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# 2013

# Annual Report

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## 2013 Committees

### Executive Committee

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Juniors Vice President	Damian Mullins
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	Rod Dunn
	Anthony Scoon
	Ed Devlin

### Senior Committee

Seniors Vice President	Ronald Mackay
Secretary	Andrew Martin
Treasurer	Anthony Scoon
Club Captain	Andrew Norris
Director of Coaching	Darrell Glendinning
Committee Member	Gordon Matthews

### Junior Committee

Juniors Vice President	Damian Mullins
Secretary	N/A
Treasurer	Mick Bradley
Committee Member s	Mark Bennett
	Mark Bernays
	Sandy Palmer
	Mick Waudby
	Anthony Scoon (Seniors Rep)

### Registrars

Megan Rice  
Meaghan Peacock

### Canteen Co-ordinator

The Committee and helpers



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## President's Report

Well What a Season. This was my first season as the Oatley Rugby club President and as busy as it was it has been one of my happiest at the club.

As seasons go it has been a very successful one which has had its share of highs and lows. On the playing front the club managed 4 Grand Final appearances plus a further 2 teams making finals. Having fielded 18 Teams (6s,7s 2x8s 9s in the Minis, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s and 16 in the Juniors, 4 Grades and Colts in the Seniors and a group of idiots playing Golden Oldies) this year this is quite a strike rate.

Of these Teams the U8s and 1<sup>st</sup> grade put up great fights in their finals appearances only to go down narrowly. The under 10's and 12s won their respective grand Finals. What a debut season as a coach for Aaron Malouf and continuing success for Damian Mullins with his superteam. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade side and Colts provided the high and low in one swoop, both were minor premiers, both made the Grand final and both heartbreakingly lost. Non the less the effort was an inspiration and hopefully they can go that extra step again next year.

Financially the club has grown stronger with successful social events been run throughout the year. From the opening Golf day way back in May to the closing Sportsman Lunch in October we ran a total 4 fundraising events. We have also put on events like Ladies Day, New players Day (Seniors) and successful Juniors and Seniors presentations which were all well attended and showed the great spirit that has developed in this club over the last few years. This coupled with strong Canteen sales (backed up by hosting the PSSA gala days at Evatt) has the club in a strong position going forward with the ability to plan some major events for our 60<sup>th</sup> year which is looming large on the horizon.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank some people who contribute highly and are the reason we are in such a strong position today:

The Oatley Executive who have run the club seamlessly this year. We have our debates and disagreements but in the end the club benefits from having such a passionate board who truly care about the club and its future. They give their time up without complaint.

Ronald Mackay  
Damian Mullins  
Richard 'Beachie' Eckholm  
Mick Bradley  
Danny Cannevale  
Mick Waudby  
Anthony Scoon  
Rod 'RJ' Dunn  
Ed Devlin

VP Seniors  
VP Juniors  
VP Minis  
Treasurer & Dictator in Chief Sown Oats  
Club secretary  
Public Officer/Executive Committee Member  
Executive Committee Member  
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Executive Committee Member



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To all of our sponsors who generously give to us each year.

To Guissel Quiroz and James Lazarus for all the work connected to the Canteen.

To Jo French who along with Ants have allowed so many events to run seamlessly.

To all the coaches and managers in the club without whom we wouldn't run out each Saturday/Sunday.

To those who have run water, marked fields, tidied the shed and generally made yourselves useful without complaint.

To the wives /girlfriends and Parents who get there Boys to games/training nurse their injuries and put up with their stories.

To the partners of those on the committee who generally do put up with a lot from January through to November .

To those who have assisted with functions either in the lead up or on the day.

To those that have helped in the Canteen.

To all of the above a massive THANK YOU. These people with our players are the club.

The club website continues its grow and is starting to become a real source of information and a go to place for all. Thank you to Mick Waudby for his continued work as webmaster. Micks' role has seen him update club information weekly. See Micks' work at [oatleyrugby.com](http://oatleyrugby.com)

Of course why this club exists is for the one reason –To allow boys, girls and men to play the game of Rugby. Thank you to all players from under 6's up to first grade for choosing (some with help from their parents) to play rugby at the Oatley Rugby Club this year. For those who have begun their association with the club I hope you have enjoyed your season and hope you'll be back to do it all again next year. To those junior players leaving the club into Grade Colts or retiring from the club I wish you well and welcome you into the family of the "Old players Association".

Richard Rice  
Club President.



## Mini and Midi Award Winners

Midi Player of the Year	-	Will Mood
Mini Player of the Year (Under 9s)	-	Ronan Schocher
Under 6 Most Improved	-	Josiah Dirs
Under 6 Managers Award	-	Xavier Mottershead
Under 6 Best Defender	-	Lachlan Marshall
Under 6 Best Attacker	-	Nicholas Walker
Under 6 Coaches Award	-	Marley Thompson
Under 6 Best & Fairest	-	Jett Morris
Under 7s Most Improved	-	Thomas Marshall
Under 7s Managers Award	-	Logan Bell
Under 7s Coaches Award	-	Oliver Dirs
Under 7s Best & Fairest	-	Henry Denton
Under 8s Green Most Improved	-	Max Larven
Under 8s Green Managers Award	-	Nate Glendinning
Under 8s Green Coaches Award	-	Harrison Gidney
Under 8s Green Best & Fairest	-	Luke Morson
Under 8s Gold Most Improved	-	Jared Martins
Under 8s Gold Managers Award	-	Aden Carmichael
Under 8s Gold Coaches Award	-	Will Heslehurst
Under 8s Gold Best & Fairest	-	Alex Purser
Under 9s Most Improved	-	Harrison Evans
Under 9s Managers Award	-	Patrick Glasheen
Under 9s Coaches Award	-	Thomas Gentle
Under 9s Best & Fairest	-	Callum Hook



## Midi and Mini Coaches and Managers for 2013

	Coach	Manager
Under 6's	Austin Morris	Karen Marshall
Under 7's	Michael Denton	Meaghan Peacock
Under 8's Gold	Derick martins	Todd Haselhurst / Steve Purser
Under 8's Gold	Richard Ekholm	Michael Schafer
Under 9's	Cliff Hook / Chris Griffiths	Karsten Schoocher

## Under 6's Report

The Under 6s had a successful 2013 season despite only having five regular players, and three of those able to play U6s again next year.

For a team playing their first season of rugby they consistently showed that they were far advanced compared to their opposition. This was also the case at training where each new skill and drill was picked up quickly and without fuss. All season only one team was able to come close to Oatley, but unfortunately both times we met we were under-strength, which included on the minis Gala Day.

For those moving to U7s they will be able to hit the ground running, and those that remain in U6s will have greatly benefited from playing in this team. I have little doubt that in a few years these boys will be representing Southern Districts if they continue on their path. I would like to thank our team manager, Karen Marshall, as well as the U7s coach and manager, Mike and Meg, as well as all U6 and U7 parents for their support.

They boys were a delight to train and their enthusiasm for the game was infectious, and I am looking forward to being involved with them in the 2014 season.

Austin & Karen



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## Under 7's Report

The 2013 season went very well and we enjoyed a good winning streak. From memory we only lost one game during the season (to Burraneer) and managed quite a few big wins. Most of the games were played in fine weather, although our round 10 at Kyle Bay was very wet and cold but did give the kids a taste of real rugby! This game in particular saw Christian really shine with the big front rower pushing over for a hat trick of tries in the heavy conditions.

Attendance to games was great throughout all of the rounds which meant we had plenty of reserves to keep fresh players on the park. No doubt this also helped with our great results. Special mention goes to Will Mood who had another great season with Oatley and produced standout performances most games with several tries per game being the norm. Other great efforts came from Oliver, Benji and Chip. Tom had a few great games and started to show some real speed in attack and strong commitment during defence. During quite a few of the round games we helped the other teams when they were short of players – good sportsmanship from Oatley U7's.

Training went well all season with good attendance by most of the players throughout. Christian, Henry and Logan were standouts for their strong commitment, hardly missing a training session. Special mention also goes to Oliver who always paid attention during training, put in 100% effort and never argued with the coaches' call. Participation was good overall and did contribute to the increased skill levels witnessed. A lot of attention was placed on quick play of the ball after tags, support during line breaks having some structure in defence - and the kids picked this up for the most part.

