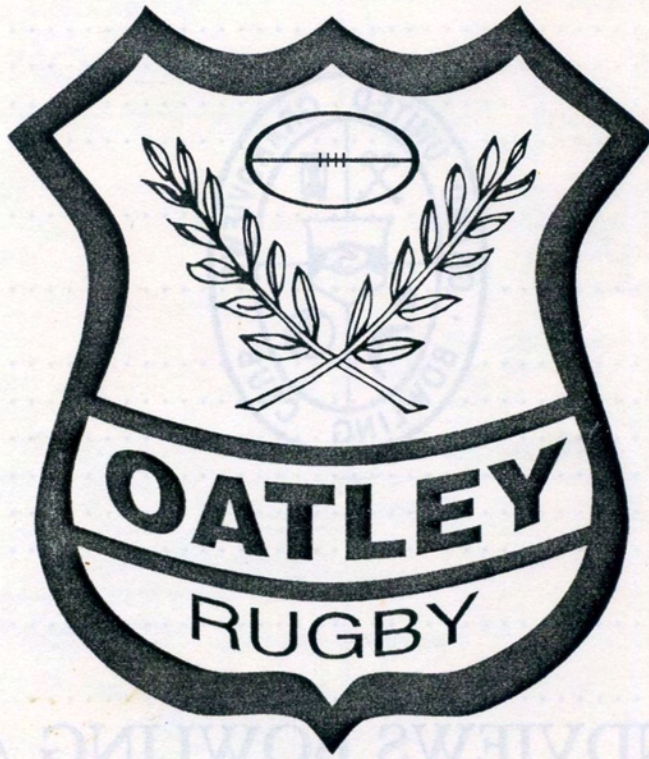


ANNUAL REPORT



1995

OATLEY RUGBY CLUB

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THANK YOU

The Committee would like to thank all those people who have helped and contributed to the running of the games, social activities and the club in general. Without your efforts and support the club would not be able to provide an opportunity for those that wish to play the game known as Rugby.

The editor of this report would also like to thank those that contributed reports, articles and photos, especially those that contributed photos at short notice. The reports are, overall, of the highest standard this editor has seen to date. He would also like to curse those that gave him their reports late.

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Secretary	Shane Dunn
Treasurer	Bill Bell
Juniors Secretary	Laurie Yeomans
Club Captain	Rod Dunn
Club Coach	Manu Sutherland
Social Committee Delegate	Andrew Summerville

Social Committee

Andrew Summerville (Chairperson), Graham Bruce, Justin Baratta, Andrew Bowring

Minis Co-ordinator Richard Shehan

Southern Districts Juniors Delegate Richard Shehan

Coaching Staff

Club Coach Manu Sutherland

Seniors

1st Grade

Coach	Craig Fear
Assistant Coach	Mark Allen
Manager	Keith Adams

2nd Grade

Coach	Keith Bennett
Assistant Coach	Angelo Kanellopoulos

3rd Grade

Coach	Peter Mawer
Assistant Coach	Mick Waudby
Manager	Peter Moenting

4th Grade

Coach	Erkin Osman
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Colts

Coach	Warren Humphreys
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Juniors

Under 15's

Coach	Manu Sutherland
Manager	David Cotterell

Under 11's

Coach	Wayne Lanham
Manager	Mary Christopher

Under 10's

Coach	Brian Norris (assisted by Greg Boston)
Manager	Mike Lazarus

Under 9's

Coach	Richard Sheahan
Manager	Ross Horne

Under 8's

Coach	Rod Harty
Manager	Deborah Wheatley

Under 7's & 6's

Coach	Bruce Smart (assisted by Phil Batty)
Managers	Deborah Boston & Anne Lazarus

Committee Reports

President

In trying to think of a way to start the Presidents report, the only thing that came to mind was the rebirth of the Oatley Rugby Club.

At the very start of the season, Gil Viciulis and his committee launched the club in a new direction. First and foremost we changed club house. Even though the Oatley Hotel gave us a lot of support throughout the years, Grandviews Bowling and Recreation Club however represented an exciting opportunity in terms of a wide range of facilities. The move although initially reluctant, has been most welcomed by all players and their families. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Grandviews Bowling and Recreation Club for their sponsorship and support throughout 1995, and look forward to a closer relationship in the coming years.

The social committee also embarked in a different direction by running the clubs first professionally run Sportsmen's Luncheon. This, as you know, was highly successful and profitable. Special thanks must go to Andrew Sommerville and Andrew Bowring who were the driving force behind this success. The social committee enjoyed many successes this year. The No Talent Night, the Trivia Night and the Presentation Night to name a few. The successes saw an increase in support by the players, wives, girlfriends and families. This can only be good for the club in the long run. In addition to the social activities, the Club's image improved in the eyes of our competitors and supporters. It was good to see so many club ties worn to the game and afterwards at Grandviews.

Lastly a stronger attempt was made to bring the juniors and seniors closer together. The seniors must remember that the juniors are our future in terms of playing talent. The Juniors are also a very slick operation, this can be seen from their successes in 1995. A stronger union between the juniors and seniors will benefit the Club. Many thanks to Lawrie Yeomans, Richard Sheahan, Debbie Boston and other Members of the juniors organisation for their efforts.

It would be remiss of me not to extend my thanks to my fellow committee persons and coaches. All of whom play key roles in the day to day operations and success of this club. This commitment come with enormous personal sacrifice to their own family lives.

Looking towards the future, we must ensure the Club continues to improve. To do this we must become more professional both on and off the field. We need quality people to fill the administration and coaching positions within the Club, in order to offer the players the type of club they want to belong to. The increase in professionalism would also attract and retain the quality players and coaches we need to ensure our competitiveness in the future. In broad terms our aim is to become the premier rugby club in the St George area. This must be pursued with vigour to raise the Club profile, in order to attract new talent and potential sponsors.

If you believe you can offer the club something more than you gave in 1995, I ask you to either seek nomination for a committee position in 1996 or become an active participant in one of the clubs many sub committees.

At Oatley you make many friends, this is a great club. Many thanks for your contributions during 1995.

Mike Heal

Club Captain

The 95 season was always going to be the toughest year Oatley Rugby was to face to date.

With the top 10 teams from the 94 elimination round competing, the competition was to be the equivalent of the Kentwell cup.

Although the new competition was an exciting concept for Oatley Rugby the high level of competition took its toll. The club as a whole started strong with numbers, around eighty, but through injury and other reasons the numbers dwindled towards the end of the season with 4th grade having problems fielding a side.

Even though the numbers were down, moral and enthusiasm weren't, the guys gave it all they had through to the finish. Both 1st and 2nd grade putting in big efforts against competition leaders in the second half of the season. The 4th grade looking to be semi-final contenders lost momentum due to lack of players towards the end. A big effort also put in by 3rd grade this year and thanks to all the third graders who often played more than one game backing up.

Enthusiasm and camaraderie spilled from the paddock to the drinking holes, especially 'Grandviews' and bus trips. No matter what the results were on the field the club was always a winner when the boys donned their club ties and enjoyed a few quiet beers together!!!! (Huge nights had by all).

Thanks to all the boys for support during speeches both old and new players, and hope to see you all in 96.

We know what the problem areas are and we know how to improve, so here's to a successful season in 96

Rugby, Cheers and Beers

Dunny



Rod Dunn Scoring in front of a disbelieving audience of Ex Players

Juniors

1995 has been a season of continued strong growth in the junior ranks both in terms of player strength and most importantly, parent support and participation. The enthusiastic support among parents of all teams has been tremendous this year and it is no co-incidence that this season we have been the strongest Southern District club in mini rugby. I am confident that over the next few years this will flow through our junior teams and that in time we will be the strongest club in the area in terms of junior players.

On the playing field there were many highlights this season.

- * Both the Under 6 and 9 mini teams were victors on Mini Gala Day with the under 8 team being beaten in extra time in the final. The under 9 team were undefeated against local teams all season and also won the Merrylands Carnival Day.
- * Both the under 10 and 15 teams performed well in the Canberra 7's with the 15's reaching the final for the 4th year in a row.
- * Chris Wing, Daniel Batman and Cade Sutherland were selected in the Sydney under 15 team which defeated Country in the annual representative match and Manu Sutherland was Coach.
- * The under 9 team played an Exhibition game at the Sydney Football Stadium as a curtain raiser to the David Campese Testimonial Match.
- * The Under 15 team was the only team to beat eventual Premiers Randwick. They just missed 2nd spot on the table after losing the last round in the final minutes and were unlucky to go into the minor semi the following week with injuries, illness and unavailability of key players.
- * Pauliasi Taumoepeau was selected in both the under 9 and 10 Southern Districts representative teams. Congratulations to all players who made the representative teams this season.
- * James Horne of the under 9's has now scored 134 tries in 70 games - a remarkable effort.

The under 10's did very well in their first season of full field rugby after a tough early draw and will undoubtedly improve their position on the ladder in 1996. They have a lot of very promising rugby players and a very enthusiastic and committed coaching staff.

The under 11 's always did it hard for numbers on the paddock and performed very creditably under the circumstances. They have already recruited new players for next season and Wayne Lanham who has looked after these boys since their mini days is stepping down as coach to let the Club's Treasurer, Bill Bell, take over next year. This team will certainly be a big threat to other teams in their competition in 1996.

All the mini teams did well and we expect great things from this year's under 9's next season when they take on the Easts-Randwick teams in the under 10's.

