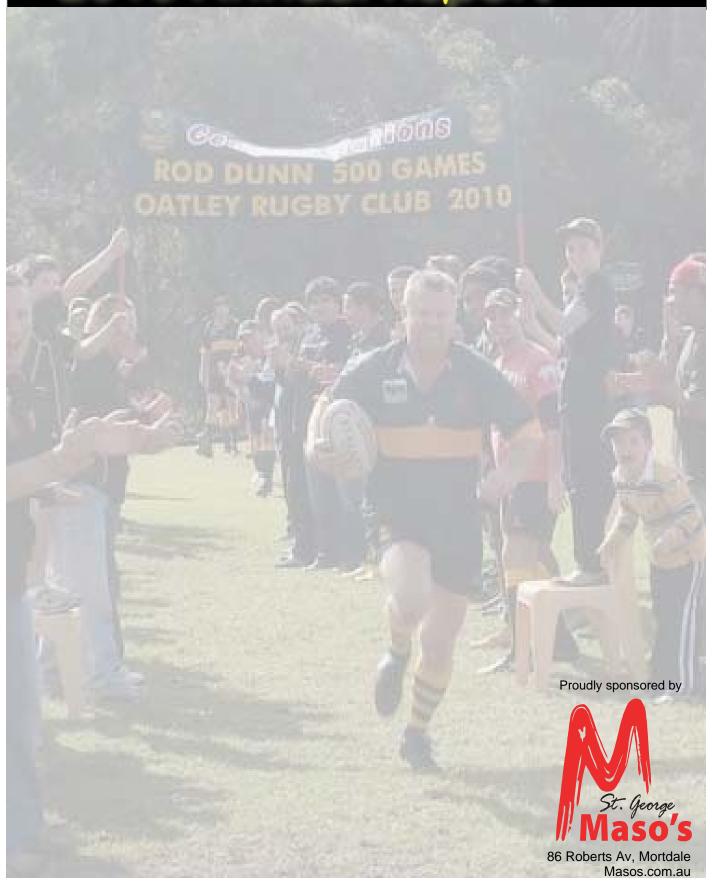
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President's Report

ooking back at Oatley Rugby Club's season 2010. I would have to say that the club has achieved mixed results on and off the field, but overall a good year.

Firstly Congratulations need to go to the Under 13's and under 16's for their premiership wins this Season, we are after all a sporting club and though winning is not everything, success sure does taste sweet

It has been a great experience to be at the helm of the club again. I have had the honour of working with a fantastic team of people. Thanks needs to go to the executive committee members for jobs that they have done throughout the year. Thanks also needs to go to all our volunteers, the Coaches, Managers and supporters who run the touch line, ensure players have water ready, setup and pack down the fields, enter results, etc. Without you guys we would not be able to get games on every week.

On behalf of the Club I would also like to thank Shirley Clark who has done a great job in running the canteen in what has been a difficult year due to changes in the competition, Rugby used to be only played on a Saturday, this year we had three of the Junior teams play in a Sunday Competition, Shirley along with constant helpers Mike Heal and Charlie Palmer were there for each and every home game. Thank you Shirley, Mike and Charlie so much for your time and commitment.

We were unfortunate not to be able to field a team in every age group, missing out on running a 10's and 14's side in the Juniors, However2010 saw the reformation of the "Wild Oats" Over 35's side for the Golden Oldies Rugby Festival in Sydney, Thanks to Rod Dunn and Craig "Sticks" Williams who were instrumental in getting the "Wild Oats" squad together

Financially the club overall is in a good state, the Juniors and Club accounts are both healthy, though the Seniors finished the season better off then they started, they are still not as financially sound as they need to be.

We played around with a few of the formulas that the clubs has been using in the past. We made a decision not to run a Club raffle, but instead direct our efforts on some other avenues for fund raising. Vince and Leonie Bottos arranged for the club to run a couple of BBQ's at Bunnings, Milperra, which has proved to be very successful. Also we were able to sell the majority of the "2004 Oatley Rugby Shiraz" with help from Damien Mullins.

Ross Mottershead and Richard Rice arranged bus trips to a couple of Tah's home games, from all reports these were fun evening, Greg Ryan again ran a great Golf Day, Justin (Bags) and Sheridian Barratta along with Jeff Evans ran a fun and entertaining Trivia night, with Bags and Jeff backing up to put on the Sportsman's Lunch. On behalf of the Club and all who attended these functions Thank you. If you want more information on upcoming event check out the Oatley rugby website at www.oatleyrugby.com, remember the Super Rugby Season kicks off in February.

Next season will see the Oatley Rugby club participate in the Good Sports program, which is a program that supports community sporting clubs to be safe, healthy and family friendly environments. More information on this program can be found at www.goodsports.com.au

I look forward to seeing you all back at Evatt in 2011 (though not as President) for what should be a great season, with the Rugby World Cup being played just across the ditch.

Richard Ekholm 2010 President





Mini's report

hat a great season!!

This job just gets better as the years go on!!

Without a doubt this season gave us some of the best games of rugby from our under 8's and under 9's. I have to confess I wasn't much of a rugby follower before my boys started playing and never thought "I'd get it" – but this year watching how these boys have developed over the past three seasons – they have definitely provided the "passion" to watch, cheer and grimace....No matter where our boys played or who they played against they all gave 110% each and every week.

Our teams had a fantastic season. Thank you to our new players and parents who came and watched with siblings in tow for the early cold mornings or the howling windy night games spent at the Ridge. The players and parents who turned out for a wet and dreary March Past, yet proudly shared the moment of seeing the kids March around the stadium in their Oatley jerseys.

Players from all teams were rewarded throughout the season with the McDonalds achievement awards supplied from South Hurstville which were greatly appreciated by the players each week.

Trivia night, as always, was great fun to socialise with just parents – Some went home winners and some losers and some were lucky to escape the hangover on Sunday morning. The mini's had a fantastic number of parents participate and everyone who attended came to help support Oatley as a club, so thank you to all who attended.

Many invitations were forwarded to Oatley asking us to participate in several Gala Days and whilst we couldn't accept them all the best Gala day was in July at Nagle Park - All our teams sat together! We had the Oatley tent and trailer and definitely made our presence known to the other clubs...There were some losses, draws and wins for all – with a special mention of 4 wins from 4 games for our Under 8's. The under 8's and the Under 9's reciprocated in running each team onto the field for the last game of the day....Great sportsmanship on a massive day of rugby with a massive amount of fun!!

There were so many great memories from this season too many to mention — I would like to pass on my best wishes for all our under 9's players moving rank next season into the Under 10's — I'll miss the parents and the players alike but wish them all the success. Damian and Lee — you are great coaches, managers and mentors for the boys and I wish you luck for a great season in 2011.