The Gala weekend didn't quite go to the same script as we had during year. A few of the team members had clashing holidays booked (due to the change in Gala dates), coupled with some illness left us short for the weekend. Saturday left us with less than a full team whilst Sunday was only marginally better. Results for Saturday were a loss to Rockdale and a draw to Sylvania – who we had beaten by about 6 tries during round 13. Sunday started a little better with an early win against Engadine only to fall to a close loss to Burraneer (under 10's at least). These pool results gave us a playoff opportunity for 3rd place against Sylvania.

The 3rd place game was a cracker with some real rugby skills emerging. Will Mood took on the role of designated kicker and consistently launched the ball into the next suburb from each kick-off.. With Sylvania always back on their line, our defence put them under pressure and they struggled to build momentum. Even when they did manage to move up, Oatley's defence on the line was strong and we generally managed to hold them at bay. Some good quick movement of the ball produced stunning team rugby, coupled with some individual brilliance in line breaks and speed (Will, Henry, Benji, Eliza) brought Oatley home to a great win and a great final game for 3rd place.

Michael & Meaghan

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## Under 8's Report

2013 was a very enjoyable year for the Under 8's, the majority of the boys from the 2012 under 7's came back for another rugby season, these numbers were bolstered with a few of boys returning to the game they play in heaven and a couple of new faces.

On paper we had just enough to run two teams. Instead of having eight little fellas standing on the sideline, we entered two teams in the comp.

Being the boys first year of tackle, we trained all the under 8's together. Each game day, a couple of lads would get some additional game time as subs for "the other team", so this put smiles on the Little fella's faces.

The season started out fairly slow with the boys learning a whole new range of skill to take on the paddock. Both Green and Gold teams were competitive throughout, but by mid-way through the season, when the teamwork and discipline had picked up, the boys started to dominate on the field.

We entered a single squad for the Gala weekend at Rockdale, and had a lot of success on the field. The lads got in to the Grand Final, though come out runners up.

Thanks to all the Parents for your understanding, patience, help, participation, and friendship throughout the season.  
Special Thanks needs to go to....

Derick Martins - for Coaching and running around each week with the Gold team.

Steve Purser – for helping train the Boys.

Todd Haslehurst - for Managing the Gold squad.

Michelle Schafer – for Managing the Green squad.

### **Green Squad**

Christian Alvaro

Harrison Gidney

Luke Morson

Maxwell Larven

Nate Glendinning

Ryan Palmer

Zach Baratta

Beachie

### **Gold Squad**

Aden Carmichael

Alex Purser

Ashton Morris

Hunter Scoon

Jack Blundell

Jared Martins

Kalan Thompson

Luke Salonga

William Heslehurst



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## Under 9's Report

A great start to the year with most of our U/8's team from 2012 backing up in 2013. This gave us the backbone of an experienced and successful team to commence the year. On top of those coming back in 2013, we also had a raft of newcomers to Rugby in 2013 all welcome and all bringing skills and talents to the team. The playing roster for 2013 was:-

<b>Players in 2013</b>	<b>New Players in 2013</b>
Ronan Schocher	Harrison Evans
Ethan Griffiths	Nicholas Grosvenor
Callum Hook	Ryan Williams
Bobby McFadden	Ryan Bell
Indiana Rice	Kai Roberts
Lewis Noppen	Patrick Glasheen
Thomas Gentle	James Eivers
Reuben Palmer	
Aiden Snook	

This year saw the on field team going from 8 to 10 starting players and a tougher kind of rugby being played as a direct consequence. Stronger defence and stronger opposition this year saw a much closer competition than last year with again strong teams from Rockdale, Menai & Burraneer ensuring that all games went down to the wire each and every week. The year was a very successful year with both experienced and new players continuing their rugby development. All players contributed and all players improved over the course of the year which is a great result both for the team and all of the individual players themselves.

There were many highlights of the year during the season proper, plenty of tough games against tough opposition and plenty of opportunity for all players to participate and enjoy the game of rugby. The team developed into a very competitive unit along the way and if they stay together will be very competitive for years to come.

The boys also took every opportunity to play rugby this year playing in three different carnivals against teams from all different areas and giving themselves a good showing at each and every one. Starting with the Eastwood Mini's Carnival early in the season where the team were runners-up which was a great start to the season. Mid-season we went to the King of the Hills Carnival where we held our own against some very strong handpicked opposition teams from the northern suburbs. This carnival in particular showed how strong we are as a team, taking it up to and competing with essentially representative hand-picked teams from clubs with more players and resources and taking each game down the wire.

We ended the year with some great results in the Southern Districts gala weekend, the two day gala event where we competed with all teams from the district again in one huge weekend.



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A big thanks goes to all of the parents for supporting the team all year and most importantly ensuring we had a side each and every week getting the boys training ready for action. It's due to your efforts that we had such a strong bunch of boys develop well as a team.

Thanks to Karsten for being the best organiser in the business, we may have struggled without his sense of organisation this year particularly in sourcing grounds and games for the boys on weekends when we may have normally missed out.

Karsten, Cliff and myself look forward to seeing all of the boys back in 2014 for another great year of team based running rugby, stepping up into the Sydney Juniors competition and playing on the near full sized field.

Awards for the year could have gone to any number of players, but the players selected for this year are:-

Player of the Year	Ronan Schocher
Best & Fairest	Callum Hook
Coaches Award	Thomas Gentle
Managers Award	Patrick Glasheen
Most Improved	Harrison Evans

Coach: Chris Griffiths - Manager: Karsten Schocher

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## Junior Club Award Winners

Junior Player of the Year	-	Dominic Shade
Junior Clubman of the Year	-	Mike Kossenberg
Junior Goal Kicker of the Year	-	Greg Towell
Junior Supporter of the Year	-	Doug Chalker
Coach of the Year	-	Aaron Malouf
100 Games	-	Ethan Waudby Liam Molloy
150 Games	-	Tom Rice

## Team Honours

2013 has been good year for the Oatley Rugby Club.

Congratulations to the following Junior teams for there on Field Success:

Under 10s - Premiers

Under 12s Premiers

Under 13s Semi Finalists.



## Junior Award Winners

Under 10s 2013 Best Back	-	Steven Roberts
Under 10s 2013 Best Forward	-	Luke Saukilai
Under 10s 2013 Best & Fairest	-	Kymani Smith
Under 10s 2013 Coaches Award	-	Matthew Uglow
Under 11s 2013 Best Back	-	Elijah Faamausili
Under 11s 2013 Best Forward	-	Kane Baratta
Under 11s 2013 Best & Fairest	-	Faatali Lui
Under 11s 2013 Coaches Award	-	Ivan Tolic
Under 12s 2013 Best Back	-	Darcy Mullins
Under 12s 2013 Best Forward	-	Lucas Jeff
Under 12s 2013 Best & Fairest	-	Conor Molloy
Under 12s 2013 Coaches Award	-	Andrew Bradfield
Under 13s 2013 Best Back	-	Cooper Cheney
Under 13s 2013 Best Forward	-	Christopher Icanovski
Under 13s 2013 Best & Fairest	-	Marley Smith
Under 13s 2013 Coaches Award	-	Dominic Mirabito
Under 14s 2013 Best Back	-	Feliciano Mounगतonga
Under 14s 2013 Best Forward	-	Ethan Waudby
Under 14s 2013 Best & Fairest	-	Dion Evans-Ao
Under 14s 2013 Coaches Award	-	Oliver Milgate
Under 15s 2013 Best Back	-	Nathan Wood
Under 15s 2013 Best Forward	-	Luka Mihaljevic
Under 15s 2013 Best & Fairest	-	Michael Mladenovic
Under 15s 2013 Coaches Award	-	Tom Rice
Under 16s 2013 Best Back	-	Cayleb Mladenovic
Under 16s 2013 Best Forward	-	Nathaniel Ualesi
Under 16s 2013 Best & Fairest	-	Dominic Shade
Under 16s 2013 Coaches Award	-	Luc Harries
Under 16s 2013 Coaches Award	-	Luke Auciello



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## Juniors Vice President Report

What a season!

In some ways it feels like it was only yesterday that we kicked off another year of rugby. I hope like me, you have found these past 6 months a wonderful and very rewarding experience.

The 2013 season saw nearly all of our junior teams move into a different competition, either moving from the Southern Districts Mini's up into the Sydney wide Under 10's competition, from Saturday to Sunday graded comps, or by going up in grade. Three Junior's teams played finals this year, with the 13's bowing out in the semis after a terrific season, the 12's coming from last place at the halfway point of a 12 team competition to make and win the A2 Final and the mighty Under 10's winning their Grand Final.