My thanks to all coaches and managers for the tremendous job they have done for the Club in 1995. In particular, the following deserve a special mention.

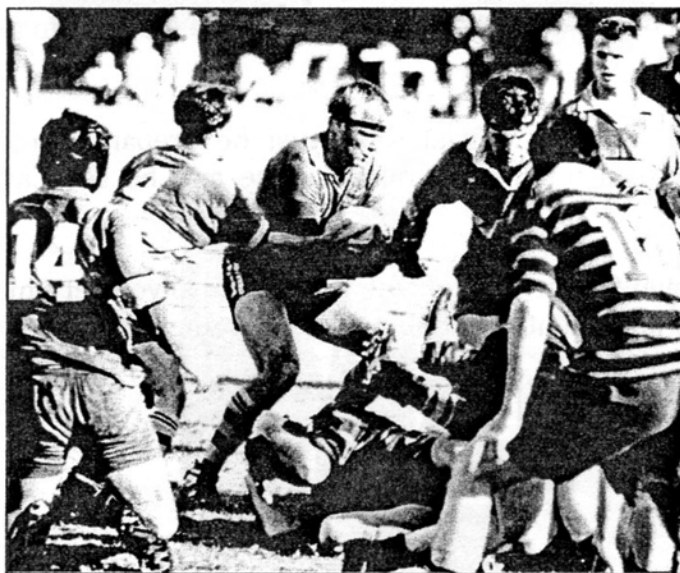
- * Richard Sheahan, Coach of the under 9's, Oatley minis co-ordinator and Southern Districts Co-ordinator and referee for his efforts in organising mini-rugby throughout the District. Richard is one of the real workers of the Club who gives a great deal of time to Oatley Rugby.
- * The Bostons, Greg and Deborah, for everything they have done in 1995 from coaching and managing teams, assisting with the Club's treasury and organising all manner of social events and fund-raisers. With three sons, we hope to have them around for many years to come.
- * Manu Sutherland for his terrific contribution to all sections of the Club, this season in his role as Club Coach.

As the Club continues to expand and become more complex and expensive to operate we need junior parents and supporters to become increasingly involved in the general administration and committee work of the Club. I would urge all interested parents and supporters to attend the Club's Annual General Meeting which will be held at Grandviews Bowling Club on Sunday 29th October commencing at 10.30am.

As usual, the Club's Registration Day will be held at Evatt Park on the second Sunday of February - 11 February 1996 - from 11am - 1pm.

Lawrie Yeomans
Junior Representative on the Committee

PS. A big thank you to all of the junior coaches and managers (and their assistants) for their time and efforts in 1995.



Second Grade getting the ball out of a maul

Club Coach

It's hard to believe this season has finally ended. It seems so long ago since the last A.G.M. when the new committee was formed and set about implementing the changes of direction it felt the club should take.

The first gigantic step was obviously the change of home venue for Oatley Rugby. Whilst this was not without its dramas it has been proved that Grand views Bowling Club was a very beneficial move and could benefit our club for a much brighter future.

The second step was instigating a much more intensive recruiting programme. This swung into place in early Feb. with letter drops, hand outs at railway stations and shopping centres, and posters placed in shop windows etc.. Whilst this was not as comprehensive as it could have been it was a start and next year should see a more organised campaign run with a lot more willing hands.

The Club owes a massive vote of thanks to the then president, Gil Viciulis who put in so much time and personal backing to ensure the recruitment programme was off and running. People with the motivation of carrying out their convictions are few and far between. This Club was indeed fortunate to have someone willing to take the hard options of change and we can be grateful that they were made for us.

Andrew Sommerville deserves every credit for his efforts throughout the year. From his organisation of the sportsmans lunch to the Presentation Ball he did not waver.

The individual coaches reports will no doubt cover the players worthy of recognition.

Craig Fear's professional approach to his First Grade side was a pleasure to see. Whilst he did not get the results he deserved it was a credit to him that his players backed him right throughout the season.

With the massive upheaval in our code of rugby we need to analyse what we need to do to survive as a healthy and flourishing club. I believe we are very definitely at the crossroads. Every member, supporter, sponsor needs to decide what direction to take. If we need to take the hard options then take them with conviction.

Everyone of us who takes on an official role must be prepared to work, spend time, make allowances, sacrifice personal time, encourage, coerce and be seen as ambassadors of Oatley Rugby.

We desperately need a plan for the future. One that can involve every member of the club. Think about it, and dwell on it, talk about it but above all **do** something about it.

Till next year

Kia ora Koutou Katoa

Manu Sutherland

A trivial night!!

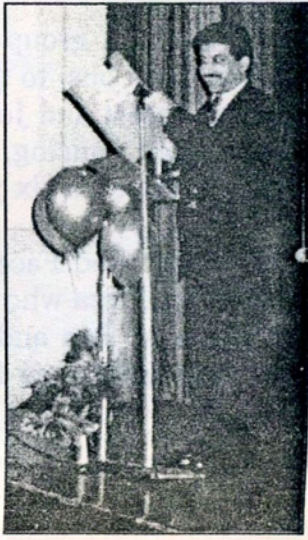


Winners are Grinners!!



Losers get the Dummy's

Sporting Affair



Social Committee

rugby: A pastime of delirious enjoyment, much story telling, plentiful drinking, and occasional singing disturbed only by 80 minutes of often pointless endeavor on a strip of barren earth.

-The Rugby Dictionary

I think this just about sums up the '95 season for the Oatley Rugby Club. While success on the paddock did not always come our way, we certainly made up for it off the field.

The year was kicked off with the 'Welcome to Grandviews' night. A good time was had by all those that attended, with the highlight of the night definitely being a guest appearance from Kathy Freeman and Melinda Gainsford modelling Manu Sutherland's underwear (or was it possibly the other way round?). Among other items that went before the auctioneers hammer was Linford Christie's tracksuit and David Campese's jumper, the latter of which engaged Warren Humphries and Darren Walsh in a tense, yet spectacular bidding duel.

The Sportsman's Luncheon proved to be as big a challenge for the club in '95, as was staying in second division in '94. I say this because, like our '94 goal, the concept of the Oatley Rugby Club undertaking such a large scale function was met with mixed emotions. Many said that it couldn't be done, but to everyone's credit, the club pulled together when the chips were down and the sportsman's lunch proved to be a huge success and a great money raiser for the club. Things can only get better from here.

Although I intended to wait until the end of this report before thanking the many people that helped throughout the year, I will take the opportunity now to thank one person in particular - that being Andrew Bowring. It is without a doubt that the sportsman's lunch would not have occurred, if it was not for his ideas and experience and guidance in organising such events. Both personally, and on behalf of Oatley Rugby, thank you.

The Junior's Trivia Night was once again a success, and proved that youth is no match for experience, with the colts table coming last. The trivia night also proved that the colts will do anything for a chance to win alcohol (If they actually pooled the money they threw at the bottles, they could probably have bought twice what they won). It was good to see everyone getting into the spirit, and the juniors and seniors working together.

Cummo's fishing trip was a great success, mainly due to the amount of burly put into the water by the likes of Steff, Erkin, and Mick Springett. About 30 fish were caught between the 15 people who went.

Once again, a group of brave club men and women made the annual 3 day pilgrimage on the Oatley party bus, to the Woolaway Woolshed, where guests were entertained by Matt (Billy Ray Cyrus) Forest and Jodie's line dancing talents. Oysters (like a tiger) Derwent believed that he could teach dancing, along with the girls on stage, while Hollywood, showing his talent in ball skills, dropped a six year old on his head.

The Oatley Red Faces - No Talent Night proved exactly that - Oatley really did have no talent, except for Fizza who stole the night with his big.....line of naked first graders. Apologies must be given to Ron and the staff at Grandviews, who spent the whole of the next day cleaning Cheeto's and honey from the floor.

The Oatley Old Boys day was an idea of Fizza's that proved to be a good one. 1995 represented the 21st birthday of the Oatley Rugby Club seniors competition and it was good to see so many of the founding members of the seniors club back at Evatt park to enjoy a successful day of rugby against Kings.

Bus trips made a resurgence in the '95 season, with successful trips to Kings, Newport, St. Ives, and who could forget Barker (although I'm sure many have difficulty remembering it). Stepping off a bus wearing your club tie and sticking together, is what rugby is all about.

Presentation Night for '95 was bigger than ever. Over 200 people attended the evening, including our champion 15's team and their families, a number of the junior's parents, along with the seniors club, their friends and family. Congratulations to all those that received awards and also to those who didn't, because it takes every single person to make Oatley a great club.

The final social event for the year was the trip away to Mooloolaba. Although this trip occurred not long ago, for some reason my memory seems to fail me (most probably for the better) when I try to recall the details. All I can seem to remember is a place called 'Friday's' where we all met, had plenty to drink, and tried to work out 'who the #!\$* is Alice?'

I would like to thank a number of people for their help throughout the year. Justin Baratta and Darren Walsh, who were always willing to sell tickets, make phone calls, or cook BBQ's. Graeme (Oh no here comes Goose - he wants money) Bruce, who organised such events as the Woolaway Woolshed and the trip to Mooloolaba. Goose's quest to get everyone to pay their money for these events just about rivalled Bill Bell's neverending pursuit of club fees. Greg and Debbie Boston along with Helen Green, Richard Sheahan, and many other parents of the juniors, who contributed to the trivia night, the sportsmans lunch, and many other ways throughout the year.

