. Coach), Paul Orland (Ass. Coach), Tim Richards (Manager), Frank "JJ" Tait (Manager), Louisa McGuinness (Physio), Anthony Moore (Physio), Damian Raper (Physio).

Representative Results

NSW Suburban v NSW Country

Played at Sydney Football Stadium, 11 April 2009

NSW Country – 35

Tries: Fergus McIntosh (2), Gavin Holder, David Kennedy & Mike Te Moana

Conversions: David Kennedy (5)

def

NSW Suburban – 22

Tries: Ben Gordon, Adam Ross & Chris Sione

Conversions: Josh Bohl (2)

Penalties: Josh Bohl

NSW Suburban v Queensland Suburban

Played at Ballymore, Brisbane, 13 June 2009

NSW Suburban – 41

Tries: Shane McLeod (2), Tai Marsters, Willy Teo, Josh Bohl & Mike Daff

Conversions: Josh Bohl (4)

Penalties: Josh Bohl

def

Qld Suburban – 21

Tries: Leon Makiri, Chris Bohan

Conversion: Gary Blank

Penalties: Gary Blank (3)



Finals Results

Division One

Grand Finals

Kentwell	Knox OB 30	def	St Patricks 17
Burke	Mosman 17	def	Beecroft 6
Whiddon	Colleagues 11	def	St Patricks 6
Judd	Old Ignatians 57	def	Mosman 7
Sutherland	Campbelltown 8	def	Mosman 3
Barbour	Knox OB 20	def	Mosman 15

Finals

Kentwell	St Patricks 25	def	Drummoyne 21
Burke	Beecroft 25	def	St Patricks 7
Whiddon	St Patricks 14	def	Old Ignatians 7
Judd	Mosman 12	def	Campbelltown 0
Sutherland	Mosman 27	def	Colleagues 10
Barbour	Knox OB 24	def	Forest 21

Semi Finals

Kentwell	Mjr Knox OB 17	drew	Drummoyne 17
Kentwell	Mnr St Patricks 24	def	Campbelltown 17
Burke	Mjr Mosman 14	def	Beecroft 7
Burke	Mnr St Patricks 22	def	Old Ignatians 10
Whiddon	Mjr Colleagues 19	def	St Patricks 5
Whiddon	Mnr Old Ignatians 32	def	Knox OB 21
Judd	Mjr Old Ignatians 33	def	Campbelltown 14
Judd	Mnr Mosman 5	def	Colleagues 3
Sutherland	Mjr Campbelltown 21	def	Drummoyne 12
Sutherland	Mnr Mosman 10	def	Colleagues 0
Barbour	Mjr Mosman 20	def	Knox OB 9
Barbour	Mnr Forest 17	def	Colleagues 15

Sydney Colts

Grand Final

Radford	Roseville 15	def	Hawkesbury Valley 12
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Final

Radford	Roseville 22	def	Epping 10
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Semi Finals

Radford	Mjr Hawk. Valley 19	def	Roseville 7
Radford	Mnr Epping 27	def	Colleagues II 17

U85kg

Grand Final

U85kg Cup	Mosman 27	def	Lloyd McDermott 10
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North Harbour Challenge

Cup Final	Dee Why 29	def	Knox OB 5
Plate Final	Chatswood 22	def	Lindfield 0

Division Two

Grand Finals

Barraclough	Barker OB 20	def	UNSW 19
Stockdale	St Ives 22	def	Lindfield 18
Blunt	Lindfield 19	drew	Hornsby 19
Richardson	Waverley 22	def	UNSW 5
Robertson	Hornsby 15	def	Barker OB 10

Finals

Barraclough	UNSW 27	def	Oatley 15
Stockdale	St Ives 29	def	Newport 7
Blunt	Lindfield 27	def	Blue Mountains 12
Richardson	UNSW 28	def	Lindfield 5
Robertson	Hornsby 17	def	Lindfield 13

Semi Finals

Barraclough	Mjr Barker OB 12	def	Oatley 10
Barraclough	Mnr UNSW 47	def	Lindfield 12
Stockdale	Mjr Lindfield 27	def	Newport 17
Stockdale	Mnr St Ives 12	def	UNSW 5
Blunt	Mjr Hornsby 8	def	Lindfield 7
Blunt	Mnr Blue Mountains 30	def	UNSW 3
Richardson	Mjr Waverley 17	def	Lindfield 12
Richardson	Mnr UNSW 12	def	Briars 5
Robertson	Mjr Barker OB 13	def	Lindfield 7
Robertson	Mnr Hornsby 21	def	UNSW 10