Congratulations to all Oatley teams that played magnificently in the 'green and gold strip'.

I also want to acknowledge and congratulate all those boys who were selected for representative honours with Southern Districts in 2013.

It has been a testing year for our club, with incorrect gradings, injuries and loss of players to other codes all combining to really test the mettle of our kids and volunteers. It was disappointing to see the 15's have to fold their team mid-season, but this did allow both the 16's and 14's to benefit from some of the 15's moving into their ranks to keep their numbers up and allow them to finish the season.

Thank you to all the kids and parents who kept turning up and giving their all despite the problems with player numbers and incorrect gradings. Sydney Juniors have been made aware of the issues that have impacted many of our teams this season – the club will work hard to ensure our teams are appropriately graded and teeming with players for season 2014.

A successful club requires good people doing what's right for the club, unwavering in dedication and loyalty. Quite simply, a club is only as good as its people, and Oatley is fortunate to have a network of committed volunteers that keep this club going. I want to acknowledge the work of many volunteers whose efforts keep our kids on the paddock throughout the season.

Thank you!

To all the parents, coaches, managers, water runners, linesman, referees and general helpers. I thank you for assisting to maintain the Oatley culture that makes Oatley Rugby Club such a proud and successful organisation.

Sponsorship is the life blood to sporting organisations and I'm very appreciative of all our sponsors. I specifically acknowledge the major sponsors:

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Work commitments prevent me from continuing in this role next season. I would like to thank the exec and all the volunteers and players in the Juniors for your efforts on the pitch or behind the scenes this year.

Have a wonderful Spring and Summer. I look forward to seeing you all back down at Evatt early in 2014.

Regards, Damian Mullins



## Under 10's Report

It's been a great year for the U10's. Our good fortune commenced at the beginning of the season when all of our talented players from last year signed on again for another year. In addition the team was joined by some more very talented players. The boys bonded instantly and pulled off a convincing win in round one at Rose Bay. The boys and parents were elated. We all hoped this would set the tone for the season. We were unfortunately lost 2 of our 4 games during the grading review period, the 2 teams that beat us were re-graded up and (disappointingly) we were denied the opportunity to settle the score.

Following the re-grading it was a consistent run to the finals as the team only lost one game to Killara, and drew one with Hillview. The team went on to win the remainder of their games to finish 2nd on the ladder. This meant we played Hillview in the semi final, a hard fought game by both teams. Hillview got the jump on us but the team fought back and was gallant in defeat.

This set us up for a rematch in the Qualifying Final against Killara. What a game! We were behind late in the game but had field position. The boys showed their fighting spirit and never-give-up attitude as they had done all season. We won after the hooter with a fantastic pushover try up against the goal post, on the far side of the ref. We waited what seemed like an eternity for him to confer with the touch judge before awarding the try. Needless to say the team was ecstatic as we were now in the Grand Final.

Our Grand Final was played at Wahroonga against Hillview and after a quick start by Hillview we found ourselves behind. We regained control of the game to dominate possession and go in for two tries to take the lead. The second half was even tougher in the heat of a very warm spring afternoon – we stayed in control and hung on to win the premiership by 3 points. Final result: Oatley 20 bt Hillview 17. This was a fantastic achievement by the boys in their first season in the Sydney Juniors Rugby Union Sunday competition. Well done team – you did yourselves and the club very proud.

### Team stats:

8 wins          3 Losses          1 Draw

### Player stats:

The highest point's scorer was Reuben on 55 points followed by Jack and Ronan on 30 points. Harrison had a pretty good season with the boot with 11 conversions.

A special thank you to the parents of the u9's players for allowing their boys to play up in the U10's keeping up the supply of fresh legs for our games, also thanks to the u9's players Ronan, Indi and Ryan for all their efforts on the field. Thank you to our great coach Aaron and the parent helpers, Marty, Dave, Craig and Dean whose contribution and team effort on and off the field helped make everything run smoothly.

Last, but certainly not least a huge thanks to all the parents for the effort they put in to get the boys to the Sunday matches all over Sydney – it's greatly appreciated. We have a great team and had a great season. We look forward to your continued support and involvement next season.

Sean Petroni



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## Under 11's Report

Team – Kane, Ivan, Matt, Dylan, Nicholas, Robbie, Elijah, Nui, Max, Riley, Ender, Jordan, Corey, Rahul, Faatali

This was a difficult year for the boys; however they stuck solid and managed to come up with a couple of wins near the end of the year.

The team was the only team from the club not competing in the graded Sunday competition and this was evident when we came up against the top sides, most of whom contributed more than half their players to their districts representative sides. This proved to be a tough challenge for the boys and led to the boys having some big scores racked up against them. Against the bottom half of the competition, the boys competed well and on several occasions were unlucky not to come away with the chocolates.

It took the boys to the 3rd last round to post a win and to see the joy and excitement on their faces was priceless. Tears were shed and to see this happening after a win instead of a loss showed to Lino and I, as well as the parents why we keep turning up each week to training and travelling all over Sydney to play. They boys are very passionate about playing rugby and it wasn't through lack of desire they weren't posting wins.

As coaches Lino and I stripped training back to the basics and tinkered with the side and they boys started to show signs of improvement and we were able to progress and play some good structured rugby. This will definitely hold the team in good stead as we progress to 15 aside rugby, where opportunities need to be created and forwards and backs need to combine to ensure a result is obtained.

The team is as follows:

Kane (lose forward) – Selected for Southern Districts for the 1st time, was a little quite after an injury; however a great ball scavenger, passionate rugby player and his game in the last win was Kane back to his best.

Ivan (Lock) – grows in confidence in each season and game, ran well and scored a couple of tries. Utilises his height well and won some good ball in the lineout.

Matt (Utility) – The live wire of the side and loves to get involved, is very instinctive, is ideally made for fullback and we look forward to getting him in that position in the coming years. He scored a couple of great individual tries.

Dylan (Prop) – One of our big boppers and is starting to understand his job and role in the team. Produced some nice efforts towards the end of the season and picked up points for these efforts. We look forward to him continuing develop his skills.

Nicholas (Prop/Hooker) – School commitments meant we didn't always see Nick this season; however he is an integral part of the team who ply's his trade really well.

Robbie (Center) – A confidence player who when is on song in a great front on defender. Is a long term and vital member of the midfield and his combination with his center partner Riley progressed really well and this partnership will be an asset next year.

Elijah (Forward/Backs) Elijah's ability allows him to cover back row, lock, center, fly half. He was selected again for rep honours this year and he really came into his own playing fly half. A great competitor with a never say die attitude.



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Nui (Scrum half) – We were really impressed with Nui's toughness and willingness to take it too much bigger opponents. His started to learn the finer points about driving the forwards around the field and we are looking forward to his progress next year.

Max (Hooker) – This was Max's 2nd year of rugby and by the years end was picking and driving really well, which led to his 1st try for the club in our 1st victory. Well done Max and we look forward to your continued improvement.

Riley (Fly half / Center) – This was his 1st year of rugby after making the transition from league. Riley knows his way to the try line and scored some excellent tries. A great team man who's combination with Elijah and Robbie in the mid field was the key to our 2 victories.

Ender (Prop) – This was Ender's return to the team after a couple of season away. He put his hand up to play prop and impressed with how quick he took to it. Always put his hand up to do the work and is going to be a great asset to the team.

Jordan (Lock) – is our big hitter of the team and pulled off some bone jarring defence that impressed all who saw. Likes to run the ball as well and I look forward to his continued improvement.

Corey (Wing) – This was Corey's 1st year of rugby, and impressed with some great runs, is very deceptive when in space and will be better for the years' experience. We look forward to having him back on deck next year.

Rahul (Wing/Forward) – Another 1st timer and impressed with the way he put his body on the line in defence, pulling of some great tackles. With more work on his technique will be a great addition to the forwards.

Faatali – (Forwards/Backs) – Achieved rep honours this year as well and is very destructive runner of the football, who loves getting in and mixing it with the opposition. He can play anywhere from the front row to the centers and is a vital part of the team.

Lino and I would like to congratulate the under 10's on their grand final victory and thank them for their support throughout the year in particular, Cortel, Isaiah and Nathan.

To all the parent who turn up week in week out and support their kids by running water, the line or being ground marshal, I would like to thank you for this as we would not be able to field a team. I would also like to personally thank you for your support as coach.