David Barnes deserves a special mention and thankyou from the club. For 4 years, Barnsey has been entertaining us both officially at club functions (who can forget this years presentation night), and also unofficially with his running commentary of the games. Unfortunately, Barnsey, having been the leading point scorer for several years, is hanging up his boots, but we hope that he still finds time to come back to Oatley to keep us entertained.

Finally, I would like to thank the players, family and friends of Oatley Rugby. It is the social side of rugby that sets it aside from any other sport. Yet for a club to be socially active, it needs the continuing support of its members, and it is for this support that I thank you. All the best for the off season and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Yours in Rugby,

Andrew Sommerville

Treasurer's Report

Well another year has finally come to an end! This year there has been a number of Club Members jump aboard and help me with the Treasurer's job through out the 1995 season. 1995 has been a year of great success financially for the Oatley Rugby Club and with the help of club members again next year it will only get better and better.

First of all I'd like to thank Greg Boston for his valued support with the Juniors of the club. If not for Greg being there week in, week out collecting fees and funds for a large number of club functions (both Senior and Junior levels) a number things started to happen amongst the Juniors. If not for Greg this would not have been. Oatley Rugby Club will reap the rewards for years to come. THANKYOU!

I'd like to thank my Clothing Officers this year, Mike Hutera and Anne Brown. As you all can see this year there has been a large improvement in clothing sales. Both Anne and I agree that next year will be much greater. So watch out for a new clothing range for next year.

Ray Kneipp, well this bloke took on the job of organising the selling of raffles every Thursday and Saturday Nights after training and home games.

I would also like to thank Andrew Sommerville, Andrew Bowring, Ann Lazarus, Judy Norris, Deborah Boston and the list goes on and on for helping raise funds throughout the year.

Jerseys have not all come back to their managers yet. If any player has a jersey laying about their homes, could you please return them or contact me to arrange picking them up.

To all or sponsors I'd like to thankyou on behalf of the Oatley Rugby Club for your support throughout the year. I would like to welcome you all and hope to see you all again next year for an even bigger and better year in 1996.

Grandviews Bowling and Recreation Club - This was their first year as a sponsor and Grandviews was our Number 1 sponsor this year. I'd like to think that this year is one of many that we both can enjoy for years to come.

Bodyheat Health and Fitness Centre - This was also their first year as a sponsor, I also welcome Bob and all the people from Bodyheat aboard. All the boys enjoyed the fitness classes we had during the season.

Mr Graham Williamson from Oatley Insurance Agents in Association with Warren Saunders Insurance Brokers (Aust.) who has been a sponsor for many years now.

Les's Quality Meats at Mulga Road Oatley.

Paul's Warehouse for all your sporting equipment needs.

Oatley Village Coffee Shop - specialising in home made pies and sausage rolls.

Mr Lindsay R. Collins from Penshurst Chiropractic Centre who has continued to support Oatley Rugby

Dolan Plumbing - Mick has come aboard as a sponsor for the first time and Oatley Rugby welcomes you

Once again to all our sponsors this year, THANKYOU and I hope to see you all again next year.

Last of all I'd like to thank all the committee members for your help throughout the year.

Bill Bell

Supplementary Information on the Accounts
For the Period 1st October 1994 to 30th September 1995

Statement of Operation Trading Account

Item	1994	1995	1994	1995
Income				
Administration Refund	590.00	0.00		
Sales from Caravan	9,541.00	11,777.00		
Sales from Clothing	648.00	5,957.00		
Income from Raffles	4,810.00	4,616.00		
Income from Social Events	4,376.00	45,405.45		
Interest Earned	13.04	174.82		
Club Fees	7,062.00	9,036.00		
Sponsorship	2,850.00	6,300.00		
Miscellaneous	716.51	570.45		
Hosting Of Semi Finals	1,578.00	0.00		
Expenses				
Operation and Administrative			11,265.06	9,440.43
Caravan Purchases			6,718.97	8,664.57
Clothing Purchases			2,228.00	7,004.10
Raffle Purchases			1,962.00	1,794.00
Social Function Outlays			4,303.12	42,370.78
Bank Charges			310.80	312.25
Equipment Purchases			4,618.12	6,561.78
Advertising			363.70	341.60
Stationary				146.80
Miscellaneous				279.90
Sponsorship				495.00
Totals	32,184.55	83,836.72	31,769.77	77,411.21

Cash on hand	3,145.50	9,597.72
Stock on hand	3,808.53	2,701.68
Net Balance	6,954.03	12,299.40

Net Gain on 1994 5,345.37

Members, the figures herein are true and correct and offer a detailed account of our income and expenditure to date. Full details are available for your perusal on request from the treasurer.

Bill Bell
Treasurer
Oatley Rugby Club

Juniors Reports

Under 6's & 7's

1995 has been a great year for both the under 6's and the under 7's Walla Rugby teams. Our under 6's began the year with a very keen group of little boy's. For some of the boy's it was their second year playing for Oatley but for many it was their first run with the club. All our new boys caught on quickly to the basics of the game and with the enthusiasm of the new boys to learn and the experience of those who knew the game, the under 6's became a winning side defeating most of the competition and going on to win the Southern Districts Gala Day. Thirteen very happy little boy's received their trophies from Wallaby, Scott Bowen. All the boy's have developed their tagging and running skills this season and with help from coach, Bruce Smart and a number of keen Dad's have begun to understand the basics of Rugby.

Our U7's although a smaller team of eight boy's, was still a keen group. Four of the boy's were playing their first season with Oatley so early games saw the learning process taking place within the team. All the boy's however caught on quickly and were soon winning their share of matches played. Some weeks, due to larger numbers in our U6's we supplemented other club's to give all the boy's a run. Most of the boy's were running in tries during the season and some have shown great potential with their kicking ability. Patrick Moran, one of our new player's won the U7's goal kicking competition at the Southern Districts Gala Day and collected a trophy for his effort.

All the U7's are keen to start tackling and next season should see a great team of U8's take to the field.

We must say thanks to those Dad's who stepped into help coach both teams when Bruce broke his ankle. Special thanks to Chris Graham and Greg Boston who ran regularly with both teams and thanks also to those who stepped in to help on the mornings when we found ourselves playing extra games. The enthusiasm of all the parents has been very encouraging.

We are looking forward to managing the U6's & U7's next year and welcome Debbie Moran and Chis Graham who will take over the boy's who are moving up to become U8's players.

Looking forward to an enjoyable season in 1996!

Anne Lazarus & Deborah Boston.
Team Management.



Under 8's

Our season finished in dramatic fashion, with Burraneer scoring against us in the final seconds of extra time to take the out the premiership. To be beaten in the final was disappointing, but the disappointment quickly faded when I reflected on the improvement of the individual and team performances over the latter part of the season.

For the majority of the year we tried to ignore the scoreboard and give all U15 players the opportunity to have equal time on the field and the chance to try different positions. We also lent players to other teams to give the boys more playing time and to make the games a better contest.

When the boys did purely play to win, we unfortunately had a lot of reserves, with the more experienced players playing and proving they can match it with any opposition. They showed this by running 2nd in the premiership, Winning a consolation final of a Sydney wide sevens comp, and narrowly missing the finals of the Easts/Randwick Gala Day.

By seasons end we had XV capable Rugby players playing close to their potential and really enjoying themselves.

The XV Players:

Peter Thode in his first season was outstanding scoring 20 tries and producing great defence.

Ben Horne showed flashes of brilliance to score 4 tries and kicked plenty of pressure goals.

Brendan Lanham ran in 9 scorching tries down the flank; punished the oppositions mistakes.

Tim Green grabbed 2 tries and showed great hands and strong support play.

Brett Gainsford had a great year, scored 3 tries saved many more; tough and competitive.

Matthew Egan was strong and, consistent; dominated the lineouts and scrums; scored 3 tries.

James Wheatley greatly improved; made hard yards and won plenty of ball; scored 3 tries.

Joel Harty big improver, defended superbly, ran hard and won plenty of ball; scored 3 tries.

Rhys Walls big and mobile ran straight and hard; dominated lineouts and scored 2 tries.

Brendan Byers scored 4 tries, displayed a good all round game; made breaks and top defence.

Thomas Hellier played some good footy; excelled in cleaning up the loose ball and in defence.

Grant Campbell showed a lot of improvement and promise. Mauled well, always in position.

Matthew Phillips made some memorable tackles and linked well with his supports.

James Crowe's bustling charges brought plenty of yardage; toiled well in defence.

William Henness good defender, hit low and hard and was enthusiastic in attack.

Support:

Thanks to all the parents for their help and the support they gave the kids during the year. A huge thankyou to Deborah Wheatley our manager for all her hard work and assistance. A special thankyou to Jeff Carson who helped with the coaching and running of the side. 1996 should be a great year.

thanks

Rod Harty (Coach)

Under 9's

From a coach's point of view, it would be hard to ask much more from his team than these boys have delivered this year. To finish the season as undefeated premiers again, scoring 703 points to their opponents 61, winning the Merrylands seven-a-side tournament and providing eight players for the Southern Districts Under 9 representative team were the highlights of another very successful year's rugby.

One of the most pleasing aspects was the vast improvement in the actual quality of rugby played by the team. In past seasons, individual brilliance has been the reason for many of the points scored, however this year some of the best tries scored were the result of excellent support play. Rucking and mauling skills improved dramatically, thanks to some intensive pre-match coaching from Dan Taumoepeau and Andrew Bowring. Thanks fellas!!