Division Three

Grand Finals

Clark	Merrylands 13	def	Hunters Hill 12
Farrant	Petersham 23	def	Hunters Hill 0
Campbell	Merrylands 23	def	Hunters Hill 21
Nicholson	Merrylands 10	def	Hunters Hill 5

Finals

Clark	Hunters Hill 38	def	Blacktown 19
Farrant	Hunters Hill 32	def	Balmain 17
Campbell	Merrylands 24	def	Petersham 17
Nicholson	Hunters Hill 21	def	Petersham 7

Semi Finals

Clark	Mjr Merrylands 32	def	Hunters Hill 31
Clark	Mnr Blacktown 18	def	Balmain 12
Farrant	Mjr Petersham 16	def	Hunters Hill 12
Farrant	Mnr Balmain 22	def	Hawkesbury Valley 7
Campbell	Mjr Hunters Hill 11	def	Petersham 6
Campbell	Mnr Merrylands 41	def	Hills 12
Nicholson	Mjr Merrylands 43	def	Hunters Hill 5
Nicholson	Mnr Petersham 11	def	Brothers 5



Division Five

Grand Finals

Jeffrey	Rouse Hill 38	def	Rockdale 17
Noice	Liverpool 32	def	St George 17

Preliminary Final

Jeffrey	Rockdale 26	def	Syd Harlequins 5
Noice	Liverpool 17	def	Rouse Hill 0

Qualification Finals

Jeffrey	A	Rouse Hill 23	def	Syd Harlequins 17
Jeffrey	B	Rockdale 28	def	St George 25
Noice	A	St George 31	def	Liverpool 14
Noice	B	Rouse Hill 31	def	Maquarie Uni 0

Elimination Finals

Jeffrey	A	Rockdale 28	def	Liverpool 24
Jeffrey	B	St George 44	def	Maquarie Uni 10
Noice	A	Maquarie Uni 20	def	Fairvale 17
Noice	B	Rouse Hill 39	def	Rockdale 35

Division Six

Grand Final

Meldrum	Maccabi 24	def	Manly Savers 17
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Preliminary Final

Meldrum	Maccabi 18	def	Clovelly 17
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Qualification Finals

Meldrum	A	Manly Savers 16	def	Maccabi 14
Meldrum	B	Clovelly 48	def	Canterbury 15

Elimination Finals

Meldrum	A	Canterbury 34	def	Dee Why 17
Meldrum	B	Clovelly 10	drew	Burraneer 10

Competition Tables

Division One

Kentwell Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Knox Old Boys	18	12	0	6	496	312	184	64
Drummoyne	18	13	0	5	488	305	183	63
Campbelltown	18	11	1	6	582	359	223	62
St Patricks	18	10	0	8	465	402	63	49
Beecroft	18	8	1	9	330	278	52	44
Forest	18	8	0	10	358	504	-146	43
Kings Old Boys	18	9	0	9	345	415	-70	42
Mosman	18	7	0	11	338	438	-100	34
Old Ignatians	18	6	0	12	290	417	-127	31
Colleagues	18	5	0	13	292	554	-262	26

Burke Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Beecroft	18	14	0	4	380	220	160	64
Mosman	18	12	0	6	393	350	43	58
St Patricks	18	12	0	6	379	279	100	57
Old Ignatians	18	10	2	6	315	296	19	49
Colleagues	18	10	0	8	305	273	32	48
Knox Old Boys	18	9	1	8	349	324	25	45
Forest	18	6	3	9	255	311	-56	36
Kings Old Boys	18	6	1	11	261	327	-66	33
Drummoyne	18	5	1	12	317	435	-118	30
Campbelltown	18	2	0	16	314	453	-139	20

Whiddon Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
St Patricks	18	14	1	3	448	196	252	70
Colleagues	18	14	0	4	351	138	213	67
Old Ignatians	18	10	0	8	288	254	34	48
Knox Old Boys	18	9	1	8	270	298	-28	42
Forest	18	9	0	9	220	246	-26	42
Beecroft	18	8	0	10	206	258	-52	37
Mosman	18	7	1	10	206	305	-99	33
Drummoyne	18	5	2	11	220	283	-63	31
Campbelltown	18	4	2	12	273	396	-123	29
Kings Old Boys	18	6	1	11	159	267	-108	28