To Lino and Mike thank you for your efforts and I look forward to working with you next year. To the other grand final winning team the under 12's well done.

To Zach Baratta, thanks for allowing Dad to coach Kane, which means I don't get to see all of your games

To Sheridan thanks for your support in me coaching Kane as you don't always get to see him play as you are taking Zach.

To the Oatley Rugby committee in particular Damien thanks for your support, effort and for volunteering for what is a rewarding yet at times frustrating job.

Enjoy the off season.

Thanks

Coaches: Lino & Justin. Manager: Mike



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	Total Games
Kane Baratta	12
Robbie Benjamin	10
Matt Christall	11
Elijah Fa'amausili	12
Raul Gadre	12
Jordan Gerhard	10
Dylan Heal	11
Max Indini	10
Faatali Lui	12
Tainui McFadden	10
Ender Samuels	10
Nicholas Shade	6
Riley Taylor	12
Corey Theoharous	12
Ivan Tolic	11
Matt Ugow	1
Lachlan Weiler	2
Cortel	4
Isaiah	3
Nathan Shayler	2



## Under 12's Report

A Tale of Two Half Seasons!

If Charles Dickens were around today he would agree with the title of this epic year for the U/12's. We experienced both some lows and then exhilarating highs in 2013. We lost several players before the start of this season and several more throughout the year. We struggled for numbers at training and on game day. But a number of quality players joined us during the year, either as new recruits to Oatley or from other Southern District's clubs. By season's end we once again had become a formidable team.

Most would agree now that it was the right decision to move this special group of boys into the Sunday A-Grade competition. Team sport, particularly with children transitioning into young adults, is about the life lessons you can learn, not the awards you might win. Winning teaches you nothing – these kids needed to be challenged, and the move to Sunday A-Grade certainly provided that challenge. I am very proud of the way this team responded.

We were winless and in last place at the halfway point in the season, having forfeited twice and having to call for uncontested scrums in another game. We struggled to get more than eight boys to training any week. Boys and parents alike were questioning our grade – it was hard to get a full team on the paddock, let alone be competitive.

In contrast to this difficult start to the season many of the Oatley boys had a wonderfully successful reps season, beating several highly fancied teams and making the top four in the state!

Maybe it was the confidence some boys drew from the state championships that helped; maybe it was the addition of talent from Rockdale and Menai that boosted our numbers and spirits; maybe we just needed a few months playing this high standard week in, week out to learn what A-Grade rugby is all about; maybe it was the getting Paul Jeff and Nick Bradfield to help out with the coaching whenever they could, together with Lee Knapton, Charles Palmer and Paul Schmidt-Uili; maybe it was all of these things, but from 14 July (round 10) when we came away from Lane Cove with a 36-14 win (our first for the season) the boys looked a different team.

The back half of the season was incredibly rewarding as a parent and coach. We watched our boys gain self-belief, dispel any lingering doubts they had about their ability to be competitive, and win the majority of games to climb off the bottom of a 12 team ladder, sneak into eighth position with a tough last round win over Easts, knocking them out of the top four in the process. That meant we qualified for the A2 finals. We had a dominant win over the Hunter's Hill Black in our qualifying final (shutting down the fastest 12 year old in the country in the process) before silencing the Easts team and supporters in emphatic style with a five tries to two demolition in the final.

I would like to thank all the boys, parents and friends for the assistance you have given to this team over this year. I would particularly like to thank Gale for being the manager this season. Mike Kossenbergl left big shoes to fill, but thankfully he was also very willing to help out whenever required.

I would like to thank Charles and Lee for their continued support. I know work frequently got in your way, but you were always there whenever your workload allowed.



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A big thank you to Paul Jeff, Nick Bradfield and Paul Schmidt-Uili for your help on game-day. It's an easy job with the experience and energy you bring to this team.

Massive thanks to all the boys who played for Oatley as well as their other village club in 2013 –we could not have fielded a team without you, let alone have gone so well at the back end of the season. Thanks to the parents for all the running around you do throughout the year –I hope you got as much out of the season as we did.

Finally, a massive thank you to the Oatley Rugby Club – the Under 12's boys do this club proud on the field and we both acknowledge and greatly appreciate all the volunteer work the exec and support team give to make this club work.

Enjoy the off-season everyone – may we kick off season 2014 the way we finished 2013.

Damian



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U12 In 2013		Games Played	Tries	Conversion
Ah Chong	Tyler	7	3	
Boyling	Jack	6		
Bradfield	Andrew	9	2	
Chiochio	Ben	2		
Cordi	Justin	12		
Faasoo	Lennox	4	1	
Gordon	Remoni	11	2	
Hamid	Roman	2		
Hart	Zach	5	3	
Herbert	Sebastian	5	3	
Humphreys-Jones	Tavish	6	3	
Hunia-Lewis	DeAngelo	8		
ISAAC	Flynn	8		
Jeff	Lucas	12	1	
Kepu	Siagoa	12	4	
Kossenberg	Patrick	13	3	
Lawson	Daniel	1		
Leach-Riwai	Morgan	2		
McRae	Jye	7	1	1
Molloy	Conor	12	7	10
Mullins	Darcy	12		10
O'Connor	Quinn	11		
Palmer	Curtis	10	5	
Rice	Davie	2		
Schmidt-Uili	Ethan	13		
Schocher	Steven	11		
Sortwell	Brennan	9		
Suter	AJ	3	1	
Warhurst	Connor	4		
Warhusrt	Harrison	3		

Comp	Grade	Position	Team	Played	Wins	Losses	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
SSUN	U12A	1	Lindfield Tartans	11	8	1	393	110	283
SSUN	U12A	2	Seaforth Black	12	9	0	280	118	162
SSUN	U12A	3	Harbord Harlequins Gold	10	7	2	306	150	156
SSUN	U12A	4	Newport Breakers	10	6	3	237	154	83
SSUN	U12A	5	Oatley	10	7	5	192	226	-34
SSUN	U12A	6	Easts Wallaroos Red	11	5	4	266	152	114
SSUN	U12A	7	Hunters Hill Black	10	5	4	218	249	-31
SSUN	U12A	8	Narrabeen Black	9	5	4	264	227	37
SSUN	U12A	9	Norths Pirates Black	9	2	7	72	292	-220
SSUN	U12A	10	Mosman Whales	9	1	8	114	179	-65
SSUN	U12A	11	Lane Cove Gold	9	1	8	110	339	-229
SSUN	U12A	12	Dee Why	8	1	8	71	319	-248



## Under 13's Report

First of all a huge thanks to the Oatley Club Executive for all of the support they have given throughout the year. More often than not it's a thankless job and we recognise the great effort that goes into organising Club duties. Thank you Damian.

Thanks and appreciation also goes to Meaghan for helping me with managing the team roster and regos...

A big thank you goes to a great bunch of parents for backing the team this year especially, those who offered to pick up players for training and game day.

Big thanks to Doug, Marcus, Mick, Frank, Ray and Ian for running the touch line this season-this earned the team extra points along the way.

Thank-you to Lianne, Nadine, Richard and Greg for scoring.

Another thank-you to our ball boy Matthew...

A really big thank you to our manager ... Oh yeah that's right we didn't have one lol.

Thank you to Nadine who helped out with a couple of training sessions.

Last but not least a huge thank you to a great bunch of boys who played their hearts out every time they walked onto the field, especially when we only had 13-14 players showing up week in/week out. You boys showed courage, camaraderie and tenacity. As Individuals you have improved with every game. As a team you have improved greatly. Another thank you to the new recruit Oscar – we sorely missed you in the last half of the season when you were injured.

My favourite game was when we beat Hornsby who were undefeated all season and went on to win the Grand Final. We were the better team when we went down in our first semi but you can hold your heads high because you played your very big hearts out and that's all a coach ever wants from his team whether we win or lose.

I will finish off by saying that even though we didn't get to the Grand Final, It was the journey in trying to get there which was much more rewarding for me as a coach. I can see a lot of potential in this team and we will be working on unlocking it next year.

But for now, have a great off season, Christmas and New Year – we will look forward to seeing all of you next year.

"Who's the man with the big fat nose..." – no, not me....

Now for the awards-

### **Best Back - Cooper Cheney**

This award goes to a boy that loves to tackle and who organised his forwards around the park like a boss! Defensively he was our best. If only we had a few more... maybe next year.