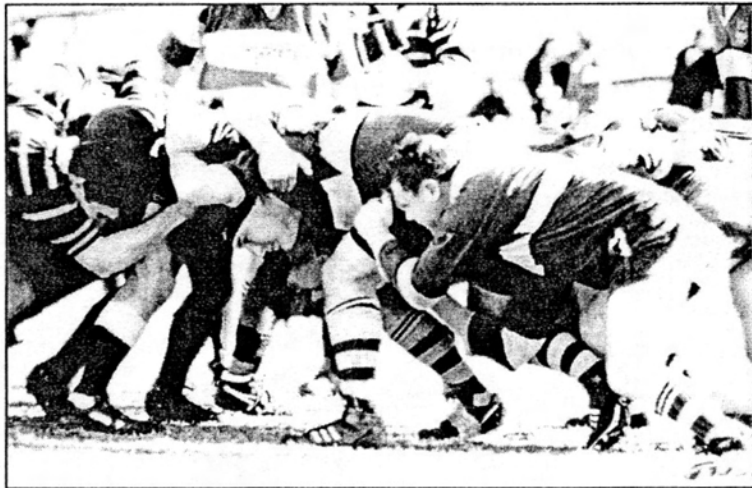
Here is a brief summary of the year;

- Ryan Bowring** Yet another great performance from the base of the scrum, Ryan was one who was never far from the centre of play. His breaks from the scrum base set up countless tries and his tackling was ever present.
- Joel Bruce** His non-stop pursuit of the ball and opponents was an integral part of the forward's success. He seemed to be everywhere I looked, all match long.
- Matt Gallagher** New to rugby this year, he was an asset to the backline with some excellent bursts down the sideline, resulting in some memorable tries. A fast, solid defender who will relish the chance to play on a full field next year.
- Moises Henriquez** Another superb season, highlighted by more rampaging running and very tough defence. Scored 13 top tries and was always in the midst of the action.
- James Horne** A superb season, playing 17 matches and scoring 39 tries. His agility and attacking skill carved up all opposition and he was ever present defending our line. A very worthy captain of the team.
- Nicholas Ling** A week to week proposition because of school duties, I was always relieved to see Nicholas on a Saturday. A very strong runner of the ball and also a very reliable backline defender.
- Bryce McAlister** Also on call for school duties, Bryce had a great season. He is a real goer, who doesn't believe in leaving the hard work for others. He was always in the midst of the action.
- Matt O'Connor** What a find! Matt had an outstanding first season of rugby. He was a fearsome sight for defenders as he charged through defensive lines like a battering ram. A very solid and reliable defender.
- Tim Parkinson** Also new to the team, Tim was an integral part of our backline. He is a very keen defender who made some strong bursts down the sideline from the wing.
- Jonathan Sheahan** It just goes to prove that tackling ability is not hereditary, unless he got his defensive skills from his mother. An excellent season highlighted by more match winning defence. Another 110% effort.
- Mitchell Smart** Easily one of the most improved players in the team, his rugby skills blossomed this year. His support play, scrummaging and line out jumping ensured us our more than our share of the ball. A great effort.

- Pauliasi Taumoepeau .** Need I say more! 18 matches and 25 tries. More bulldozing running, crunching defence and superb rucking and mauling, he was the leader of our forward pack. An excellent all round season.
- Adam Taylor** Adam was another who shone this season as his confidence grew. He displayed some very determined attacking running and tackling, and he was always in the thick of things.
- Charlie Temaipa** A vastly improved player, who spent all match following the ball. The sight of a determined Charlie breaking away from rucks and mauls with only the try line in his sights were commonplace. I'll never forget THAT try!

I can't close the season without a big thankyou to Ross Horne. The amount of behind the scenes work that Ross puts into making the season a success is phenomenal and most of it goes unnoticed. Thanks Ross. My special thanks also to Pam and Morris McAlister and Linda and Gary Ling who made every effort possible to get Bryce and Nicholas to our games, often sprinting from one oval to another with just seconds to spare. That's dedication! To the boys, thanks for another great effort this year. We're very proud of you. Keep searching for new players, and we'll see you all in 96

Richard Sheahan
Coach



The First Grade Scrum in Action

Under 10's

The 1995 season was a very important one for the team as it progressed to 15 a side full field rugby for the first season. Also our team was for the first time playing outstanding junior teams from the Randwick Eastern Suburbs area.

The side during the year welcomed a total of eight new rugby converts. Therefore the season was approached by the coaching staff as one of building for the future.

These new boys made up nearly our entire backline and it was encouraging to note the tremendous improvement shown by the backline during the year.

We played our first five games against Randwick/Easts teams and lost them all. We played with commitment and never gave up but continual huge penalty counts against us told.

After losing a hard fought game against Burraneer we won our next five games under more consistent Southern Districts refereeing

All the boys began to believe in themselves and our defence became more committed.

A month long break did the team little good and we lost our remaining games but were most unlucky to lose against Clovelly White.

This year was just a learning curve for next year when I'm sure we'll go close to making the semi-finals.

There is no doubt that the dramatic improvement shown by the boys was in no small way due to the commitment of the parents who faithfully ensured the boys attended nearly every training session. Thankyou for your assistance.

Our teams philosophy for both the boys and the parents is to enjoy our rugby but most importantly to enjoy ourselves socially. Every weekend the guys spent Saturday afternoon (and sometimes Saturday night) at each others place and the team spirit is just starting to surface.

We had some great social days including a great meal at the Rowsell's Thai restaurant at Mortdale and a Pizza night at the Norris's.

However the social and rugby highlight's of the year came with the Carss Park and Canberra seven a side competition. The boys won most of their games and were most unlucky to lose the Canberra tournament. Both comps are a must for next year.

Before concluding I will briefly comment on all the boys:-

Chris WATSON-Great defence and attack,the all-round fullback. Great work.

Jeremy GINNS-Blinding speed and improving defence. Practice and keep it up.

Mitchell KEATS-Great pace and improved defence. Good one Mitch.

Ben ROWSELL-Very fast,elusive,improving defence. Great first year.

Stephen KACHOYAN-A match winner in the making. Very committed.

Sean CARROLL-Has all the attributes to make it in Rugby.

Nathan ROSE-Committed,elusive runner, good honest defence. Very good first year.

Andrew LATHAM- Mr Consistency -Great defender,good attack, improving organiser.

Adam CORK-First: year at halfback, guts/determination and all the skills. Keep it up.
Alexander BOSTON-Great attack/defence and has become a committed team player.
Aidan DONOGHUE-All determination. Showed great attack and defence in sevens.
Adam COPPER-Great forward. Defence/attack all class. Four tries in one sevens game!
Vincent HELLIER-Improved all year. Became committed and believed in his ability.
Andrew GREEN-Big in heart.Both attack and defence improved. Great work Andrew.
Jaryd HESLOP-Sensational first year. Committed, loads of ability, Excellent prospect.
James LAZARUS-Great hooker. Good attack/mauling/Great defence. Keep it up son.
Andrew NORRIS-Great Prop.The mainstay of the pack. Great Mauling attack/defence.
Russell LOUDEN-A great loss. Improved footballer. Looking forward to his return.

Also a special thanks to the under nines players and parents who assisted us during the year notably Jonathon and Pauliasi. We won a number of games due to their commitment.

FINALLY A SPECIAL THANKS TO BRIAN FOR COACHING THE SIDE, GREG FOR TRAINING THEM AND TO THE THREE SUPER MUMS (WELL AT LEAST BIGGER THAN YOUR AVERAGE MUMS) JUDY, DEBBIE AND ANNE FOR ALL THEIR ASSISTANCE DURING THE YEAR NOT ONLY FOR ORGANISING THE SIDE BUT ALSO FOR ASSISTING THE CLUB.

THE GREAT MEMORIES CONTINUE - THE TEAM MANAGEMENT



Under 11's

This was going to be a difficult year, 1995, for the under 11 's, as we had a number of new players, some of which had played rugby, some had come from soccer and the others have never played before, so it is certainly going to be a new year where we have had to get back to basics and start again.

I did have a 3 year plan which started last year to make the semi finals, but with so many new players and only 4 playing in the same position as last year, I have had to re-work my strategy and start my 3 year plan from this year.

The beginning to the year was proving a little difficult with confirming numbers. After starting off with the seasons with good numbers, we had some hindrance from Royals. Their manager was telling everyone that we only had 9 players and we lost our Blakehurst fellows back to Royals, which was to prove disappointing in the respect that we would have had a fairly strong team had these players remained. With the help of the Under 10's we were able to get our season under way with a fairly good result with the opposition forfeiting the first game, giving us 2 competition points.

The next few games we were able to use the Under 10's and they were of great assistance to us, in particular Andrew Morris, I must thank him for his help. Alexander Boston who played well and the other Under 10's who assisted from time to time. Andrew Green being another, who played a very good little game on the wing for us having some terrific runs. To the Under 10's *Thanks Very Much*. To Brian Norris, thanks for making them available, that was a tremendous help, thank you.

I would like to congratulate our Forwards on the terrific effort that they put in. We did a lot of scrummaging and we were finding in games where we only had 6 players, we were pushing opposition packs around of 8. This, in particular was a tremendous effort guys !! Against Royals for instance, we scored a try off a tight head. They got the idea of what it was all about, Michael being a great asset with moving him back into second row and he played very well. Sam having a terrific year at Prop, had a bit of sickness which was a bit unfortunate, it left us a bit short, but Sam played very very well. David had a good year as Hooker and another one of our new recruits Joel coming from Royals rugby had an exceptional year when he was available at breakaway, he played very well and certainly added to our forward pack. Joel was accompanied by our other breakaway Wade Lanham who played very good football, played very consistent football, tackled like a demon and he and Joel played well as loose forwards.