This season's success did not happen by itself or from 2 or 3 key people it came from the ongoing support of parents, players, coaches and managers – without the support of coaches and managers information would not have been circulated to the players. I provide as much information as I can and at times inundate your inboxes yet I never hear a complaint – which suggests we are all working to make the season a success – so thanks for making this job easier.

Lastly, Our presentation day was A W E S O M E – Great weather, great company!! for the kids it was great to see them rewarded for their efforts and achievements . Food, drinks and a jumping castle made the day but the highlight of the day for those who stayed til the end was seeing the "bloodbath" that followed a friendly game of Rugby between the parents and kids, until the 'kiwi claret' was thrust upon – Charles Palmer.....He thought he had friends til this day when many a parent and player all wanted ownership of Charles's bloody nose!!! (Charles recovered fine....)

Enjoy and til next season – Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all return in 2011.

Sandy Palmer



Minis training with Drew Mitchell and Rob Horne from the Waratahs



Under 6 Green

he 2010 season started with 4 players who had played rugby last season and 4 new players, with Super Coach Matt Keightley showing them how the game is played. The 4 "old boys" stole the show at the

beginning of the season, but it wasn't long before the "new boys" had learnt the ropes. Mitchell and Ronan were a try scoring machine, with Bobbi and Isiaih not far behind. Dylan just loved kicking the ball, and his constant practicing sure paid off with him helping to convert the tries scored. Once Zach, Kobe and Ryan decided to stay on the field for the full game (rather than go to the canteen) their rugby improved with tries being scored.

Just before our last game of the season Matt and Mitchell returned to New Zealand. This meant that Stu Mcfadden stepped in to coach the boys for the last game and for the following 3 gala events that followed. Bobbi, Isiaih and Zach stepped up and took the challenge head on. Ryan, Kobe and Dylan scored the first tries of their career at these games.

Bobbi, Ronan and Isiaih move on to the U7's next season, and I wish them all the best. I am looking forward to seeing Dylan, Kobe, Ryan and Zach next year and watching the rugby skills improve.

Sheridan Baratta U6 Green Manager.

Under 6 Green Stats

| Name | Games | Tries | Goals |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Dylan Devoy Paino | 15 | 0 | 9 |
| Mitchell Keightley | 14 | 30 | 3 |
| Ronan Schocher | 14 | 35 | 11 |
| Ryan Palmer | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| Zach Baratta | 15 | 4 | 0 |
| Bobbi McFadden | 15 | 4 | 2 |
| Isaiah Fa'massulli | 13 | 6 | 2 |
| Kobe Apartu | 13 | 0 | 0 |



Under 6 Gold

he year started with a bunch of kids except for Alex and Stephanie that had never played the game.

Confidence grew as the weeks went by and we had a team of Rugby players.

Game after game Will's pace increased 10 fold, swerving and stepping his way through all comers.

Alex's side stepping would impress Matt Gitteau, he also showed how hard he could kick a ball.

Wiley's confidence has grown as the season went on, his shimmy is truly unique!

Jared has come along leaps and bounds along with his enthusiasm, his sneaky ability to score tries right on the line was always great to watch.

Angus' natural ability shone through as the weeks went on, running, kicking and finally getting the hang of tagging!

Aden traded mining and sandcastle building when he realised he could tag, he has now become our best defender in close – the hands in the air after a tag is special.

Tommy always had a smile on his face when he had the ball and always ran straight. He loved pulling on the boots each week and running around with the team.

Stephanie's 40 meter try at the East's Gala day impressed everyone, we are sure it gave her a big buzz!

All in all, we won more games than we lost, the kids all tried hard at training and had a great time on the field with each other. They all bonded really well and have become good friends. It is a pity that Angus is going up to U7's next year. The Rugby spirit certainly lives on with all of them.

A big thanks to all the parents for their enthusiasm, turning up to training nights in the freezing cold and getting the kids to the games each week.

The kids have got allot out of the season and we are sure that they have enjoyed every minute, they will continue to love playing the game!

Derek and Chris



L-R Back Row: Will, Stephanie and Wiley Front Row: Aden, Alex, Angus and Jared, Coach Derek! Absent: Tommy

Team awards

Coaches Award – Angus Hughes Managers Award – Will Heslehurst Best and Fairest – Alex Purser Most Improved – Wiley Curtis





Under 7's

ell, another great rugby season has come to an end. For me, it was an unexpected start to the season when I was approached to coach the kids. Good fortune came my way due to inheriting a fantastic group of kids who had graduated from the under sixes and combined with some new faces we were able to field a terrific team. Our priority was to have lots of fun and enjoy ourselves whilst learning and developing our rugby skills.

The team showed keenness and dedication both at training and at the games. Though we weren't always successful the kids enjoyed each others company and played well together both on and off the field.

We saw some outstanding performances from all the kids as they were drawn to the side lines for the glory try at the corner posts and occasionally, after some encouragement to <u>run forward!!!!</u> we also witnessed some brilliant barn storming runs up the middle.

The season was only a success with the help of all the parents, Luana and I would like to thank you for helping out at training and making such an effort to get the players to the games especially when the weather was a little miserable.

At the end of the season we played 20 games including Gala Days, we won 8 drew 2 games. This demonstrates a solid effort that the team should be proud of.

It has been an enjoyable season and we hope everybody has enjoyed their rugby. I look forward to seeing everybody back next year and wish you all a safe summer.

Sean Petroni Coach

Under 7 Stats

| Name | Points | Games | | |
|-----------|--------|-------|--|--|
| Cortel | 177 | 14 | | |
| Nathan | 146 | 14 | | |
| Stephen | 107 | 12 | | |
| Joseph | 80 | 14 | | |
| Brandon | 50 | 10 | | |
| Luke | 42 | 12 | | |
| Mafi | 29 | 10 | | |
| Reuben | 24 | 14 | | |
| Lochlan | 15 | 10 | | |
| Solomona | 14 | 12 | | |
| Kahurangi | 7 | 11 | | |
| Jake | 0 | 5 | | |



Under 8's

his was an exciting year for the boys, as they took on the challenge of full contact rugby and I'm please to say mastered the initial challenges. Having said that, know one makes the Wallabies from the under 8's, so the boys still have a lot to learn in all facets of the game.

The season was a very successful one with the boys going through the East Gala Day undefeated and winning the Southern Districts Gala also undefeated.

The commitment of the boys to their task ensured they were a pleasure to watch and as they mature and learn this will only become more enjoyable.