Judd Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Old Ignatians	18	18	0	0	581	87	494	86
Campbelltown	18	13	1	4	475	221	254	66
Mosman	18	14	1	3	332	178	154	64
Colleagues	18	12	0	6	360	147	213	56
St Patricks	18	9	0	9	276	271	5	43
Drummoyne	18	7	0	11	152	365	-213	30
Beecroft	18	6	0	12	210	316	-106	28
Forest	18	4	1	13	245	388	-143	24
Kings Old Boys	18	4	0	14	115	475	-360	18
Knox Old Boys	18	1	1	16	151	449	-298	8



Sutherland Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Campbelltown	18	17	0	1	496	130	366	80
Drummoyne	18	14	1	3	369	175	194	67
Mosman	18	12	1	5	358	118	240	62
Beecroft	18	11	0	7	213	170	43	49
Old Ignatians	18	11	0	7	276	237	39	49
St Patricks	18	9	0	9	246	264	-18	43
Colleagues	18	6	0	12	233	210	23	35
Kings Old Boys	18	7	0	11	191	229	-38	31
Forest	18	2	0	16	152	497	-345	9
Knox Old Boys	18	0	0	18	0	504	-504	-4

Blunt Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Hornsby	18	15	0	3	454	142	312	70
Lindfield	18	13	0	5	421	173	248	64
UNSW	18	13	0	5	382	125	257	61
Blue Mountains	18	12	1	5	306	169	137	56
Oatley	18	10	0	8	277	283	-6	47
Barker Old Boys	18	9	0	9	304	323	-19	43
Briars	18	5	2	11	277	445	-168	28
Newport	18	4	1	13	167	442	-275	23
St Ives	18	3	2	13	125	388	-263	18
Waverley	18	3	0	15	146	369	-223	15

Barbour Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Mosman	18	16	0	2	447	155	292	74
Knox Old Boys	18	13	2	3	588	130	458	70
Colleagues	18	14	1	3	426	166	260	67
Forest	18	13	0	5	399	205	194	62
St Patricks	18	8	0	10	263	320	-57	39
Beecroft	18	7	0	11	256	335	-79	37
Kings Old Boys	18	7	1	10	273	375	-102	36
Old Ignatians	18	7	0	11	238	315	-77	33
Drummoyne	18	2	0	16	127	580	-453	11
Campbelltown	18	1	0	17	180	616	-436	10

Richardson Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Waverley	18	18	0	0	729	67	662	89
Lindfield	18	14	0	4	308	140	168	66
UNSW	18	13	1	4	294	147	147	59
Briars	18	11	0	7	280	161	119	52
Newport	18	9	0	9	238	233	5	44
Hornsby	18	7	2	9	204	333	-129	37
Barker Old Boys	18	7	0	11	248	278	-30	35
Oatley	18	4	0	14	187	357	-170	23
St Ives	18	3	1	14	112	450	-338	13
Blue Mountains	18	2	0	16	86	520	-434	9

Division Two

Barracough Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Barker Old Boys	18	15	0	3	440	265	175	69
Oatley	18	13	0	5	515	261	254	66
UNSW	18	13	0	5	569	283	286	63
Lindfield	18	12	0	6	541	330	211	61
St Ives	18	11	0	7	446	307	139	55
Waverley	18	10	0	8	466	423	43	49
Briars	18	6	0	12	392	533	-141	35
Newport	18	4	0	14	298	494	-196	23
Blue Mountains	18	4	0	14	280	615	-335	21
Hornsby	18	2	0	16	294	730	-436	19

Robertson Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Barker Old Boys	18	17	0	1	493	154	339	80
Lindfield	18	14	0	4	490	177	313	73
Hornsby	18	13	1	4	381	159	222	64
UNSW	18	10	0	8	345	263	82	51
Waverley	18	10	0	8	380	286	94	50
Newport	18	9	0	9	319	242	77	43
St Ives	18	8	1	9	289	270	19	43
Oatley	18	5	0	13	223	377	-154	20
Briars	18	3	0	15	121	609	-488	7
Blue Mountains	18	0	0	18	0	504	-504	0

Stockdale Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Lindfield	18	18	0	0	613	122	491	86
Newport	18	14	0	4	484	226	258	68
UNSW	18	11	1	6	479	236	243	59
St Ives	18	10	1	7	398	274	124	52
Barker Old Boys	18	10	0	8	480	320	160	50
Oatley	18	8	0	10	298	381	-83	40
Waverley	18	7	1	10	292	340	-48	39
Briars	18	6	0	12	329	394	-65	33
Blue Mountains	18	4	0	14	224	518	-294	20
Hornsby	18	0	1	17	132	918	-786	0