We had another new recruit late in the year at second row - Jarrod, he played very well for his limited experience, he can only continue to improve and go from strength to strength. Other new players David and Travis played well in our last game and should have a good year next year. Our Lock and new Captain for this year - Peter played well, he is a very good Number 8 and by making the Rep Side only proved this.

Rhyse, our Half back who was talking about playing rugby league at the beginning of the year, came along and helped us out and Rhyse had an exceptional year, he improved from week to week, his tackling, passing and ability to read the game went well. In the end I gave him the responsibility of doing the line out calls and this proved to be a success for us.

Our 5/8 Stevie and Inside Centre Alex played exceptional football and have formed a tremendous combination, this resulting in the pair of them being picked in the Representative Side in their respective position, it was a joy to watch their ability to move the ball quickly and their decisive running and front on defence.

Filling in at Outside Centre was Aaron, had never played rugby before and was moved around in a number of positions to start with, starting off on the Wing then having a game at breakaway, then having a game at Lock, which I am sure he enjoyed because then he wanted to make his career at Outside Centre. Aaron continued to improve and I am sure if he continues to improve at the same rate next year he will look pretty good for a trophy.

Other new recruits for our team were William & Brett. William is a champion state swimmer who came to play on the Wing for us and showed tremendous heart and spirit. William played very well and as the year went his technique, tackling and running ability had improved tremendously. Brett started with us at the beginning of the year at Fullback, unfortunately we lost Brett to his school side, which was a loss to us but a gain to St Pats, well done Brett.

Last but not least we come to our other new player - Andrew Crowe, normally known as CB, you will have to ask him what that stands for!! Andrew came from playing a number of years at soccer to join his other school friends, Ryan and Michael. This lad certainly proved to be a character and after starting initially on the Wing and Outside Centre made the Fullback position his own, just like his father. Andrew was a delight to coach and to watch play. The thing we must improve with CB is his tackling, as he will tell you at training he is a shocker !!

With all the boys playing so well and the likes of Joel, Steve, Alex, Peter, will make the Rep Side, we have a very very good nucleus of a rugby side, the only disappointing thing in the season was, where we had opportunities to beat teams we were struck down through sickness, injury or unavailability of players and this proved disappointing in the respect that we should have picked up more competition points. This will not be the case next year as some of our boys and myself have already started recruiting for next year. Michael & Stevie have some new players to bring along, we should have a very strong side next year & I would not be surprised if we could make the semi's and give a few teams a shake.

Our season finished off with a weekend away which for some of us unfortunately proved to be only a day trip to the 7 aside knockout competition in Canberra. Unfortunately, this had been moved to Father's Day weekend which made a number of players unavailable, but for those who turned up, Alex, Peter, Wade, David, William, Michael and last but not least Andrew (CB).

The boys played very well and the support from the side lines was terrific for those who made the trip finished their season on a high by winning their last game.

To all the parents and my manager in particular and our stand-in coach Graham Lucas, thanks for all your support and may next year be bigger and better.

Yours In Rugby,

Wayne

Manager's Report

My first year as a manager of a team of green and gold was an experience I would encourage every parent to share. The most difficult task was the meetings with the coach over a glass or two. At the end of these sessions we were ever hopeful of the team's winning ability. (There is always 1996.)

As a manager I coped with the off field organising/delegating - of oranges, clean Jerseys, tape registration fees, sign on sheets, etc. My major oversight was to check that my own son's boots were packed for the 7 aside games in Canberra. He coped well with only his left boot.

I'll leave it to Wayne to report on the Under 11 s playing achievements. All I want to say is that what the boys lacked in numbers, playing most of the yew understrength, they made up in determination and spirit against the odds. They were never daunted and their on the field behaviour, even when severely tested by the opposition, was outstanding. They are a great Credit to the coach.

Congratulations Wayne and all the Under 11's (with assistance from Under 10's)

Mary Christopher

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Under 15's

The 1995 season started well with a 46-0 win over Wakehurst in which full back Jono Moody, back in the side after a year out playing Aussie Rules, was the joint man of the match with the captain Adam Cotterell. Chris Norris, back after an injury that kept him out of the side at the end of last season also made a welcome return and scored a try.

After a loss in round 2, against a very strong Lindfield side that was almost the Gordon rep side, it was back to the winning way in round 3 against Newport. James Jordon, a much improved player this year, was given three points in this one for a fine game on the wing and a match winning try.

Round 4 saw a slump in form and in a 10-3 loss to Narrabeen only scrum half Cede Sutherland showed the ability the side really had. Round 5, against Norths, was a picnic for the backs with 7 tries scored in a 45-0 win. Andre Levrault had a special day with the boot and kicked 5 goals.

St Augustines forfeited the game in round 6 and in round 7 a hungry Oatley crushed local opposition Sylvania 26-12, Matt Viciulus, showing his considerable experience and skill at prop, was the joint man of the match with Adam Cotterell and Chris Wing in this bruising encounter.

The second half of the season started with a 17-14 win against eventual premiers Randwick. The damp and dismal day at Carrs Park was brightened up by the flashing speed of centre Ryan Coates who scored a try and won the coach's three points.

Round 8 was a very spiteful affair against a previously undefeated Raiders. Daniel Batman tore the heart out Of the Raiders side with 2 superb tries and new prop this year Greg Phillips played himself to a standstill and the man of the match award. The Raiders side left Evatt Park very quickly after a 20-10 loss.

The next round against Burraneer was the big one, the one everyone wanted to win. Fortunately the match lived up to the prematch expectations and was a classic. In undoubtedly the performance of the year Oatley, kept Burraneer scoreless in a 17-0 win. There were many fine performances not the least those by Richard Gibara, prop Hamash Stroud and utility front rower Bean Roberts.

A rescheduled round 11 ended in a very forgettable narrow win over St Ives 16-7 and rounds 12 and 13 were a bye and a forfeit. After this disrupted preparation the side travelled to Newport for the final game of the season and a semi final place at stake. Oatley had their chances in a game that saw both sides hold the lead but almost on the bell Newport scored the winning try and earned themselves second place in the competition. By far the best player in the side was Justin Stanton who finished the season with his first try.

The loss to Newport saw Oatley finish in third place despite having beaten the top 4 sides during the season! Injuries and illness meant Oatley fielded a very understrength side for the semi final against Burraneer and despite a courageous performance in the first half ultimately lost the game and were eliminated.

This was not the end of the season for all the players because a side was entered in the Canberra 7's and for the fourth season in a row Oatley made the final game this time losing to a very talented St Edmunds College side.

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As in previous years a number of players were selected to represent Southern Districts but this year 3 players: Daniel Batman; Cade Sutherland and Chris Wing went on to represent Sydney In the City vs Country Match at Penrith. A great achievement guys!

Finally, thanks again to all the players and parents. See you next year!



Juniors Statistics

UNDER 6

	1995			CLUB TOTAL		
	M	T	G	M	T	G
Elliott Boston	16	1	-	30	1	-
Robert Horne	16	3	-	16	3	-
Tim Laneken	17	1	-	17	1	-
Jessie Lauricella	17	-	1	17	1	-
Mitchell Niven	16	-	-	16	-	-
Tom Roberts	16	-	-	16	-	-
Robert Sheahan	17	16	2	32	22	2
Luke Smart	17	1	-	33	2	-
Afusipa Taumoepeau	15	5	1	15	5	1
Andrew Thode	16	9	-	16	9	-
Jordan McCulloch	10	-	-	10	-	-
Sebastien McCulloch	4	-	-	4	-	-
<i>Jonathan Lazarus</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>

UNDER 7

	1995			CLUB TOTAL		
	M	T	G	M	T	G
Grant Batty	18	26	2	18	26	2
Jeremy Graham	17	-	4	17	-	4
Perry Lanham	17	1	3	17	1	3
Patrick Moran	18	4	5	18	4	5
Peter Nakhla	16	-	-	16	-	-
Mitchell Temaipi	17	11	2	47	12	2
Robert Temaipi	17	11	1	52	23	1
Conrad Wainwright	19	1	1	24	1	1

UNDER 8

	1995			CLUB TOTAL		
	M	T	G	M	T	G
Brendan Byers	18	4	-	52	28	8
Grant Campbell	14	-	-	14	-	-
James Crowe	15	-	-	15	-	-
* Matthew Egan	17	3	4	64	23	4
Brett Gainsford	15	3	4	44	8	8
Tim Green	18	2	1	55	25	6
Joel Harty	18	2	-	35	2	-
Tom Hellier	17	-	-	32	-	-
William Henness	11	-	-	11	-	-
Ben Horne	19	4	14	40	26	14
Brendan Lanham	16	9	2	50	25	5
Matthew Phillips	16	-	-	16	-	-
* Peter Thode	20	20	-	20	20	-
Rhys Watts	17	2	1	17	2	1
James Wheatley	17	3	2	48	3	2

* Includes games for the under 9's.