The highlight of the year was the boys taking out the Southern Districts Gala Day in what was a tense and tough encounter. The guys ran out to an early four try lead; however Burraneer mounted a spirited come back to be only behind 5 tries to 4 in the dying stages. Even with the pressure and the understanding of what they were playing for, the boys maintained their composure and scored the match winner in the dying stages of the game. A most impressive achievement!

Throughout the year the boys were challenge by Menal, Canterbury, Rockdale and Burraneer, whether it be through pace, size and commitment. Each time they boys leant something from their experience and were able to adapt their game to ensure they didn't make the same mistakes during the game or the next time they met. With no team defeating the boys twice.

They boys performance at East Gala Day was a tremendous credit to them. They played with determination, toughness and a real amount of skill and to go through this tournament undefeated is something they and there parents can be proud of.

I would like to thank Charles and Mike for their input into the boys development as well as all the Dad's. Rugby is game of many rules and many hands make light work at training when trying to teach a bunch of under 8 boys the finer points of rugby.

I look forward to seeing all the boys next year and make no mistake there will be a lot of teams wanting to knock you off your perch. So remember to listen and learn and I have no doubt you will all develop in exceptional rugby players.

The Team is as follows

Euan – New to rugby this year; however at times his aggression in defence and rucks a mauls was astonishing.

Robbie – This boy has a great tackling technique and a desire to score tries. A consistent performer well done

Curtis – The show pony of the team, the biggest and a much needed asset. Will no doubt soon learn the quickest way to the try line is straight and being a Palmer will find himself in the forwards. Another good year.





Elijah – Can run and hurts the opposition when he does it. Scored many long rang tries and saved many as well. I look forward to coaching him next year.

Dillon – Is a lump of a kid, when his mind is switch on can be very intimidating scored his 1st try for the club this year and I look forward to seeing him develop further next year.

Nui – I wish I had a tape of his game in the SD GF and outstanding performance. Started to learn about linking with support players and developed nicely.

Matt – Aussie rules back ground. Can catch, kick, pass, run and tackle. For his 1st year in rugby was absolutely outstanding.

Kane – A competitive and committed individual who leaves nothing in the tank. Loves to be in the thick of the action. They Dads nicknamed him bulldog.

Tom – Is as quite as a mouse; however when given the opportunity knows what to do. Continues to develop and listens at training.

Jayden – The smallest in the team; however doesn't take a backwards step. Loves to get involved and you can ask for nothing more.

Jordan – New to the club this year and was not afraid to get involved in attached and defence. Some of his tackle were absolutely copy book.

Ben – A pip above Jayden is the height stakes; however is nothing but 100%. Is an elusive running and a committed defender. Not afraid to meet bigger opponents fronton and bring them down.

Cheers Justin



Under 9's

he mighty under 9's had a fantastic season in 2010 to end their mini's & midi's years of rugby.

The season started with the arrival of three new boys – Zak Needham, AJ Suter and Siagoa Kepu. These boys were tremendous recruits for the club and played a massive part in the teams' tremendous success throughout 2010.

Throughout the season the boys were dominant in the local competition. Apart from a half game loss to Burraneer and the final of the Southern Districts Gala day against Rockdale, Oatley under 9's won every game in the local comp.

As with last year the club organised to get the boys games against teams outside of our district and this season we played in three other events. We played a gala day at Nagle Field against several Eastern Suburbs teams we will play next year and acquitted ourselves very well. We also played in two 7's tournaments towards the end of the season - the Eastwood Marist tournament and the season ending Canberra competition. The boys did wonderfully well in both of these events, winning the comp at Eastwood and being pipped in the final down in Canberra.

There were many great moments throughout this year – great tries and attacking defence. The boys showed great ability to absorb pressure and step it up when required. The semi final win against Burraneer (down 10 nil, but winning 20-10) was outstanding. The final of the Eastwood Marist 7's was another cracker – our brave boys fought back from 20-0 with 11 minutes to go to win 30-20. This never quit attitude and the ability to dig deep and find something extra when required will stand these boys in great stead as they grow older.

The stats for the year show how good these boys were: they played 33 games for 29 wins. They scored 950 points and conceded just 293.

We have many game breakers in this team – so much so that when they are all on the paddock they are impossible to contain. Following is a catch phrase/summary to describe each and everyone of the boys in this outstanding team:

- AJ Suter Dependable Defence Machine.
- Ben Peakman Quiet achiever; always plays with passion
- Conor Molloy Rock solid in defence; a schemer in attack
- Daniel Mullen Lion heart; a great utility player
- Darcy Mullins Zip zip man with the golden boot
- Harrison Knapton Strongest boy in the comp; a maul pirate
- Jack Watson Fearless (if toothless)
- Justin Cordi Smiling book end; will love competitive scrums and lineouts next year
- Lucas Purser "Ready, Fire, Aim"; will break people in two when he times his hits
- Morgan Knapton Cameo man
- Morgan Leach-Riwai King of the ruck; the next Richie McCaw
- Patrick Kossenberg Pocket dynamo; never say die pilferer
- Quinn O'Connor Bulldogger extraordinaire; always looking for action
- Sebastian Herbert Poetry in very fast motion; mercurial in defence
- Siagoa Kepu Very hard to stop in attack; very hard hitting in defence
- Steven Schocher No talk, plenty of action
- Zak Needham Powerhouse in attack and defence; tackle of the year



This team has entertained and impressed parents and friends all season. Not only are they an awesome team on the field, but off the field they are impressive. Whether it be at training or on game day their behaviour and attitude is a credit to them, the club and their parents.

We would like to thank many people for their fantastic behind the scenes work throughout the season:

- The club is made up of many volunteers and their hard work in organising uniforms,, training gear, attending meetings and their tremendous support in things like the canteen and bbq tending make our rugby coaching possible. Thankyou!
- We would particularly like to thank Vince Bottos, Ross Mottershead, Mike Kossenberg and Gale O'Connor for their coordination, management and communication that directly benefitted our team.
- Special thanks must go to Sandy Palmer, our Mini's coordinator, who provided great support and
 constant streams of information to us throughout the year. Sandy has been fantastic for this club and
 we will miss her involvement with this team as we move into the Juniors next season.
- We would very much like to thank all the parents for entrusting their boy to us. Thanks also for the assistance at training, running the line, playing medic, water boy, tee boy, score keeper and statistician, ground marshal, for setting up and packing up the team effort by the parents is a great example of teamwork that our boys can see and follow. Thankyou!

It has been an absolute pleasure to coach this team in 2010 and we look forward with keen anticipation to be involved with them in the expanded competition next season.