Division Three

Clark Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Merrylands	18	17	0	1	586	302	284	75
Hunters Hill	18	13	1	4	548	277	271	69
Balmain	18	11	1	6	451	368	83	58
Blacktown	18	12	0	6	356	256	100	57
Epping	18	11	0	7	384	328	56	51
Petersham	18	7	0	11	262	321	-59	33
Hawkesbury Valley	18	6	1	11	282	347	-65	32
UWSH	18	5	0	13	310	518	-208	30
Brothers	18	5	0	13	307	485	-178	28
Hills	18	1	1	16	188	472	-284	8



Farrant Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Petersham	18	15	1	2	498	173	325	73
Hunters Hill	18	15	0	3	407	172	235	70
Balmain	18	11	1	6	390	230	160	57
Hawkesbury Valley	18	10	1	7	302	212	90	51
Blacktown	18	9	0	9	384	153	231	47
Merrylands	18	8	1	9	478	323	155	45
UWSH	18	7	0	11	327	422	-95	33
Hills	18	6	2	10	262	327	-65	33
Epping	18	6	0	12	279	363	-84	32
Brothers	18	0	0	18	34	986	-952	0

Campbell Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Hunters Hill	18	17	0	1	458	76	382	79
Petersham	18	15	1	2	462	105	357	71
Merrylands	18	12	1	5	438	209	229	60
Hills	18	10	0	8	307	236	71	49
Balmain	18	10	0	8	305	172	133	47
Blacktown	18	8	2	8	265	226	39	44
Epping	18	7	0	11	294	385	-91	36
Hawkesbury Valley	18	5	0	13	183	298	-115	26
UWSH	18	2	0	16	157	645	-488	13
Brothers	18	2	0	16	106	623	-517	10

Nicholson Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Merrylands	18	16	0	2	639	139	500	76
Hunters Hill	18	14	1	3	404	148	256	66
Brothers	18	11	2	5	293	168	125	55
Petersham	18	11	0	7	278	181	97	51
Hills	18	8	3	7	177	247	-70	42
Balmain	18	5	3	10	190	270	-80	35
UWSH	18	7	0	11	268	300	-32	34
Hawkesbury Valley	18	7	1	10	124	309	-185	31
Blacktown	18	3	2	13	127	370	-243	20
Epping	18	2	0	16	92	460	-368	11



Division Five

Jeffrey Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Rouse Hill	16	14	0	2	640	191	449	69
Sydney Harlequins	16	14	0	2	626	232	394	68
Rockdale	16	13	0	3	592	223	369	67
Macquarie University	16	11	0	5	450	196	254	57
St George	16	11	0	5	372	283	89	52
Liverpool	16	9	0	7	435	383	52	47
Notre Dame	16	7	1	8	332	301	31	39
Wollondilly	16	6	0	10	298	605	-307	30
Lane Cove	16	4	0	12	196	459	-263	20
Fairvale	16	2	0	14	226	631	-405	15
Oakhill	16	3	1	12	192	463	-271	14
Chatswood	16	1	0	15	185	577	-392	9

Noice Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
St George	16	13	0	3	519	205	314	63
Liverpool	16	12	0	4	498	180	318	63
Macquarie University	16	13	1	2	433	134	299	62
Rouse Hill	16	11	0	5	435	213	222	54
Rockdale	16	9	0	7	364	266	98	46
Fairvale	16	8	0	8	418	317	101	43
Oakhill	16	9	1	6	280	170	110	38
Sydney Harlequins	16	7	0	9	291	300	-9	35
Lane Cove	16	8	0	8	177	312	-135	34
Notre Dame	16	4	0	12	154	452	-298	20
Chatswood	16	1	0	15	113	620	-507	6
Wollondilly	16	0	0	16	68	581	-513	-1

Division Six

Meldrum Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Manly Savers	14	12	0	2	461	202	259	56
Maccabi	14	11	0	3	674	199	475	55
Dee Why	14	10	0	4	340	170	170	50
Clovelly	14	9	1	4	460	314	146	49
Burraneer	14	9	0	5	402	229	173	48
Canterbury	14	9	1	4	327	355	-28	45
Redfield	14	8	2	4	369	243	126	43
Bankstown	14	6	0	8	288	378	-90	30
Roseville	14	6	1	7	273	301	-28	27
Dundas Valley	14	6	0	8	292	295	-3	26
Terrey Hills	14	4	1	9	167	381	-214	21
Seaforth	14	3	0	11	145	391	-246	14
Killara West Pymble	14	1	0	13	216	451	-235	5
Norwest	14	1	0	13	136	641	-505	-2