UNDER 9

	1995			CLUB TOTAL		
	M	T	G	M	T	G
Ryan Bowring	17	11	15	62	53	31
* Joel Bruce	17	-	-	36	-	-
Matthew Gallagher	17	4	3	17	4	3
Moises Henriquez	18	13	9	37	23	23
* James Horne	18	39	6	70	134	34
Nicholas Ling	12	9	-	29	29	7
Bryce McAlister	15	2	-	25	3	-
Matthew O'Connor	13	5	3	13	5	3
Tim Parkinson	12	-	-	12	-	-
* Jonathan Sheahan	24	16	5	74	57	35
Mitchell Smart	16	3	-	51	7	4
* Pauliasi Taumoepeau	24	29	2	56	85	14
Adam Taylor	13	-	1	28	-	1
Charlie Temaipa	17	1	-	48	1	-

* Includes games for the under 10's

UNDER 10

	1995			CLUB TOTAL		
	M	T	G	M	T	G
* Alexander Boston	16	6	-	73	41	21
Adam Copper	14	5	-	54	12	-
Adam Cork	12	1	-	12	1	-
Aidan Donoghue	14	-	-	14	-	-
Jeremy Ginns	12	1	-	29	9	4
* Andrew Green	17	-	-	87	4	1
Vincent Hellier	13	1	1	30	1	1
Jaryd Heslop	14	1	-	14	1	-
Stephen Kachoyan	2	-	-	2	-	-
Mitchell Keats	13	-	-	52	-	6
* Andrew Latham	15	2	-	15	2	-
Russell Loudon	3	-	-	42	-	-
* Andrew Norris	20	9	-	90	68	13
* James Lazarus	16	3	-	74	7	-
Nathan Rose	11	1	-	11	1	-
Ben Rowsell	13	-	4	13	-	4
Chris Watson	13	-	-	70	22	8

* Includes games for the Under 11's

UNDER 11

	1995			CLUB TOTAL		
	M	T	G	M	T	G
Brett Albert	8	-	-	8	-	-
Aaron Brooks	6	-	-	6	-	-
Peter Christopher	12	-	-	84	47	13
Andrew Crowe	11	2	-	11	2	-
Jarrold Gardner	4	-	-	12	-	-
David Jeffs	11	-	-	62	10	5
Wade Lanham	12	1	-	72	23	8
Alex Leighton	12	2	-	76	84	15
Andrew Low	2	1	-	72	114	27
Steve Lucus	11	2	-	42	9	1
Joel McDermot	8	-	-	8	-	-
Ryhs Redman	11	-	-	55	13	3
William Ruming	11	-	-	11	-	-
Michael Taylor	11	-	-	25	-	-
Ryan Trench	4	-	-	33	3	-
Sam Wood	11	-	-	41	1	1

UNDER 15

	1995			CLUB TOTAL		
	M	T	G	M	T	G
Martin Allen	7	1	-	138	113	61
Daniel Batman	2	3	-	23	28	-
Ryan Coates	9	7	3	81	129	3
Adam Cotterell	11	-	-	45	8	-
Aaron Currie	10	-	-	104	-	-
Richard Gibara	7	-	-	14	-	-
Nathan Jacobson	8	3	-	19	20	-
James Jordan	9	4	-	16	4	-
Ross Leighton	6	-	-	69	2	-
Andre Levrault	10	-	15	67	3	20
Jonathon Moody	11	5	-	44	24	4
Chris Norris	9	1	-	91	8	1
Greg Phillips	11	-	-	11	-	-
Andrew Rosier	11	-	-	17	-	-
Sean Roberts	11	-	-	22	1	-
David Sochon	6	-	-	6	-	-
Justin Stanton	12	1	-	12	1	-
Hamish Stroud	6	-	-	6	-	-
Cade Sutherland	12	-	-	96	20	-
Andrew Theocharous	10	-	-	22	3	-
Matthew Viciulis	12	-	-	112	9	5
Solo Vukici	1	2	1	2	-	-
Ben Walker	9	1	-	9	1	-
Chris Wing	11	6	4	155	163	53
Ben Wood	3	-	-	16	1	-
James Yeomans	6	-	-	145	30	10

Juniors Awards

Junior Clubman of the Year (*Jim Yeomans Trophy*) - Not yet announced

Junior Player of the Year - Not yet announced

Dick Adams Award - Not yet announced

Under 15's

Best Back	Jonathan Moody
Best Forward	Adam Cotterell
Coach's Award	Justin Stanton

Under 11's

Best & Fairest	Not yet announced
Most Improved	Not yet announced
Best Team Man	Not yet announced

Under 10's

Best & Fairest	Not yet announced
Most Improved	Not yet announced
Best Team Man	Not yet announced

Under 9's

Best & Fairest	Not yet announced
Most Improved	Not yet announced
Coach's Award	Not yet announced

Under 8's

Best & Fairest	Not yet announced
Most Improved	Not yet announced
Coach's Award	Not yet announced

Under 7's

Best Team Man	Not yet announced
Most Improved	Not yet announced
Manager's Award	Not yet announced

Under 6's

Best Team Man	Not yet announced
Most Improved	Not yet announced
Manager's Award	Not yet announced

Seniors Reports

1st Grade

The dictionary defines the word 'TOUGH' as (of strongly cohesive substance or great endurance), (hard to masticate), (not easily injured or broken), (hard to tackle or overcome), (hardy, able to endure hardship) and (a difficult problem).

That one word sums up the standard of rugby Oatley 1st grade was up against this year. Right from the start of training on the 31st January we had retirements, moves interstate and deflections to other clubs. The 1st Grade had lost some quality players in the likes of Johanson, Dolan, Taylor, Barter and Mick Waudby now coaching and unavailable to play.

Rebuilding was necessary immediately for this season and recruiting drives were done but poorly executed, with lack of interest and support from fellow players.

In saying that, we had our influx of Fijians, Samoans and Tongans turn up and the ability of these guys was of a high standard, keeping them for the season was always going to be hard, as we found out after round two of the competition, six of the Islander forwards had disappeared after playing all the trial games.

First grade kicked off the season on a successful note with 9-9 draw against Knox Old Boys and the season looked promising against such a strong club as Knox.

With the likes of Steph and Brendan Baratta to still return from cricket finals, I was feeling quietly confident about our prospects.

It was to be another six weeks before Oatley 1st grade was to record our first victory of the season (against Kings Old Boys) 41-14. The team was taking shape and newcomers to the club 'Big Ben', Ian Langley, Matt Forest, Sean Hayward all had strong games this day. Paul Smithson broke his own club record of 30 points set last year, when he crossed for two tries, and kicked three goals and five penalties for 31 points.

The 1st grade went into the second round knowing what to expect from these other nine clubs and played some really good rugby, losing five games by less than four points. Competition leaders Matraville were held to one try in our 6-14 loss at Evatt Park and the crowd stood as one to clap the guys off the field, something I've never seen before. The very next week up against Chatswood (2nd in the comp and eventual grand finalists) we lost 10-12 another fine effort put in by the team.

During the season 34 players went through the grade, 8 of these played 3 or less games. Rod Dunn (our captain) and Paul Smithson played every game, Steph was next on 15 games. Paul Smithson scored 143 points, with an average 8 points a game, for the season with 5 tries, 11 goals and 32 penalty goals a great effort when we lost 15 games out of 18.

Special mention also should be made that eleven new players turned out for 1st grade while seven players from previous years played their first 1st grade game with the club. Ray Kneip, Darren Walsh, Erik Ozolins, Peter Cummin, (Erica), Luke Knapton and Col Ingleton. The first four names played most of the season, once given the chance.

When a season is over, there is always a lot of thank you's to be made, and I too wish to thank the other coaches (we had our moments) especially to Manu Sutherland for his support and guidance and sheer enthusiasm to rugby, it made my job so much easier to have his knowledge close by. To Mark Allen for his assistance during the year, although he was tied up with refereeing most weekends, it was good to see him on Tuesday or Thursday nights. Mick Waudby and Glen Da Vanzo who gave up their time to help out with 1sts.

To my captain Rod Dunn who only missed 5 nights out of 44 during the season, and he had a good excuse for that (little Timothy) arriving, Rod's support and encouragement rubbed off on the team the whole season. (Thanks mate).

Last but not least to my manager, Keith Adams (the best), who washed the jumpers every single weekend, was always there when needed or when picked up by car, who purchased medical gear every Saturday morning to make sure the boys had everything on hand and for sharing his house for a team talk (bananas and ice cream). Keith bought those also. Thank you so much, although your Toowoomba / Belmont race tips after the games will have to improve.

And finally to my lady Michele who experienced her first year of rugby and I still don't know if she knows what hit her, thanks for your patience.

The last words I wish to say are to the team, keep together next season the foundations have been laid, the cement shall dry over summer and we start early to build on this years experience.

I've said it before and I'll say it again to win games, to make semi-finals and to take out premierships you have to have

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Dedication

Application

Discipline

Good luck see you in '96'

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(First Grade Lock)**

**Would like to thank Jack for his support, knowledge and
encouragement throughout this year**

2nd Grade

In a very tough year, Second grade performed exceptionally well. Through a turbulent year of Players moving up and down the grades, Second grade were without a doubt the most successful side in the Senior Club.

Through the dedication and the will of wanting to win games, Second grade could have been one of the premiership sides. The camaraderie of the last five games goes to show how a team can play as a winning and confident side. The coaches have had many a late night and many beers wondering "if only we had beat Knox, Newport & Old Iggies, we coulda been there". However we as humble coaches would like to point out the highlights of the season.