Lee Knapton and Damian Mullins





Season presentation day at Evatt Park



Under 9 Stats

| Name | 2010 Tries | 2010 Goals | 2010 Games | Total Club Games |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| AJ Suter | 1 | 1 | | |
| Ben Peakman | 1 | 0 | | |
| Conor Molloy | 16 | 12 | | |
| Daniel Mullen | 3 | 3 | | |
| Darcy Mullins | 10 | 21 | | |
| Harrison Knapton | 17 | 3 | | |
| Jack Watson | 1 | 4 | | |
| Justin Cordi | 0 | 3 | | |
| Lucas Purser | 2 | 1 | | |
| Morgan Knapton | 0 | 0 | | |
| Morgan Leach-Riwai | 3 | 2 | | |
| Patrick Kossenberg | 9 | 3 | | |
| Quinn O'Connor | 2 | 2 | | |
| Sebastian Herbert | 46 | 2 | | |
| Siagoa Kepu | 17 | 1 | | |
| Steven Schocher | 26 | 6 | | |
| Zak Needham | 10 | 1 | | |



U 9 Eastwood Marist 7's tournament champions!



Junior's Vice President Report

he season is well a truly over and the players can all hang up their boots until next season. It has been some what of a challenging year but non the less a very rewarding year for me. I have learnt a lot about the game and the infrastructure associated with the game and in running a club. I must thank Ross Williamson for his guidance and support through out the year.

Thank you to Leonie Bottos and Meaghan Mottershead for all their hard work as our registrars, Ross Mottershead as our illustrious treasurer, Greg Ryan our social director and Sandy Palmer for all her efforts as Minis Co-ordinator. It is the commitment and hard work of all of these people that have made Oatley Rugby the envy of all others in the district.

Each team must be applauded for their behaviour when representing Oatley Rugby on and off the field. We had mixed results throughout the season for some teams and two stand out results. This year we once again produced another flawless achievement from one of our teams, our under 13's. The 13's went through the season undefeated and taking out the grand final in a wonder exhibition of running rugby, congratulations to Jim Sherman and his team for a mighty effort. To go through the season undefeated is a tremendous feat and is a result of hard work by the players and the commitment of the coaches. The conquering 16s also had a triumphant year, losing only one game all year and winning the 16A's grand final which was one of the hardest and rewarding games of rugby I have seen all year, well done to Alex Suter and his team.

To all the coaches and managers for all their efforts and dedication to their players, the club thanks you for every thing you have done .

Sponsorship plays a big part in the running of a club and we are grateful to all of our sponsors for their continued support of the Oatley Juniors. A very big thank you to Charles Palmer, Kyle Bay Removals, for his continued support with the club.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the Oatley Rugby Club, the Executive Committee for their support and all of the coaching staff for their continued dedication to the game, the club but more importantly the wellbeing of the players. Last but certainly not least to my darling wife Leonie and kids (Lecia and Brendon) for their encouragement and support.

Moving into season 2011 the club can only improve and with the knowledge and expertise we have within our family base we once again will succeed and prosper in 2011.

Merry Christmas to all, have a safe and wonderful off season, God Bless.

Vince Bottos





2010 Junior Award Winners

Junior Player of the Year 2010 - Elijah Suter

Junior Clubman of the Year 2010 - Greg Ryan

Junior Goal Kicker of the Year 2010 - Albert Khouri

Junior Supporter of the Year 2010 - Charles Palmer

Coach of the Year 2010 - Jim Sherman

100 Games - James Mood, Liam Whiteman, Nicholas Bennett, Jonathon Ryan, Gabriel Suter

200 Games - Jake Kefford, broke record for most games played as a junior 223 games

2010 Team Honours

Under 13's - Premiers Under 16's - 16A Premiers

Oatley Juniors named "Best Club" in the Southern Districts area.











Under 11's

hat a year!

This year we saw a record number of training sessions cancelled and two complete rounds cancelled due to rain. With 14 rounds for the season, the boys played only 10, with 1 bye, 2 washed out rounds and a forfeit making up the other 4.

It was great to welcome the new players this year, Oliver, Liam, Haymish, Peter, Phabeyn, Joaquin, Eisa, Ethan F and Michael who all did a great job and were great to coach.

Well done to Campbell, Phabeyn, Phoenix, Oliver, Ethan W and Michael for playing all 10 games.

With no graded competition this year and many other factors, it was always going to be a very tough year. I would like to thank the parents for getting the boys to the games and training and helping out with all the jobs that come with getting the boys playing rugby.

Thanks to Martin for his valuable time and experience as assistant coach, and the other dads who helped throughout the year.

Thanks Richard for all your help on game day and Gale who put in so much, organising myself and all the parents, getting us to the right field at the right time. Thanks very much Gale.

The highlight of the year was winning a competition to be "Guard of Honour" at the Wallabies V England game on Saturday 19th July 2010 at ANZ Stadium. The boys had a great time and will remember it for many years to come. Thanks Lancelot for putting us in the competition and Lance, Richard, Gale and Martin for mustering the boys on the night.



The Under 11's at Stadium Australia Wallabies V England

Thanks to the Juniors Committee.

Vince, Gale, Ross Sandy, Meagan, Leonie and Greg. For all your support, effort, time and dedication you put in for the juniors throughout the year, Thank you very much. To the Exe Committee, thank you for all your support and work you do for the club, is very much appreciated.



In August the 11's went back up to Eastwood to try and defend the trophy we won in 09. This was a hard task with only 6 boys arriving to defend the crown. Angus, Hunter, Sam, Ethan W, Riley O and Riley W. They all played their hearts out and did the club and parents very proud.

Thanks to some of the U9 boys who helped out for the last couple of games and really held their own. It was really good to see the Mullins and O'Connor brothers on the field together.

Congratulation to Andrew Clark, Nathan McDonald, Oliver Milgate, Riley O'Connor and Ethan Waudby for being selected to represent Southern Districts in 2010, well done boys.

I wish to thank all the boys for their hard work and commitment to training and I'm very proud of them as they never gave up on the field against really tough opposition. I hope they stay together as they will be a force on the rugby paddock in coming years.

Congratulations to the award winners. It's a was a very tough decision, well done boys.

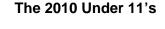
Best forward Best Back

Purnell Volvo Most Improved

Coaches Award

- Connor Ryan
- Liam Byrne
- Michael West
- Riley Williamson









The 2010 Under 11's Team:

Hunter Apatu, Liam Byrne, Andrew Clark, Haymish Constable-Baltra, Ethan Farrugia, Cooper Greenberg, Campbell Jackson, Peter Karantzias, Phabeyn Mankelow-Pennell, Phoenix Mankelow-Pennell, Nathan McDonald, Oliver Milgate, Daniel Morris, Angus Mullins, Riley O'Connor, Connor Ryan, Adam Somboli, Joaquin Suter, Eisa Tasipale, Samuel Tuni, Ethan Waudby, Michael West, Riley Williamson.