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## **Best Forward - Christopher Icanovski**

I think everyone knows whose getting this one. This award goes to a boy that loves running over everything in his path and also showed some great offloads and also scored some awesome individual tries – we will need him to increase his defensive work by sharing the offensive workload.

## **Best and Fairest – Marley Smith**

This goes to a boy who only started this year. He never allowed any tries in from his side of the field. Great kid to coach. Always doing what is asked without question. Looking forward to a great season from Marley next year.

## **Coaches Award – Dominic Mirabito**

This award is possibly my favourite and goes to a boy who always turns up ready to train and takes on everything that's thrown at him with gusto! Dominic never talks back and always does as he's told. He has taken on the role of flanker with courage and tenacity. He has shown great improvement and I'm looking forward to what he will bring to next season's table.-

Player's Summary:

Kurt Chalker – Flanker

Our 'Golden Boot' of the Team. There were some games that came down to his kicking skills. Ran the ball and tackled well. Will need to work on running the ball straight and passing. Great season!

Cooper Cheney – Scrum Half

Had a solid season showing improvements in organising his forward pack. A great defender, executing classic tackling skills. Will need to distribute the ball more to others in the team. Great season!

Jarred Christall – Second Row

Showed improvement with his tackling but I want to see you start running the ball more. Your passing has also improved greatly – well done on a great season season!

Ethan Fa'amausili – Second Row/Flanker/Outside Centre

Played a few more games than last year.

Showed good tackling technique and wasn't scared of running the ball.

Will need to work on getting to more games next season (lol) – a great season!

Christopher Icanovski – Prop/no 8/Centre

What can I say? Our human wrecking ball, Ran over everything in your path. You need to share the workload with your other forwards to give you rest during the game so you can assert yourself more in defence. Great season!

James Mckenna – Prop

Great Season! Ran and tackled well. Will need to bring the mongrel more often as we only saw it a few times. Great work ethic and was in everything this year. Believe and Achieve! Great season!





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Dominic Mirabato – Flanker

Great season – held your own. First season as a forward, but wasn't scared to get involved. Improved in defence and even scored a great try in the Semis. Will need to get his hands on the ball more. Great season!

Ethan Peter Faetete Saisoa'a – Outside Centre/Winger

Solid in Defence and ran well with ball in hand. Will need to draw and pass a little bit more. Great Season!

Callum Taramai – Front row/Second row/Flanker/Hooker

Big improvement on game knowledge. Got more involved as the season progressed. Will need to get fit ready for next year. Great season!

Eisa Tasipale – Fly Half

Solid Season. Improved passing skills and tackling. Will need to work on organising his backline more and running the ball harder. Defended well. Kicking training will not go astray. Great season!

Josh Wilson – Winger/Fullback/Scrum Half

Improved greatly this season. Our little pocket rocket. Ran the ball well and gave his best at every game. He's now thinking of moving into the second row...Great season!

Kanui Chopper Wilson – Hooker

Solid year. Has made the hookers role his own this season. Ran the ball well and defended like a champion. Always did what he was advised. Looking forward to a great season next year. Great season!

Raymnod Chrichton – Inside/Outside Centre

Great runner with the ball in hand. Also a solid defender. Scored some awesome tries. Will need to work on drawing the man and passing the ball. Great season!

Oscar Schmidt-Uili – Fullback

Came over from Canterbury Rugby and fitted in straight away. A very talented rugby player and was sorely missed in the last part of the season with an injured hip. Great runner with ball in hand and solid tackling skills. Looking forward to seeing you next year. Great season!

Chris Karatzas

First season of rugby. Trained like a champion, Did what we asked of him and gave it his best all year. Improved his game knowledge with every game. What more can you ask...looking forward to a big year next...Great season!

Marley Smith

First season of Rugby ever as well. Improved game knowledge with every game played. Ran well with ball in hand. Also defended like a champion. Looking to a big season next year. Great season!

Bring on 2014.

Lancelot



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## Under 14's Report

What a season for the U14's. New coaches, new manager, new gradings and a mixed year of fun and disappointments. Based on previous seasons efforts it was thought the boys should try C grade instead of remaining in D grade. With the coaching assistance of some ex Oatley players that are playing in Shute Shield clubs now, the year was full of promise.

We started the season graded in B grade and with only 13 players needed the assistance of U13's and even an U12 to make up numbers. We were sadly out of our depth in this grade and after losing 3 games and a bye we were regraded to C's. Immediate results followed with our first win and then a narrow loss. This was followed by 2 washouts and unfortunately due to lack of numbers and a couple of injuries, 2 forfeits. The season almost felt like it was already over and numbers at training were getting less.

Then the Oatley U15's folded and we were able to bring in 3 players that were light enough to play with the team for the last 4 rounds of the season. In these games we just happened to play teams 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> in the competition.

1<sup>st</sup> game was against the leading team in the competition, Blue Mountains, who were big and rough and belted us around the park. We easily won the penalty count as we played rugby but they were too strong for the boys to handle physically. 2<sup>nd</sup> game was against Hills who were a better rugby team but still a bit big for the boys to handle. We scored 1 promising try in both these games.

Finally we had a home game and played 3<sup>rd</sup> place Narrabeen. The efforts of the last 2 weeks against stronger opposition weren't in vain. The team had started training better and confidence was building as they had not given up in each game and as such the side went out and played some terrific rugby to notch up a 29 point win. Going into the last game of the season, we played Roseville, the new team that was coming 3<sup>rd</sup> after our defeat of Narrabeen. Again the boys rallied, but found this opposition probably the best drilled rugby side we came up against in the C's. It was a really good contest with Oatley losing narrowly. Roseville went on to play in the grand final to lose against Blue Mountains which showed the boys could compete at quite a good level.

I thank the assistance of Luke Smart and Bryant Hall in the pre-season training, and of Jake Kefford who ran several of the training sessions before a midyear vacation. Also thank you to Jon Ryan as manager, and the several parents that helped out during the year. Boys at 14 years old can be trying, not knowing if they are kids or want to be young adults, so all did a great effort.

As for the boys themselves, I can say keep together, don't try and be the toughest individual on the team, encourage the team to be the toughest. Together you can do a whole lot more with your rugby as you have potential. Have a few more boys join the team and next year you won't have the forfeits and can be competitive in all the games resulting in much satisfaction for yourselves. As I have said, train hard and then you can have fun. On game day you then play hard and walk off happy with your efforts. Congratulations for your efforts this year:

**Liam Byrne** – Great try scoring runner who improved throughout the year. Landed a great kick from the sideline. Good defensively - great year Liam.

**Craig Emmerson** – 1st year at Rugby and showed great enthusiasm and enjoyment. Started hooker filling in a missing spot and later moved to wing. Got more ball and showed plenty of spirit.



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**Dion Evans-Ao** – Our captain, who was courageous in defence and has a great pair of hands to pass the ball. Set up the backs and took on the line when necessary to be one of our most dangerous players.

**Mitchell Maude** - Mitch is an ideal forward should he do the right thing about his fitness and strength over the summer. He could develop into a great player as he showed glimpses of his talent and potential this year.

**Oliver Milgate**—terrific effort in leading the forwards tight in the rucks. Oliver was the most consistent in the forwards and trained well all season. Hoping he gets more tips on playing hooker from his brother as he is well suited to lead the pack.

**Feli Mungatonga** – strong, determined runner and defender, Feli scored many tries mainly playing at centre, and also a couple when playing in the forwards. He is a friendly young man that the rest of the team looks up to. Well done.

**Riley O'Connor** – a real light weight, and I was fearful he would just get hurt by bigger boys as he played on the side of the scrum. What a delight to see Riley play with so much guts and effort, shaking off the knocks he got, and being a strong member of the side.

**Connor Ryan** – when Connor controls himself, he is a most effective tackler and runner. Has the potential to be a really good player. Played well as flanker but showed plenty of ability at fly half as well. Congratulations.

**Joa Suter** – another strong runner, good defender and probably our best at stealing the ball from the opposition. Should Joa try hard all game, there wouldn't be any one better.

**Theo Totsis** – has great physique for a forward and gained plenty of ground with his strong runs. Missed him when injured after punching a wall. Aghh...U14s!

**Greg Towel** – a terrific defensive back, good runner but even better goal kicker. Greg has all the ability but another who needs to control himself to make the most of his ability. Would be good if he listened at training (at least he turns up).