- The flowing blonde locks of FABIO
- The inspirational captaincy of the GURU in th second half of the year
- The heart breaking final day when big Col could not be with us and faked an injury to have beers with the boys
- The upside down Matt Forest
- The miraculous recovery of an unnamed third grade assistant coach who played because he loved the game (thank's Gorby!)
- McPhellamy doing his knee without being touched by anyone
- Bill Bell's straight throws
- All who played in that last game which will be talked about for years - especially by Barker
- Thanks Sirro for your send off
- And last but not least, the coaches thank the masked phantom streaker for his efforts on and off the paddock and the untiring efforts of Mr Fiji (Phil Tuni)

A special mention to those up and coming players who gave a guts effort on the paddock when seconds needed their assistance. Our hearts as coaches go out to you blokes as true club members. Angelo and K.B. would like to thank these men in particular, because second grade would not be as strong as it is.

Thanks to Bonehead for his undying love to give us players each saturday morning. Thanks to Summo who after his tragic injury became the Clubs' best Hugger (Angelo really appreciated the cuddles).

To wrap it up, to Jeff Morgan and Matt Johnson who could make a try out of nothing and Boy Byers who almost got 200 games up (see ya next year Boy), we thank you all and hope to see you next year.

K.B. and Angelo

PS. We hope to see Dave Scullion next year - if fit

3rd Grade

And so another season ends of hard slogs and hard knocks, lots of good times and a few bad times but never the less another enjoyable season with Oatley Rugby.

Mick Waudby and Myself would like to thank everybody associated with 3rd grade this year.

Our Manger Mark "Motor Mouth" Moenting

Our Captain Graeme "Goose" Bruce

Our Inspiration Tooheys and Carlton United

All the multitude of blokes who went through 3rd Grade, whether up the grades or down or who came on as reserves.

Our Jerseys } Both of who copped a

Our Footballs } hiding each week

Our Waterbottles

Our Cheersquad Wives, Girlfriends and kids

Special mention of thanks must go to the stalwarts or nucleus of the team. The guys that turned up to training every week, the guys that had to play 4th grade before 3rds (even though picked in 3rds). The Keith "Canada" McCullocks, Steve Moloney's, Paul Broadby's, Graham Rogers' and the rest of the guys that did this.

Many thanks to the guys from 4th grade who either backed straight up or who came on as replacements throughout the season.

Congratulations to Dave Scullion, Sean McPhellamy, Allan "Punching Bag" Hamilton, Darren "Legend" Walsh and Matt "Nugget" Forrest who all ended up leaving us to play 2nd grade. Special congratulations to Darren "Legend" Walsh and Matt "Nugget" Forrest who made that ultimate step and earned selection with the Elite team, 1st Grade.

Mick and Myself would like to also thank Manu Sutherland our head Coach for the guidance and support throughout the season.

Basically as was said early, thanks to everybody associated with 3rd grade. Good luck for the future, Merry Xmas to all and see you all next year.

Many thanks

B. Onehead (Alias Peter Mawer)

Mick Waudby

Mark Moenting

4th Grade

We started the season off very well, with 11 points and equal third spot on the ladder. After the first round, we were looking good for a semi-final spot. From then on we lost every game, except the one against Kings which was a forfeit.

These losses were mainly due to the lack of players in the second round, and many a time we were changed with 5 minutes before kick off and only had nine players, but we still managed to field all 15. I feel had we been able to field a regular team each week we would have had a spot in the semis. We still managed to field a competitive team and the games we lost were only by few points.

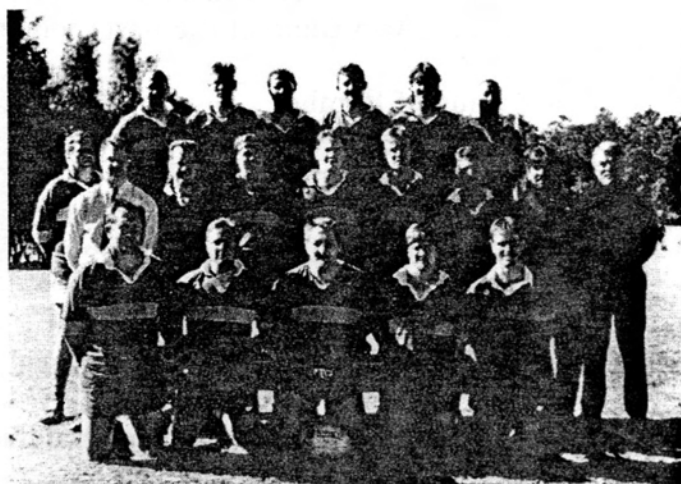
Many thanks to the players who doubled up each week including Paul Sutton, Stewart Larkin, Mick Sprinet, Norm Brown, Steve Molony, Keith McCulloch, Pat Wild, Brendan Dunn, Mike Heal and there were many more.

Thank you to everyone who played in, and supported 4th grade.

Erkin Osman



2nd Grade



3rd Grade

Colts

What a great year the Colts had!

After struggling a little bit in their first year for numbers, the Colts are definitely here to stay for Oatley Rugby. And what a successful year the colts had for only their 2nd season. Finishing just out of the semis we actually beat every team that made the top 5. The games that we did lose were only lost for lack of experience (playing in the rain etc.) So Oatley U21's are definite Grand Final contenders next year.

If I try and thank everyone individually there's a good chance I'll forget someone. So for everybody that helped the Colts either playing, training or drinking through out the season - thank you very much! Clubs like ours can't run without your support or help. But there are still some people I have to mention.

Firstly Mat Sommerville. Mat is the main reason why the Colts made it as a team. Last year he organised the Players, rang up friends to appear on Saturdays and played his own r.g off. This year Mat had a knee reconstruction after an injury he received in the trial matches, and never played a game in the comp. But his efforts were tireless for the Colts and the Club for the full season; coming to the games, recruiting new players and attending club functions. It is people like Mat (and his brother Andrew) that will take Oatley as a Club a long way.

With Mat off the field for the year, I needed someone to take his place as Captain, organiser and leader of the team. Anthony "Fish" Riches thank you very much. It was "Fishes" first year at Oatley, first year as Captain but definitely not his first year of football. He led by example all year, making all the training sessions, encouraging all the players to put in the commitment needed and most of all befriended everyone in the Club. The best example of what "Fish" was to me and the team can be shown by; one time that I couldn't get to a training session, I rang up "Fish" and told him what I wanted them to do, and they did it. They did it that well that Manu came up to me on Saturday to tell me how impressed he was with the Colts team training like that by themselves.

Fish still couldn't have done it though if the rest of the team didn't show the commitment and camaraderie that's needed. And to all the other players, thank you for making this year one of the best I've ever had. Also some of the best memories. Lets remember:

- The grunts of Bomber
- The lightning speed of Brian
- The 'Irish' comments of Paddy
- The powerful runs of Kenny over and through everyone on the field, including Bomber
- The safe hands and reliable kicking of Andy Adams
- The tries of Ed "Hat Trick" Teo
- When "Bingo" finally understood what I was saying
- The God Almighty jumping of Simsy and Batesy
- N.A. not liking his nickname
- The quiet achievements of Daniel Anderson
- The respect gained by "Limpton"
- The awesome defense of Graham and Warren on the wings
- The Cameo appearances of Johnno
- Beating Randwick 45 - 3
- Showing up the rest of the Club for training attendance week in and week out.

Seniors Statistics

	Games Played for 1995					Scoring for 1995						Club Totals		
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Colts	M	T	G	P	FG	Points	M	T	G
ANDREW ADAMS	-	-	-	-	16	16	2	12	7	-	55	37	3	29
DANIEL ANDERSON	-	-	-	-	14	14	1	-	-	-	5	14	1	-
MARK ARMSTRONG	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
BRENDAN BARATTA	15	1	-	-	-	16	2	-	-	-	10	63	4	-
JUSTIN BARATTA	-	-	-	13	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	26	2	-
DAVID BARNES	-	1	9	-	-	10	-	1	10	-	32	71	3	109
STEVEN BATES	-	-	-	1	14	15	1	-	-	-	5	15	1	-
BILL BELL	8	11	1	1	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	110	-	-
KEITH BENNETT	2	12	-	6	-	20	1	-	-	-	5	274	9	-
WARREN BOOKER	-	-	6	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-
NIGEL BOUNDY	-	-	-	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-
PAUL BROADBY	-	-	16	1	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-
NORM BROWN	-	-	9	13	-	22	-	2	1	-	7	177	2	5
GRAEME BRUCE	-	-	12	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	58	3	-
GEOFF BUCKLAND	-	-	5	7	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	74	-	-
PAUL BYERS	-	10	12	1	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	197	6	-
ANDRÉ CADET	-	-	2	18	-	20	-	3	5	2	27	49	-	33
EVAN CAMPBELL	10	6	-	-	-	16	1	-	-	-	5	20	1	-
PAV COSMATOS	-	-	1	14	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	77	5	3
PAUL COX	-	-	-	-	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	35	2	-
BRIAN CRADDOCK	-	-	-	-	14	14	1	-	-	-	5	45	5	-
PETER CUMMING	9	4	2	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	31	-	-
WILI DAKIVEIKATA	-	1	2	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	5	3	1	-
ANDREW DENHAM	-	-	10	7	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	49	2	-
BRAD DENHAM	10	9	-	-	-	19	6	3	1	-	39	29	8	4
KEVIN DODD	9	8	-	-	-	17	2	-	-	-	10	50	10	-
BRENDAN DUNN	-	3	10	9	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	54	2	1
ROD DUNN	18	-	-	-	-	18	1	-	-	-	5	246	4	-
SHANE DUNN	-	1	12	6	-	19	1	-	-	-	5	86	2	-
D FARRIS	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
CRAIG FEAR	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	14	1	1
SAMISONI FIFITA	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	5	2	1	-
MARK FITZGERALD	5	3	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	100	3	-
MATHEW FOREST	5	4	4	1	-	14	2	2	3	-	23	14	2	5
DAMIAN GOULDER	-	-	-	-	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-
COLIN GRIFFITHS	12	5	-	-	-	17	3	-	-	-	15	45	8	-
MARK GURNEY	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
ALLAN HAMILTON	-	3	2	-	-	5	1	-	-	1	8	30	1	3
JONATHON	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	19	1	-
HAMILTON-FOSTER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RODNEY HANSON	-	-	1	4	-	5	1	-	-	-	5	5	1	-
RODNEY HARRIS	-	-	-	-	15	15	3	-	-	-	15	15	3	-
WARREN HARVEY	-	-	-	-	14	14	2	-	-	-	10	14	2	-
SEAN HAYWARD	9	7	-	1	-	17	2	-	-	-	10	20	3	-
MICHAEL HEAL	-	3	7	15	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	185	2	-
COLIN INGLETON	2	14	2	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	37	-	-
LLOYD JENSEN	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	16	1	-
DAMEIN JOHNSON	-	-	-	-	12	12	-	1	-	-	3	12	-	1
LUKE JOHNSON	14	4	-	-	-	18	3	1	-	-	17	96	6	1
MATHEW JOHNSTON	5	11	-	-	-	16	5	-	-	-	25	16	5	-
LAGI KAMA	10	5	-	-	-	15	3	-	-	-	15	15	3	-