Coach

Mick Waudby









Under 12's

irstly I would like to thank everybody who made this an enjoyable season. I hope you all enjoyed the year. It was a difficult year on the field due to results and rain but the boys developed well. We managed to finish the year with a flurry before giving the Canberra tournament a bit of a shake.

It is pleasing to note how well the boys have gone this year and how every one of them have all contributed to the team. The team plays well above their weight with a really good attitude. As I have said before given the opportunity of playing in a graded tournament the boys would really start to find their feet. This is something I know the club and district will concentrate on in the future.

Some special mentions must go to Greg Ryan and Ian Marsh who were totally invaluable on Wedneesday's. Also to Ross who has as always kept us well informed unfortunately mostly with weather reports and ground closings. To all the mums and dads thanks for entrusting your boys to us, but really the biggest thanks goes to the Boys themselves.......

Brendon Bottos – Brendon has become the rock the forward pack has been built around. Another great consistent season.

Connor Marsh – Connor really looked like he was enjoying his rugby this year and has been an absolute pleasure to have around.

David Finneran – David was never really given the opportunity to show his speed this year, but his time will come.

Jack Keady – Congratulations to Jack for making Southern Districts reps for the third year. Was voted our Best Back.

Jack Ryan – Jack has a huge heart. He is developing into a very good Halfback.

James Mood – James had his best year at Oatley and also reached his 100 games. Was unlucky not to be voted Best Forward. Filled in well as Captain and a budding referee and Coach.

Joachim Tu'itavuki - JT is an absolute pleasure to coach. Full of enthusiasm, everything done with a smile. Came up against a few bigger boys this year and took to the challenge well.

Liam Molloy – Liam missed most of the year but had a very strong finish to the season. Will find his best position soon.

Luka Mihaljek – Luka is the most consistent player at Oatley and every year finds himself in the running for the major awards.

Nathan Wood – Nathan is full of confidence and will definitely make one of those centre positions his own next season.

Oliver Herbert – Oliver is a natural footballer who comes close to man of the match every week.





The 2010 Under 12's

Tom Charleson - Tom was our most consistent performer this year, playing with gusto and enthusiasm. Will be sorely missed next year. Good Luck in the West Tom. Tom won our Best and Fairest award.

Tom Dibdin – Tom won the Coaches award for his enthusiasm, commitment and general enjoyment of the game. I have no doubt he will be part of Oatley Rugby for a long time.

Tom Rice – Tom enjoyed his first year in the forwards and took to it like a duck to water. Maybe I should have put him there earlier.

Sam York – This was Sam's first year and he seemed to spend most of it defending. Came up with the tackle of the year.

Alex Karvountzis – Alex won the best forward award. Was a pleasure to coach. He listened and learned very quickly rapidly becoming one of our best forwards.

Joseph Nave – Joe had the difficult job of playing in one of the key positions in his first year. Learned very quickly and accomplished himself well. Will be a force next year I'm sure.]



Under 13's



ongratulation to the success of each of our exceptional U13s boys this year.

The season started a bit rocky, like most seasons, with a whole new bunch of recruits. Fifteen new guys, some from soccer, league and a couple from other rugby clubs joining our ranks; Ben Percic, Mitchel York, Jason Large, Mitchell Judge, Blade Tau, Jack Hunter, Drew Denford, Cruz Leach, Nicholas Wiles, Caleb Pretorius, Delane Cherrington, Josaia Lovodua, Bailey Lang, Robert Siteine and Joseph Mitrevski.

These guys fitted in quickly and seamlessly with our thirteen returning players from last year; Sydney Malifa, Benet James, Jackson Ford, Ambrose Milgate, Luc Harries, Nicholas Bennett, Tony Rumore, Gabriel Suter, Thomas Clark, Dane Stephens, Jonathon Ryan, Etienne Couret and Alex Sherman.

Our first game of the season was a trial game against West Juniors which left us scoreless and humble losers, with most boys having their first, albeit unhappy run at rugby. A couple more training sessions later and we were much more competitive in our next round of trials against Sylvania and Burraneer, and the Catchpole 10-a-side competition at Scots College. Very encouraging signs were evident from our evolving team composition and from here the boys went form strength to strength, and didn't look back.

From this point forward the boys achieved an unbeaten record in the regular competition claiming the title of Minor Premiers and winning their way through to the Grand Final to also claim the Premiership, remaining undefeated. Oh, and on the way through we had a re-match against Wests Juniors in July and our boys beat them convincingly. Each of the boys is to be admired for forging a cohesive and harmonious team,



enabling them to compete so strongly throughout the season. They have put the Oatley U13s and the Oatley club up in lights.

The 2010 Under 13's

During September, eleven of our boys took the annual sojourn to Canberra to once again participate in the Canberra 7s tournament, against 11 other teams, mostly country teams. Our boys have been knocking at the door of this tournament for several years only to be pipped at the post each time. But not this year. Congratulations boys for wrangling another undefeated crown.



All the boys enjoyed a brilliant season belting out wins and forming great new friendships. Along the way we all shared in the disappointment of a few of our boys whose seasons were shortened with injury. Nicholas (Curly Nick) and Dane had very late starts due to broken fingers before the first round but finished the season strongly. Blade was sidelined late in the season with ear problems as his transition to rugby was blossoming and Bailey retired in round ten with a broken collar bone, prematurely ending an outstanding first season of rugby.

Congratulations to each of our team award winners this season. A very tough choice with so many super performances:

Most Improved Player:

Best Forward:

Benet James

Best and Fairest:

Robert Siteine

Players' Player: **Delane Cherrington**

We also celebrated the huge achievement of three of our boys who notched up 100 games with Oatley this year; **Nicholas Bennett, Jonathon Ryan and Gabriel Suter.**

We had several players this year who represented Southern Districts with honour; **Jonathon Ryan**, **Etienne Couret**, **Tony Rumore**, **Robert Siteine**, **Delane Cherrington and Bailey Lang**. These guys were instrumental to the success of the Southern Districts U13s team this year and were a little unlucky to not win the state title, going down by two points in the final against Warringah.

Thank you to our team Captains and Vice Captains throughout the season who obviously did a marvellous job; Tony Rumore, Nicholas Bennett, Dane Stephens, Jonathon Ryan, Gabriel Suter and Robert Siteine.