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**Sam Tuni** – Aghh! Sam talks and talks and talks. He is good for team morale but needs to lift his game. He showed through the year he has some real techniques in his game. Sam can be a real asset and I'm hoping with a bit of maturity he will listen and be a much better player.

**Ethan Waudby** – Mr Reliable, Ethan would not shine but was always found as the workhorse, defending in tight, taking the ball up strongly and competing in all facets of the game. I'm very pleased that he achieved 100 games for the club this year.

**Riley Williamson** – our diminutive halfback is half the size of others yet has the guts and courage of those twice his size. Plays his best and doesn't let the team down. Well done Riley.

**Cameron Chalker** – U15 player who played well at fullback and even better at half. By the 3rd game he was organising where the play was going and made some impressive breaks. A pleasure to have team up with us late in the season.

**Tom Dibdin** – U15 player who sparked up the forwards, showing how to run hard, tackle hard and do what is required at training. Led by example and was a great asset. Thanks Tom.

**Connor Marsh** – U15 player who was very quiet and could easily go un-noticed, but watching him play, Connor never shirked the task of driving in under the ruck and always contesting for the ball. Connor, you were very much noticed and I thought you played great.

I wish you all well

Coach Brian



Name	2013 TRIES	2013 GOALS	2013 GAMES	Total Club TRIES	Total Club GOALS	Total Club GAMES
Liam Byrne	4	1	9	12	15	41
Craig Emerson	1	0	7	1	0	7
Dion Evans-Ao	0	0	8	8	0	32
Mitchell Maude	0	0	9	8	10	62
Oliver Milgate	0	0	9	1	0	37
Feliciano Mounगतonga	8	0	7	8	0	7
Riley O'Connor	0	0	9	22	8	116
Connor Ryan	3	0	7	20	6	61
Joaquin Suter	4	0	9	46	6	86
Theo Totsis	0	0	7	1	0	19
Greg Towel	1	21	8	9	44	35
Samuel Tuni	0	0	8	23	6	137
Ethan Waudby	1	0	9	16	6	108
Riley Williamson	1	0	8	4	10	113
Cameron Chalker *	1	0	4	1	0	4
Thomas Dibdin *	2	0	4	2	0	4
Connor Marsh *	0	0	4	0	0	4
James Mood *	1	0	1	1	0	1

\* Came down from U15's



## Under 16's Report

The U16's sailed into uncharted waters this year moving to the Sunday comp for the first time and losing some of our established players from the previous 3 or 4 years. On the flip side we gained some valuable new and "old" players who added their skills and personalities to the team.

We were placed in the 16B's and after 4 rounds had a 2 & 2 record with memorable wins against Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains. Unfortunately we then picked up a few injuries to key players like Dane & Rhys, who both missed most of the season, and with a lack of backs we had to play some of our forwards in the backline and regularly played with no reserves. Inexplicably before round 5 the SJRU in its wisdom regraded us into the 16A's. Suffice to say we were clearly in the wrong grade, without enough boys and results-wise the rest of our season was disappointing to say the least.

That said and despite the results several players really took big steps forward in their rugby this year:

Luke – One of the new guard who became the self appointed voice of the team who never stopped trying, never stopped talking and played well above his weight.

Nick – Quieter than Luke but plays the game in the same vein, and despite saying he doesn't like No 9 developed into a very handy scrum half.

Drew – Made a huge difference to the team wherever he played, even though he likes flanker  
Alturo – Turns out he may be a centre in a forward's body.

Luc – Often played out of position in the backline but defensively he improved with every game.

Cayleb – Another one of our new boys who plays well above his weight, he played most of the season in the backs even though he likes the forwards and scored a couple of tries as well.

Dom – The forwards leader who led by example, selflessly did all the little things right and found his voice as captain towards the end of the season.

Gabe – For his controlled aggression which we really missed when he was injured.

Nano – Really improved his game this season, was devastating with ball in hand and looked like he really enjoyed himself. Also found his voice as captain in a couple of games

We started the season with Mark Bennett & Pierre as our coaches but Mark decided to step down after 5 or 6 games due to other commitments. His shoes were ably filled by Mark Bernays, who has a long association with the club. All three men deserve our sincere thanks.

Other people that need to be thanked are our two touchies, Mark McWhinney & Mark Mangini (far too many Marks), along with Ian Westwood who helped out at training in the back half of the season; and of course all the parents who do all those things we do to ensure our boys can play rugby.

Lastly, all of the boys, including the U15 boys who helped out in the last 4 games, deserve a lot of praise and should be proud of themselves for their attitude and persistence. Despite the odds being heavily stacked against them week in and week out they turned up to play, they never forfeited, or asked for the mercy rule. Whereas other teams forfeited on multiple occasions because they either didn't want to travel, or couldn't be bothered because they couldn't make the finals.

The U16's are a credit to Oatley Rugby.

Coaches: Mark Bennett, Mark Bernays & Pierre—Manager:

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## Players who Represented Southern Districts Representative Teams in 2013

### Under 10's

Harrison Georgakopoulos  
Luke Saukilai  
Reuben Palmer  
Cortel (Peter Sa) Fa'amausili  
Nathan Shayler  
Isaiah (Ofati) Fa'amausili  
Stephen Roberts  
Kymani Smith  
Phillip Livanos  
Ciaran Williams  
Matthew Uglow  
Brandon Wood

### Under 11's

Kane Barratta  
Faatali Lui

### Under 12's

Darcy Mullins  
Conor Molloy  
Remoni Gordon  
DeAngelo Hunia-Lewis  
Jeff Lucas  
Siagoa Kepu  
Brennan Sortwell  
Ethan Schmidt-Uili  
Sebatsian Herbert  
Andrew Bradfield  
Tyler Ah-Chong

### Under 13's

Chris Icanovski  
Kanui Wilson  
Ethan Fa'aMauSili  
Ray Crichton  
Oscar Smidt-Uilli



### Under 14's

Dion Evans-Ao  
Feliciano Mounगतonga  
Riley O'Connor  
Connor Ryan  
Greg Towel  
Ethan Waudby

### Under 15's

Tom Rice  
Cameron Chalker  
Luka Mihaljevic  
Michael Mladenovic  
Liam Molloy  
Omar Taleb  
Nathan Wood



### Under 16's

Drew Denford  
Dane Stephens



## Senior Vice President Report

Here we are again....the Year that was!

Overall the 2013 was another productive and successful season in both on and off the field activities. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade once again made it to the finals series unfortunately loosing out at the minor semi against Forest. To again make the finals is something which we all can be proud of. This result wouldn't have been achieved without the guidance and knowledge of PG with assistance of brother Bushy who coached the boys again for the 2013 season. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank PG who is handing over the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Coach position from next season. Thanks for your input over the past years; you will be sorely missed!!

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Captain Matthew Battishall ensured that the side had the on field direction throughout the season. Matt himself was once again selected for the NSW Representative Team who played in both Sydney and Brisbane. Matt was also a contender again for the Barraclough Medal.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade had a somewhat disappointing season. We however welcomed Craig 'Shifty' Shayler and Matt 'Pretty Boy' Robson into the coaching positions for this grade, bad luck boys! They ensured that a team was fielded each week. Whilst the results weren't the best the boys certainly made up for it in charisma.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade had a successful season making it for a large part of the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the season unbeaten. This success gained them a spot into the grand finals and Minor Premiers. They narrowly missed out in the Grand Final losing to Petersham. We welcomed Bryn Randall back to coach this Grade.

Special mention goes to Jason Myers who once again captained the side throughout the season and aptly aided Bryn as and when required and who has now played over 300 games!!

The ever ageing 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (no offense guys!!) certainly displayed the commitment of a far younger squad. Unfortunately this commitment was not replicated into results. We also managed to pick up some new faces that joined them through after their extensive pre season looks at the local boozers. We welcomed Luke 'Flea' Barker into the coaching spot aided by the ever ready Ed 'Peace Keeper' Devlin.

The Colts side had an excellent season. This was a much improved side that developed a sense of ownership and commitment throughout the season. These boys did the club proud being minor Premiers and making it all the way to the Grand Final missing out against Newport. This was encouraged by Snookie who coached and developed the boys throughout the season. The addition of Phil Gollins aided throughout the season, we also welcomed old face Graham White who provided assistance when possible. We have a sound player base in this team who have the opportunity to continue the great results next season. Very well done boys!!!

Within the Colts we also had a contender for the Subbies Colt of the Year in Koolio Eteaki who missed out on this award. Even being nominated for this is a great achievement as it encompasses not only 2<sup>nd</sup> Division but 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done mate!!