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ANDREW KNAPTON	-	10	1	1	-	12	3	-	-	15	30	5	-
GEORGE KNAPTON	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	36	1	-
LUKE KNAPTON	1	1	2	2	-	6	1	-	-	5	36	2	-
RAYMOND KNEIPP	12	6	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	32	-	-
TUUTA LANGI	-	5	1	8	-	14	1	-	-	5	14	1	-
IAN LANGLEY	13	5	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	18	-	-
STEWART LARKIN	-	1	8	7	-	16	-	-	-	-	172	-	-
ROBERT LOADER	-	-	4	3	-	7	-	-	-	-	23	-	-
GEORGE MAAE	-	1	2	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
ANTHONY MAWER	-	-	4	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
PETER MAWER	-	1	10	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	36	-	8
KEITH McCULLOCH	-	1	17	3	-	21	-	-	-	-	36	-	-
JOHN McHUGH	8	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	5	25	1	-
RODD McKIRDY	-	3	12	1	-	16	-	-	-	-	33	-	-
SEAN McPHELLAMY	1	8	5	1	-	15	2	-	-	10	15	2	-
G MILLER	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
STEVEN MOLONEY	-	1	11	9	-	21	-	-	-	-	47	-	-
JEFFREY MORGAN	2	11	1	-	-	14	1	13	10	61	14	1	23
PAUL MORSE	1	18	-	-	-	19	1	-	-	5	19	1	-
BARRY O'CONNOR	-	-	-	-	15	15	2	-	-	10	15	2	-
ERKIN OSMAN	-	-	1	13	-	14	-	-	-	-	62	3	-
ERIK OZOLINS	12	9	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	27	-	-
SEAN PARMENTER	10	6	-	-	-	16	1	-	-	5	60	4	-
WILLIAM POLE	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
SIONE PULOKA	4	13	1	-	-	18	4	-	-	20	18	4	-
AARON REID	-	1	13	3	-	17	2	-	-	10	84	6	-
ANTHONY RICHES	-	1	2	-	16	19	1	-	-	5	19	1	-
GRAEME ROGERS	-	6	11	1	-	18	1	-	2	11	77	10	3
BEN ROKOLAQA	15	3	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	18	-	-
G ROSEVILLE	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	5	1	1	-
GRAHAM ROWSELL	-	-	-	-	14	14	1	-	-	5	14	1	-
DAVID SCULLION	-	4	11	3	-	18	-	-	-	-	53	-	-
CRAIG SIMS	-	-	-	-	15	15	-	-	-	-	15	-	-
EVAN SMITH	-	-	-	1	5	6	1	-	-	5	6	1	-
PAUL SMITHSON	18	-	-	1	-	19	6	11	34	154	40	11	77
LINTON SNOWDEN	-	-	1	-	7	8	1	-	-	5	8	1	-
ANDREW SOMMERVILLE	3	6	2	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	66	1	-
MICHAEL SPRINGETT	-	-	4	14	-	18	-	-	-	-	78	-	-
ANDREW STEVENSON	15	2	-	-	-	17	1	-	1	8	54	2	4
PAUL SUTTON	-	2	9	10	-	21	-	-	-	-	21	-	-
DUNCAN TAYLOR	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	15	2	-
EDWARD TEO	-	-	4	2	16	22	9	-	-	45	37	9	-
PHILIP TUNI	6	7	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	28	2	-
MARTIN WAGNER	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
DARREN WALSH	10	6	2	-	-	18	1	-	-	5	76	3	-
MICK WAUDBY	-	7	2	4	-	13	4	-	2	26	97	18	18
ALEX WEDD	-	-	1	1	12	14	-	-	-	-	30	1	-
NICHOLAS WEDD	-	-	3	10	-	13	1	-	-	5	46	4	2
ALAN WEST	14	3	-	-	-	17	1	-	-	5	68	9	-
PATRICK WILD	-	1	4	13	-	18	1	-	-	5	18	1	-
STEVE WILLIAMSON	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	173	1	-
TROY WYINTER	-	1	5	3	2	11	-	-	-	-	11	-	-
JOSEPH ZICCARDI	-	-	2	5	-	7	-	-	-	-	34	2	-
UNKOWN	3	1	3	4	2	13	6	2	3	43	-	-	-

Seniors & Club Awards

Clubman of the Year (*Oatley Hotel Trophy*) - Graham Bruce

Player of the Year (*Graham Williamson / Oatley Insurance Trophy*) - Lagi Kama

Rookie of the Year (*Stephen and Joanne Williamson Trophy*) - Paul Morse

President's Award - Richard Sheahan

Supporter of the Year - Melanie Colborne

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1st Grade

Best Back	Ian Langley
Best Forward	Lagi Kama
Coach's Award	Colin Griffiths

2nd Grade

Best Back	Andrew Knapton
Best Forward	Paul Morse
Coach's Award	Colin Ingleton

3rd Grade

Best Back	Paul Broadby
Best Forward	Keith McCulloch
Coach's Award	Steve Maloney

4th Grade

Best Back	Andre Cadet
Best Forward	Pat Wild
Coach's Award	Mick Springett

Colts Player of the Year (*Laurie McMartin Shield*) - Anthony Riches

Colts

Best Back	Brian Craddock
Best Forward	Paul Cox

100 Games

Arron Currie (Under 15's)
William Bell (Seniors)
Mark Fitzgerald (Seniors)

Goal Kicking Award - Andre Levrault (Under 15 's)

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club will be held on Sunday 29th of October 1995 at 11:00 AM at Grandviews Bowling Club, Forest Road, Peakhurst.

The Business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting will be:

1. To receive the Annual Report.
2. To receive and consider the Treasurers Report and if thought fit, to approve the balance sheet of the Club for the year ended 30th September 1995.
3. To consider a special resolution for a change in the Constitution of the Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club.
4. To elect the following:
 - a) The President
 - b) The Secretary
 - c) The Treasurer
 - d) The Club Captain
 - e) The Juniors Vice President

and if the special resolution is passed

- f) Two (2) ordinary members of the Management Committee with at least one member representing the Junior, if the nominations are forthcoming.
5. To receive and consider any business duly notified to the Club Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Management Committee

NOTICE

All nominations for positions on the Management Committee must be received in writing by the Club Secretary seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

All nominees must be financial members of the Club as at the 29th September 1995.

By order of the Management Committee

A Final Thought

RUGBY

We rugby people are different. We have different household gods, which are not to be bought and sold.

Today, like thousands of other parents in this city, I will stand on some chilly suburban paddock to watch my son play the game that I played, and my father before me.

The coach will be a school teacher who has given the kids his Saturday mornings for love, not money. Our boys will bark the old familiar war cries in voices just broken and they will strive proudly, though with all the usual schoolboy fumbles. Then again, perhaps there will be a flash of future Wallaby genius out there, about ready to start shaving.

We dads will mutter unfairly above the amateur referee - "been doing it all day mate" - but when a try is scored, we will dream that one day the kids could beat the Springboks, the All Blacks, and the entire Five Nations. If it is my son who has crossed the line then, like a hundred fathers today, I will look for his grin as he jogs back and wait for our eyes to meet across the grass so I can tell him that I love him and am as proud as if he had just flattened Jonah Lomu.

And at the full time whistle, there will be rippling applause and an arm around the shoulder for 30 fine young Australians who have not merely played a game but held to a heritage.

That is our rugby - not some crass circus concocted for television, with its ridiculous "conferences" of mercenary "teams" plonked in places as bizarre as Biarritz and Jacksonville, Florida.

The wheeler-dealers may well hire a few Once Were Wallabies and we will say in sorrow that every man has his price, but the true believers will see hell freeze over before we watch some travelling troupe demean the game they play in heaven

- Mike Carlton (*Sydney Morning Herald*)

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**Mr Lindsay R. Collins
Penshurst Chiropractic Centre**

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