Thanks to the Oatley Juniors Committee, for the endless work and assistance, the parents for their help and support each week and the U13s management team of Mark Bennett (Forwards Coach), Pierre Couret (Backs Coach), Bernadette Stephens and Stephen Milgate (joint Manager), Paul Rumore (First Aid) and Uzzie Malifa (team assistant) and each of the fantastic U13 boys, for making this our most successful team and season ever (...at least, so far).

In closing, the management team are excited to announce that we have determined that we have more than sufficient interest in a U14s rugby tour. We would like to organise this to coincide with the Rugby World Cup in NZ in September 2011. The management team is currently undertaking the high-level planning for not only the tour itinerary but the fund raising to subsidise the trip. News will be broadcast regularly as the event unfolds.

I wish all the boys and parents a well deserved break and look forward to seeing the same smiling and eager faces for another rugby season in 2011.

Cheers, ... Coach Jim



Under 13 Stats

| Name | Surname | Total Tries | Total Goals | Total games | Total | Total | Total |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | Club | Club | Club |
| | | TRIES | GOALS | GAMES | TRIES | GOALS | GAMES |
| Sydney | Malifa | 4 | 0 | 15 | 8 | 0 | 61 |
| Benet | James | 2 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 44 |
| Jackson | Ford | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 49 |
| Ambrose | Milgate | 2 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 27 |
| Nicholas | Wiles | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Drew | Denford | 0 | 19 | 10 | 0 | 19 | 10 |
| Luc | Harries | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Nicholas | Bennett | 0 | 0 | 15 | 11 | 13 | 109 |
| Ben | Percic | 1 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 14 |
| Jason | Large | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Mitchell | Judge | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Caleb | Pretorius | 1 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 12 |
| Blade Dancer | Tau | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Tony | Rumore | 3 | 0 | 14 | 25 | 22 | 65 |
| Gabriel | Suter | 0 | 0 | 14 | 40 | 14 | 105 |
| Robert | Siteine | 5 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 13 |
| Thomas | Clark | 0 | 0 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 55 |
| Josaia | Lovodua | 1 | 38 | 13 | 1 | 38 | 13 |
| Jack | Hunter | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Dane | Stephens | 1 | 0 | 8 | 35 | 4 | 85 |
| Jonathon | Ryan | 7 | 0 | 12 | 98 | 17 | 108 |
| Etienne | Couret | 5 | 0 | 12 | 19 | 1 | 42 |
| Alex | Sherman | 2 | 0 | 15 | 58 | 18 | 122 |
| Mitchell | York | 1 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 13 |
| Bailey | Lang | 9 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 7 |
| Delane | Cherrington | 22 | 0 | 16 | 22 | 0 | 16 |
| Joseph | Mitrevski | 12 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 6 |
| Cruz | Leach | 6 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 0 | 14 |



Under 15's

he year started on a positive note with a trial against Merrylands.

Although we were massively outweighed by a predominately islander side the boys put on a courageous effort by winning the day by 2 tries.

Unfortunately in the process we lost Andrew for the season with a broken arm while taking on the biggest bloke on the field (him being the smallest).

We went into the competition with 17 players, 4 of those had League commitments which didn't t always leave them available on the day.

Three weeks into the season the injury toll continued with our backs general lbby having a shoulder reconstruction and gone for the season.

Even though we went into a majority of games with 13 & 14 players the boys put in 100 percent to come out with some near loses in the dying minutes of the game & some memorable wins like Lindfield 48-26 with the bare 15 & the proudest moment of the year beating Burraneer 36-32 after being behind 21-0 after 10 minutes.

This shows the guts & determination of this team.

Injuries & numbers stoped us getting to the final this season, with the return of Ibby Andrew & players from previous years Oatley U16s will be a driving force in 2011.

Congratulations to those boys who made the reps side Tim Dunn, Ryan Mackay, Tamiti, Matt Murray & Andrew.

Thanks to the committees for all the work put in this year.

Thanks to Tim Whiteman for all the work he put into training & games.

Last of all a special thanks to Ivan who in a particularly tough year kept the boys organised & on the field every week

Yours in rugby Rod Dunn (coach)



Opens

irstly I would like to thank all the Opens players for an enjoyable season. Also, I would like to thank all the parents and supporters who helped out this year. If it wasn't for the parents driving the players to and from training and games, washing jerseys, setting up the field on game day, the boys would not be able to play rugby each week.

This year was quite a difficult year with a large number of injuries making it hard to get the same 15 on the park each week. To the boys' credit once again, we were only one try away from the Grand Final.

In some ways the season was a little disappointing for the boys in that we finished being knocked out in the Final for the 3rd year in a row but as a whole the season was very successful. Finishing the regular season in 2nd place was the highest we had placed. Some of the individual improvement from the players was unbelievable this year. Funnily enough, the players who took the game to another level were the ones who trained week in, week out.

In the preliminary Final all the boys played their guts out even though we went down. I could not have asked any more from the boys.

I would like to congratulate Jake Kefford on breaking the record for most junior games played for Oatley. Assem Ewais and Jarrod Gollins also played their 150th game this year.

Next season I will be coaching the Oatley Colts side and would love to have all the guys back next year. I would like to wish all the boys the best with their rugby wherever they play next year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the 18's who helped out with Oatley 21's throughout the year even though they played their games the day before the 18's games. If it wasn't for the club spirit amongst the 18's, the 21's wouldn't have been able to field a side this year.

Award Winners

Coaches Award- Tim Murray Most improved-Jarrod Gollins Best Back-Jake Kefford Player of the Year-Assem Ewais Oatley Juniors Goal Kicker of Year-Albert Khouri

Rep Players

Sydney Uni-Sonejo Koopu Sydney South West Schools Sport Association-Stuart Farani Sydney East Schools Sport Association-Sonejo Koopu Sydney North Schools Sport Association-Andrew Challinor

NSW Combined Catholic Colleges- Assem Ewais



Mark Bernays Oatley Opens Coach



Senior's Report

he 2010 season was a tough and challenging one. As per usual there was the turn over of playing personal and coaching staff.

I would like to thank all the coaching and management staff for their efforts and dedication. I would also like to thank the executive committee for their efforts and support of the senior club in 2010.

To Shirley and Mike Heal your efforts and dedication in the canteen ensuring our players, the opposing clubs and officialdom were well feed and watered was greatly appreciated by the entire senior club. So on behalf of the senior club I would like to thank you. It would also be remiss of me not to thank Charles Palmer for his efforts on the BBQ every home game.

The results on the field were a mixed bag with our new 1st grade coach PG implementing a new playing style and worked with a new playing roster. While 1st grade stumbled and finished 5th by seasons end, I would like to congratulate PG on his professionalism and dedication to the job. I know the entire executive committee and playing roster hope PG takes on the role again in 2011 in our quest for that elusive Baraclough premiership.