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A mention to the players that kept the boots on after playing their grade and backed up each week, without you blokes we would have been struggling especially on the further afield away games.

The commitment shown by all the Managers and Coaches throughout the season is who each week tirelessly send emails, text messages, make phone calls and whatever else is what makes it possible to field 5 teams each week, thanks again guys and let's do it all again next season.

The match day supporters that we received from friends, family etc was great to see throughout the season let's see if we can get even more numbers on the hill next season.

We successfully ran a number of events throughout the season, Golf day, Triva night, bus trips, Ladies day, Old Players and Sponsors day, Presentation night and Sports Lunch. These events were all well attended with all those involved having a 'rare tear'. Thanks to those who helped make these events possible.

This being my Second year sitting on the Club Executive I would like to thank entire committee for providing me with the continued guidance and support thought the season.

With the continuing work of the Seniors Committee and the work done in the off season with obtaining sponsors we had a sound base to work with when planning and organising for what was another successful season.

Firstly I would again like to applaud the work that Ants and PG put into planning and organising 1<sup>st</sup> grade jerseys etc ensuring that each jersey had all the appropriate sponsor logos on them. Again thanks for all your help with this.

I would also like to thank all that made the year possible through the assistance of setting up the ground on home match days, assisting in the canteen, running touch, taking down of the ground etc etc. Without this continued assistance we wouldn't be able to function as a club.....Guys you know who you are, Thanks!!

Some financial highlights;

- Smashed the lights out on player fees collecting over \$17k
- Colts fees subsidised by funds raised from Bunnings BBQ
- Over \$9k from sponsorship drive
- Continuing of Seniors Budget (Thanks Ants!)

All the best and see you next season, thanks for making the year possible.

Cheers,

Ronnie.

**MARTINCO**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS





## Senior Award Winners

### Club Awards

Player of the Year	–	Gareth Reynolds
Clubman of the Year	–	Stephen Bush
Rookie of the Year	–	Finau Mahina
Michael Bacon, Players Player	–	Tavite Sakopo
Colt of the Year	–	Joe Tataha
Presidents Award	–	Gordon Matthews & James Lazarus
Supporter of the Year	–	David Close & Jill Douglas

### Game Awards

#### 300 Games

Jason Myers  
Danny Carnevale

#### 100 Games

Scott Mcilveen  
Aaron Malouf  
Dean McBride  
Tim Green  
Joseph Wilson

**Cellarbrations**  
**LUGARNO CELLARS**



## Senior Team Award Winners

1 <sup>ST</sup> Grade	Best Forward	–	Matthew Battishall
	Best Back	–	Mark Peters
	Coaches Award	–	Aaron Malouf
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Best Forward	–	Brendan Lal
	Best Back	–	James Lazarus
	Coaches Award	–	Stewart Evers
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Best Forward	–	Fraser Leavasa
	Best Back	–	Mussolini Schuster
	Coaches Award	–	Steve Mclean
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Best Forward	–	Dean McBride
	Best Back	–	Scott Mcilveen
	Coaches Award	–	Douglas Chalker
Colts	Best Forward	–	Vise Pohahau
	Best Back	–	Daniel Bystrom
	Coaches Award	–	Jarrod Gollins
		–	Alexander McFarlane

## Team Honours

2013 has been another good year for the Oatley Rugby Club.

Congratulations to the following Senior teams for there on Field Success:

Colts - Grand Finalists

3rd Grade -Grand Finalists



## Ist Grade Report

After kicking off pre season training nice and early this year we had a great turn out of both returning and new players, which looked great in giving us a good amount of depth for team selections.

Training this year started off very well with great numbers both Tuesday and Thursday nights, unfortunately mid season numbers drastically dropped off especially on Tuesday nights, which creates a challenge when trying to win championships.

The 1<sup>st</sup> half of the season started well with a convincing win over BOB's and then the next few rounds gave us a mixture of both wins and loses sitting us just out of the top four heading into the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season saw us getting the wins we needed to keep us in contention with the top four. Unfortunately a couple of crucial loses at the back end of the season saw us needing a bit of luck to go our way in order to make semis. The last game came around with us needing a bonus point to secure our spot in 4<sup>th</sup>, which we got in a hard fought game against Newport away at Porter Reserve.

Semi finals saw us facing off against Forest, a team that we hadn't beaten during our previous 2 encounters. There was a feeling of confidence within the group heading into the game and the score line stayed close for the whole game seeing both teams giving little away until the final 10 when Forest capitalised on a penalty kick which at the end of the game was the difference.

A very difficult way to end the season but we are all proud of the efforts of the boys not only in 1<sup>st</sup> grade but in getting 3 Senior Oatley teams to semi finals.

As 1<sup>st</sup> grade coach for the last 4 years, I would like to thank the club for giving me the opportunity to coach at such a strong club. I am extremely proud of the boy's efforts not only in 2013 but throughout my time at Oatley.

I have enjoyed seeing the development and changes in the culture of the club, a very important part of my vision as head coach.

I will miss the time spent with the boys next year and wish them well in the future, but its time to hand over the reigns to someone else to continue building the club and culture within it.

PG



## 2nd Grade Report

First & Foremost on behalf of everyone involved; players, coaching staff & managers I would like to thank the efforts & support of Mum's, Dad's, Girlfriends, Partners, children & pets throughout the year. It has been a pleasure running out onto that field every Saturday with you all cheering us on.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the senior committee In-particular, Anthony Scoon, PG, Richard Rice, Ronald Mackay in particular. Without your tireless efforts behind the scenes and on game day, this club would not be where it is today & this year most definately would not have been so successful. For that all of 2nd Grade say thank you.

Now the formalities have been complete we'll get onto the season that was! Following from the success of last year and the development of the club culture over the past few years there were a number of new faces and an increased talent pool to choose from for all grades. Shifty aka Stiffy, Gordon Matthews aka Gordo & myself (Robbo) were fortunate enough to work together for the 2013 2nd Grade squad. Despite some rough times and arguments from three very passionate coaches we definately brought not only the team closer together but also learnt a thing or two from each other. The ups & downs from a very successful start to the season, to a lull in the middle due to injury & other commitments. On our day 2nd grade had the ability to out play any rugby team. And that proved to be the case on a number of occassions missing the desired result by just a small margin, Nonetheless from a coaching point of view it was certainly one i think we will all remember.

The Squad: With enough Irishman in the team throughout the year to make anyone uncomfortable; the Cooper boys; when not in the bin were some of the more formidble prop combinations in the club & this proved to be the case with each of them playing their part in 1st grade throughout the season. A special thanks goes to Stu Evers- recipient of the Coaches Award, for his comittment week in week out wether in 1st grade or 2nd grade, again a great asset & one of the few short term captains to be binned whilst having the (c) next to his name. There were certainly some surprises with gents like Little Johnny Manahan who to look at, you wouldn't think was effective on the park. But was enormously talented and one of the shining lights & finds this season. A special Mention must be made to Brendan Lai up from colts this season who developed throughout the season building on his already outstanding line out work. It is a tough task being able to consolidate a season of characters, heartache and triumph. The likes of Cal Snook (aka Winnie the Pooh's hubby) and Pud Bull I personally would like to thank you two gents on your efforts. Through injury and through the tough times you always gave 100% and made it clear of your intentions to succeed. That is a testament of your character & drive & we all look forward to your progression next year.

The Pretty boys: or backs as they are more commonly reffered to, was probably one of the more difficult tasks this year. To be able to spend time with 8+ guys, willing to give something new a go was a pleasure being apart of. Unfortunately throughout the year backs were typically the ones to get injured or have dates, so at times we definately had our challenges in maintaining a consistant team. But this Rugby! Accross the backs we had the mix, with Marto's agressive service at the base. He provided the backs with the space and opportunity as well as for himself, notching up a couple of meat pies throughout the season.



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This combined with the likes of Kain & Joshy S, it was a rarity that opportunities weren't presented for the likes of (Best Back) James Lazarus to make a busting run from outside centre through the middle, or to be playing out the back to Eroni who was capable of almost anything throughout the season.

This all sounds good right?? Well on the other hand there were the odd occasions where the ball was taken out of the play and there were opportunities spilt over events. Frustrating? All three coaches are lined up for Ashley and Martin consultations over Christmas. But despite this throughout the squad there was never a blow up. Simply a group decision to pick each other up and try again as a team. And that's what is great about this group of guys.