Waverley's Barraclough Medal Finalist, Hazley Kara



U85kg

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Mosman	7	7	0	0	246	22	224	34
Knox Old Boys	7	6	0	1	172	74	98	28
Lloyd McDermott	7	5	0	2	221	53	168	27
Dee Why	7	3	0	4	125	94	31	16
Hunters Hill	7	3	0	4	63	146	-83	13
Chatswood	7	2	0	5	63	189	-126	8
Lindfield	7	1	1	5	39	159	-120	6
St Ives	7	0	1	6	30	222	-192	4

Sydney Colts

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Hawkesbury Valley	12	11	0	1	358	86	272	52
Roseville	12	10	0	2	270	75	195	47
Colleagues II	12	7	0	5	143	144	-1	33
Epping	12	4	1	7	185	141	44	26
Gordon IV	12	5	0	7	169	251	-82	23
Lindfield II	12	3	1	8	124	277	-153	17
Beecroft II	12	1	0	11	37	312	-275	6



Old Ignatians win the Judd Cup

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Halligan Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Mosman I	18	17	0	1	476	130	346	79
Waverley I	18	15	1	2	484	137	347	73
Macquarie Uni	16	10	1	5	261	171	90	48
Petersham	17	10	0	7	241	230	11	46
Waverley II	17	8	0	9	357	306	51	42
Forest	13	8	1	4	216	184	32	39
Epping	15	8	0	7	263	294	-31	38
Coll. Convicts	17	6	2	9	206	283	-77	34
Maccabi	10	5	1	4	176	140	36	26
Hills I	13	4	1	8	199	228	-29	26
Hunters Hill	16	5	0	11	143	286	-143	24
Colleagues	11	5	0	6	159	198	-39	23
Roseville I	7	4	1	2	175	113	62	21
Balmain I	14	3	0	11	142	288	-146	16
Blacktown	7	3	0	4	115	109	6	14
UNSW I	13	3	0	10	127	318	-191	14
Briars	11	2	0	9	111	249	-138	12
Redfield	3	2	0	1	49	19	30	10
Coll. Convicts II	7	2	0	5	68	111	-43	10
Mosman II	2	2	0	0	39	7	32	9
Roseville II	1	1	0	0	34	5	29	5
Rockdale	1	1	0	0	24	12	12	5
UNSW II	4	1	0	3	71	104	-33	5
St George	1	1	0	0	10	5	5	4
Beecroft	1	1	0	0	7	5	2	4
Oatley	2	1	0	1	15	40	-25	4
Hills II	1	0	0	1	17	24	-7	1
Chatswood	5	0	0	5	15	125	-110	1
Lane Cove	1	0	0	1	0	24	-24	0
Kings Old Boys	1	0	0	1	0	26	-26	0
Balmain II	1	0	0	1	5	34	-29	0

Club Championship Tables

Division One Bruce Graham Shield		Division Two Reliance Shield		Division Three Keith Harris Shield		Division Five David Swan Shield	
Knox Old Boys	2640	Lindfield	3394	Hunters Hill	3030	Rouse Hill	2166
St Patricks	2585	Barker Old Boys	2961	Merrylands	2778	Rockdale	2026
Mosman	2340	UNSW	2943	Balmain	2347	Macquarie Uni	1998
Beecroft	2313	Oatley	2403	Petersham	2181	Syd Harlequins	1916
Colleagues	2155	St Ives	2239	Blacktown	2142	St George	1900
Drummoyne	2155	Waverley	2203	Epping	1755	Liverpool	1790
Campbelltown	2116	Newport	1850	Hawkesbury Valley	1565	Notre Dame	1098
Forest	2083	Briars	1532	UWSH	1236	Lane Cove	848
Old Ignatians	2063	Hornsby	1333	Hills	992	Fairvale	846
Kings Old Boys	1794	Blue Mountains	1065	Brothers	841	Oakhill	764
						Wollondilly	648
						Chatswood	270



Thank You, Cowboy

This year's AGM marks the end of the active Suburban career of Chairman Ian Ross, after 29 years of service to the Union. Throughout that time, in many different roles, Ian - or "Cowboy" as he is known - has been a tireless worker for the Union and a fierce champion of Suburban Rugby at all levels of the game. Ian has left a lasting legacy that will serve the Union well into the future.

Thank you, Cowboy. You have honoured us with your service to our game.

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Player 1972 – 1974

Hunters Hill:

Player 1975 – 1987

Secretary 1977

Club Captain 1978 – 1979

President 1980 – 1981

President 1993 – 1995

Life Member 1994

NSW Suburban Rugby:

Representative Team Manager 1983

Rep Team Selector 1983 – 1984

Board Member 1981–1987 & 1994

Chairman 1995 – 2009

Life Member 2007

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