Mark Burton was new to the club and had a tough job mentoring 2nd grade, as injuries and player committee effected the sides results; however one things is for certain the side and the club certainly has the playing roster to ensure a successful 2nd grade. Unfortunately work commitments will mean Mark will be unavailable in 2011.

3rd grade was coached and managed by yours truly and was the clubs most successful side. 3rd grade was unlucky not to secure the minor premiership and results throughout the season suggest the team under achieved by not taking out the premiership. I hope these boys return next season and with a bit more commitment go a step further.

4th grade was coached and managed by Scotty Mc and Ed Devlin both new to the job in 2010. The 4th grade side was well managed and unfortunate not to make it into the semis; however I'm sure the lads will back up again for another shot at the title.

The colts side has been a challenge over the last couple of years in terms of playing roster and their commitment. I would like to congratulate Mark Bernays on his persistence and dedicate to the role ensuring the successful Colt program established by his father continued. This is a vital cog in the senior club and one we cannot neglect.

I would like to thank Ross Bernays for his advice and guidance on all matters rugby. His experience is vital and I hope he continues his involvement in Oatley Rugby club.



To all the volunteers like Ed Devlin, Rod Dunn, Beachie, Helen Green, Tim Green, Ants, Rob Cameron, Club Captain Pat Moran who helped with fund raising, team management, step up, clean up, jersey washing, strapping and ensuring Oatley Rugby seniors met their rugby commitments each week, thank you on behalf of the entire Oatley Rugby community. The senior club has some rather large challenges facing it in 2011; however with people such as yourself, Oatley Rugby seniors will continue to operate and provide an environment for men and women, where they can enjoy the competitive and social aspects of rugby.

See you all in 2011

Cheers and Beers

Justin "Bags" Baratta









2009 Senior Award Winners

Club Awards

Player of the Year – Joseph Wilson

Rookie of the Year – Peter Thode

Colt of the Year – Keleto Eteaki

Clubman of the Year – Kevin Glasheen

Michael Bacon, Players Player - Kevin Glasheen

Presidents Award – Edward Devlin

Supporter of the Year – Karlo Ratuyada





Team Awards

| 1 ST Grade – | Forward | _ | Joseph Wilson |
|-------------------------|---------|---|---------------|
| | Back | _ | Mark Peters |
| | Coaches | _ | Anthony Scoon |

2nd Grade – Forward – Gareth Reynolds

Back – Patrick Moran Coaches – Jensen Leung

3rd Grade – Forward – Setaleki Teuhema

Back – Jason Myers Coaches – Kevin Glasheen

4th Grade – Forward – Danny Carnevale

Back – Ryan Bowring Coaches – James Schulz

Colts – Forward – Samuelu Wright

Back – Jimmy Hema Coaches – Peter Richardson





Game Awards

500 Games - Rod Dunn
300 Games - Rob Cameron
200 Games - Jason Myers
200 Games - Danny Carnevale
100 Games - Damian Edwards

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1st Grade

he 2010 season kicked off pre season training in February with the numbers being fairly good. Our 1st competition game we were up against Kings Old Boys who had been relegated from 1st division down to 2nd.

The week leading into our first match was really positive and the trainings were where we wanted to be. During the match unfortunately for us our discipline let us down a bit which resulted in 2 red cards in the second half when we were leading at half time, the end result being a 31-20 loss. The following week was no easier with a number of players unavailable and having to travel to Newport the end result being 33-18 loss. The season was still in its early stages so there was no panicking from myself or the team. 3rd round saw us back at Evatt Park against Hornsby, the perfect opportunity to kick start our season. Once again we were short on a couple of numbers but we got the result we wanted a 33-22 win. As the season went on we proved to ourselves through the 1st round that we were definite contenders after 2 early losses a draw and the rest wins against quality teams away from home. The second round started with an away loss to Kings which was hampered by a number of injuries before and during the game but still no need to panic. We picked ourselves up and came away with a close 1 point win the next week against Newport at home. As the weeks went on we slowly had a number of injuries which was not only hurting 1st grade but affecting the quality in 2nd grade as well. The big problem was trying to get the guys back on the field. With 7 games remaining we sitting in 3rd place with no room for complacency as the competition was so tight. The next few weeks was going to be a big challenge for our guys against teams that were in good form. We were up against UNSW at home which was a 1 point win which we would take. During the week we got news of the club losing 4 competition points for each grade which I think played on the minds of the guys when we went away to play St Ives and came away with a 2 point loss.

The last 4 games seen us up against 3 of the top 4 side which was going to be our biggest challenge to date. At home to Briars who were sitting 2nd on the table and was our old players day, seen us produce one of our best games of the season showing a lot of patience and character to come from behind to win by 2 points. With the last 3 games being crucial to where we wanted to be we came up against another top 4 side in Hunters Hill at home. Half time saw us up 14-3; however with a couple of injuries in the 1st half, the result being blow out to a 49-14 loss which we new could spell the end of our season. The season was far from gone with 2 games remaining and a mathematical chance of still making the top 4. With a 47-10 away win at Waverley the last week was going to be a big challenge needing a win with the bonus point to hopefully get through to the semis. As we were up against the top side at home we new we could beat them because we had done it previously but that was not to be the case on this occasion going down 45-22 this ending our season.

I am very proud of the guys for turning up week in week out and putting there all in to every game they played. If the number of injuries had of been less we may have seen ourselves in a better position. There is a little work to be done in the off season to come up with plans to manage on and off field issues we were up against this year. I would like to thank everyone that was involved in the club at all levels and those guys especially who had faith in me to be Oatley 1st grade coach for 2010. I look forward to the challenges ahead and to see what 2011 will bring us and hopefully bring some long over due silverware back to the club.

Once again thanks to everyone involved and see you all next season.

PG Oatley 1st Grade Coach.





3rd Grade

good season for 3rd grade this year. I would use successful; however we didn't win the competition and the lads and supporters have every right to feel disappointed. With the experience and talent the team had at its disposal the lads should have walked this competition in.

The team was a mixture of experience and new comers and their attitude on the field most weeks was a credit to them; however their inability to commit to training on a weekly basis didn't help our cause in trying to secure the Blunt Cup

Enough of the negatives the team was a pleasure to be associated with. They lads are a funny bunch of guys and enjoy playing and socializing together.

As this is my last year of coaching a senior side I would like to thank each player for the enjoyment they have provided me and I look forward to you all returning and capturing that elusive premiership.

Cheers and Beers

Bags





4th Grade

o what can I say about 4th Grade for the 2010 season – we had a season of celebrations, disappointments, penguins, and some more celebrations.

Having been co-opted into managing 4th grade by Rod Dunn with his "Hey Ed, fancy managing 4th grade and do you want a beer?", (obviously knowing that I'd never say no to a beer!), the next task was in recruiting and meeting the players.

Following an extensive international search, we were able to bring together quality players from all corners of the globe, and built a team capable of conquering the world. Unfortunately, for the first few games of the season, due to the not inconsiderable language barriers, particularly in ensuring the players actually understood the manager's Scottish accent, we never really hit our full potential.

With our internationals drawn from the African continent (thanks Nico), Fiji (well done Carlo), Argentina (Mr "got any smokes Ed?" Carnavale), England (Mr Andrew "my accent isn't Scottish!" Logan), Kiwi (Matt Perreau), the good old US of A (Well done Kevin "Tex" Glasheen) a surprise entry from Scotland (That'll be Ed "5 minutes of fame" Devlin), and all our Australian team mates too many to mention, who would be able to overcome us? Unfortunately, there were a few teams who would…

An unlucky start against Kings Old Boys (10-3), followed by a defeat by Newport dampened spirits somewhat, however we can take some comfort from the fact that both these teams finished in the top 4. This was followed by another defeat from Hornsby, before we put these "training" games behind us and started to hit our stride. We became the bogey team for UNSW, defeating them not once but twice during the

season winning 12-10 and 15-7. An unbeaten run of 3 games allowed our new players to learn the club song, before we hit another hiccup against Hunters Hill, followed by an unlucky 42-0 from Waverley. Our longest winning streak of 4 unbeaten runs was closely followed by another Hunters Hill defeat, before the season started to wind down. All in all, we finished up the season with a very credible 8 wins and 1 draw, which should stand us in good stead for next season.

There are too many people worthy of a special mention to do everyone justice, however a few mentions are definitely warranted. Firstly, step forward Mr Rod Dunn, playing his 500th game during the season, and getting his once a season try during that game, closely followed by Robbie Cameron with his 300 games. Well done to you both. Another two stand outs were Ryan Bowring, finishing with 10 tries this season and deserved club award, and young Scott McIlveen, with 19 conversions. To all 4th grade players during this season, I'd like to thank you all for your support, commitment, assistance, and for being a bunch of all round bloody good blokes!

We also were able to draw on the skills of the club president, Mr Richard "Beachie" Eckholm, for his 2 minutes (or was it 10 minutes) when we were short of players, although thanks to the invaluable support from all other grades which is hugely appreciated, we were always able to field a strong team. Finally, thanks to the coaches, managers, supporters and everyone else who made managing (and briefly playing) for Oatley Rugby Club the fantastic experience it was.

And the penguins? What happens on tour stays on tour! ED



Rod Dunn

500 games: Dunn good

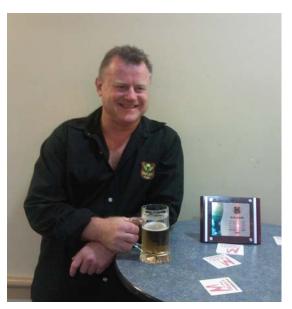
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MORE than 500 games later, Rod Dunn still thinks he has at least three more years left in his well-worn legs.

Dunn, 48, passed the 500-game tally for Oatley Rugby Club recently the first person to do so in the club's history of more than 50 years.

"I love the game," Rod, of Peakhurst, said. "Mateship is a big thing.

"A couple of players get a bit cheeky and call me an old bugger, but the games are all played in a good spirit."



Rod with his awards

Rod played his first game of rugby at 13 and has gone on to play 35 consecutive years at the club, including a decade long stint as first grade captain.

The backrower nominated leading first grade and his third grade premiership win his only title as career highlights.



Rod and Alex, Presentation by Life Member Laurie McMartin. Rod's 505th game 24th July 2010.

"The rules have changed to make the game a lot quicker," Rod said. "With the way the rules are there is less intensity at the breakdown. "In the old days you ended up with a lot more battle scars."

Rod who is playing fourth grade has one more aim. "One last thing I want to do is have a game with my son Tim," the builder said. "He is 15. So I've got to last another couple of years to get on the field with him.

"The mind is there as long as the body holds up."





Colts

his year was quite a difficult year for the colts as we only had 6 returning players and each one of them suffered season ending injuries early on. We were competitive in every game in the first half of the season and with a bit of luck we could have had a few more wins. We struggled a bit in the 2nd half of the season to find 15 fit players each week as the injury toll mounted.

While it was a tough year we had a few highlights along the way. We smashed Briars twice, beat Newport who ended up in 2nd place and we narrowly lost to minor premiers Barker and premiers Hunter Hill both away.

I hope all the boys will be back next year as we are looking very strong with the 18's coming through to play colts after finishing the season in 2nd place in the Sydney wide A division. We just need to get to training regularly next season and there is no reason why we can't make the semi's.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who helped out this year with the colts. I also would like to thank all the 18's who helped out with the 21's throughout the year.

End of Season Awards

Colt of Year - Kel Eteaki
Best Back - Jimmy Hema
Best Forward - Sam Wright
Coaches Award - Peter Richardson

Mark Bernays





Golden Oldies

010 saw the reformation of Oatley Rugby's over 35 Squad, the "Wild Oats".

A number of old guy still playing Grade jumped at the chance to participate in the Golden Oldies Rugby Festival in Sydney. Who could pass up the chance for a week of either rugby with some mates or sitting in a beer tent in Centennial Park with some mates?

As the tournament approached and it was time to fork over the money and put in for holidays, some of the guys who had made verbal commitments dropped off, Luckily word had spread through the Juniors, and Jim "Tank" Sherman decided to have a run with the "Wid Oats". There was a great deal of concern over Jim's involvement when he started asking about our training schedule. Training, this was never on the agenda, never discussed, but due to Jim's convictions it was agreed that we should meet up at the Green for a Light run.

Most of the team arrived at the Green, on a glorious Spring Saturday Morning, a bit of time was taken looking for a suitable ball, a quick warm up then a bit of 5 or 6 a side Touch rugby. After 15 mins of Physical training, most of the guys finally broke into a sweat, when we discovered the bowling club across the road had both cold beer and was open.

This set the tone for the entire Golden Oldies Campaign; we did play some great competitive Rugby; were very social; and i think that I can safely say all of the "Wild Oats" had their best end of season tour while being at home.

Thanks needs to go to Craig "Sticks" Williams for securing our sponsor, TLE Electrical, organising the team, and for his communication skills, thanks we miss the texts.

The Wild Oats should have a few runs in 2011, with a view to participating in the 2012 Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival in Fukuoka, Japan



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The Wild Oats, competing in the 2010 World Golden Oldies Rugby Festival,



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