Finally in closing on behalf of the coaching and playing group we wish those hanging up the boots all the best on the hill for next season! There will always be a spare pair sitting around! To the likes of Jason Meyers, Big Patty we thank your contributions throughout the year. And to everyone else who made this season possible and enjoyable. We'll all see you down at Evatt ready for bigger and better things in 2014.

Cheers Robbo.



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## Colts

2013 - What a journey, What a great season!

The Colts did both themselves and the Oatley Rugby Club Proud. They played in a grand final against Newport, but were unable to bring home silverware.

A core of players for 2012 returned for another Rugby Season, some new faces joined the squad. The number of eligible players was well up, and they came in all shapes and sizes.

We have a specialist Front row, tall fellas to lock the scrum, tenacious looseies and still piggies on the bench. The forwards laid a great platform throughout the season. They gave the backs the quick clean ball that they needed to take most of the Glory.

The talent in the backs was phenomenal. We had an Abundance of players with size, skill, and speed. The princesses jostled all season to secure their favoured position. As a coach it was difficult deciding on a starting line-up each week but when our backline fired, it was simply magic to watch.

The comradely within this team had grown immensely, and discipline on the field was fantastic. The boys were relying on each other and working together. The commitment from the majority of the lads was great. Most turned up to training each week. If we had the same level of commitment from the entire squad, it may have paid dividends doing a few more complete team runs.

The Colts throughout the season displayed great courage and strength of character. On several occasions they were able to lift themselves when falling behind. A few very memorable victories on the paddock can be attributed to this group of young men's self-belief.

The later kick off time saw the boys help out 2nd and 1st grades throughout the season, and when called upon, each player stood up.

Personally, though it's been trying at times, it has been a pleasure to watch these young men develop and grow both individually and as a team. The respect they now have for both themselves and each other. The way they share in both successes and failures, the jubilant feeling of achievement when winning. The supportive and positive attitude they portray when the chips are down. The Journey,

2013 is a season the Colts did both themselves and the Oatley Rugby Club Proud!

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## 3rd Grade Report

It started with a routine BBQ on the lovely south coast, serial pest Jason 'sammy the seal' Myres wouldn't shut up. Come and coach help me out I cant do it all. There are some Somoan boys down and numbers are looking good. We where off, thirsty thirds 2013!

It was a mixing pot of players from just about every continent, as per usual with third grade sides there was constant rotation of players due to injury and unavailability. That did not seem to worry a side that was thoroughly enjoying throwing the ball around and playing without a care. Almost half way through the season and we hadn't lost a game. I very stupidly put up a case of beer for every 4 try bonus point. 9 cases later and we where really living up to the thirsty thirds moniker, throw in some yellow cards, a red one and a couple of bonehead actions and we had a drink most Saturdays.

The backbone of the season was the spirit that all of the playing group displayed to one another and to each other. Not all of our games where smooth sailing there where a couple of close calls but we where able to finish the season as Minor Premiers. Tries and points where shared around with almost all who played gaining a meat pie.

Major Semi final and we played Forest who had beaten us just a few weeks earlier. The guys played fantastically well, a drive from a line out in the first half 30 meters out from the forest line and a rumbling mall all the way to score the first try. As the second half endured, all the hard work the forwards had done earlier started to pay off with the backs cutting loose, 3 tries and a final 28-7 score line sent us through to the grand final.

The Grand Final was against Petersham, a day that didnt end in triumph, although the boys toiled hard right to the end scoring to finish the game. It was a great season, a fun season, thank you to everyone that helped with 3's this year, thanks you to the committee for the grand final party and thanks to all the guys who played and enjoyed time on the park!

Have a great year next year!

Cheers Bryn and Jason



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## 4th Grade Report

And so another season ends, but ends on a high note, as always.

4th Grade had another sterling year, thanks in part to Supercoach Captain King Flea (his words, not mine), and "Director of Rugby" Ed (Mr Bouris) Devlin ("Flea, you're fired!") Umpteen comparisons were made about me and my Flea this season to some of the legends, such as Wally Lewis ("Flea, compared to Wally Lewis you're useless") and some other famous duos - think Laurel & Hardy, Abbot & Costello...

We began pre-season recruitment in the usual haunts (Oatley Pub, Masos, Peakie, Mortie and Peshurst) and even further afield. Thanks to Riverwood Pub, we managed to sign up big Ethan, the man who makes Ronnie look slim (but Ethan is a prop), Dougie Chalker (not Chalk-ner Flea), and Dave Vili ("Dannyhey coach, I want a signing on fee, can I get a pie and a Powerade"). We also brought in Hamish (Monty) and a host of other "celebrities".

We also had the usual suspects such as RJ playing his 200th season for the club, and closing in on his 500,000th game. We had Danny "endone" Carnevale, Sticks, Mick Waudby ("sorry, I can't play" - yes, we know, we've seen you!), as well as the return to rugby of Neemsey, and the recruitment of big Mikey Zirps (usual greeting "sorry boys, I'm hung over") Our first game against Barkers Old Boys was close, and we were narrowly beaten 50-0, however this was the start of great things for the boys. We then lost 17-7 against Kings Old Boys, but this game was also a close run thing.

Round 3 saw us starting to tighten up as a team, and we played strongly against Lindfield, losing 10-7. Then the winning streak began! We took out St Ives 18-5. Then the streak came to an end....with a loss to UNSW (and a further loss of Choppy due to being eye-gouged), however then the winning streak

began again with a win over Brothers of 24-0. The momentum continued, with a win against Peter-sham 11-5, then Newport (28-0) - ok, Newport was a forfeit, but hey, they all count! Three in a row!

We started the next game against Barkers (50-0 loss in the first game), and with only 5 minutes to go in this game, we were leading them 8-5. Unfortunately, Captain King Flea chose this moment to phone me as he couldn't be at the game, so jinxed the result. We crumbled a little due to lack of fitness, losing a couple of quick tries, and eventually going down 22-8. This was, in my opinion, one of the best games of our season (mainly because Flea wasn't there so I got to coach!), but also was a reflection of the boys' hard work and commitment.





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The rest of the season was downhill, with our only win against Newport (28-0, again!) however we had some positives from the season.

Since we had a solid 4th grade team, with plenty of reserves, we were able to field a full squad against other teams who had to use their 3rd grade players to back up their 4th grade. This helped our 3rd Grade make their Grand Finals - One Club! Our ongoing recruitment policy helped bring in players such as Willy Cooper, who played in 3rd Grade Grand Finals, Nick Peacock, and a host of other stars too many to name! Special mention to the mild-mannered Gavin Conibeer, who became his alter ego, the Mad Professor, on match days. We also had some long term injuries this season (Alex Lingard) who was outstanding in his field (or is that - he was out, standing in the field?).

Our talisman, Deano "the midget" also managed to become acting Captain when Danny was out with a dodgy heart-lidge, which was a highlight of his season (Danny's, not Deano's). We had Scotty Mac and Sticksy playing in the Grand Finals for 3rd Grade along with Desmond loane as well. All in all, a good season for the 4th Grade Boys.

As director of rugby, and especially for the new recruits this season, I'll leave you with a handy tip, known as "how to get some respect from Danny Carnevale".

Firstly, you take up a position on the left wing, where you can't do too much damage (to your own team).

Next, you pick your target man, ideally a massive Islander centre who makes Ethan our prop look like he's on the Atkins diet. You then wait patiently until Big Islander gets the ball about ten metres off your try line. Wait until he runs at you, building up speed and momentum, then you run at him as hard as you can. As you bounce off him, going flat on your back, you twist your legs around the tree trunks that he calls legs, and trip the bugger! As your head clears, you'll hear Danny say "Great hit Ed, you showed some real ticker, I can't call you Edwina any more. That took some real guts". You then wait patiently until the game ends, and concussion slowly sets in.

You then milk that tackle for the rest of the season And that, my friends, is how we play rugby the Oatley 4th Grade way!

Fast Ed (Coach/Manager/Player/Speed Bump) and Flea (P/T Coach)



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## Golden Oldies Award Winners

Golden Oldies

Best Oatley Old Boy (BOOB)  
Best Combination

– Ben Te  
– Brick Madley & mini me (Ed)



## Golden Oldies Report

Firstly, a couple of quick trivia questions. What do women do when they get old? They retire - gracefully. What do horses do when they get old? They get put out to pasture. What do Oatley rugby players do when they get old? They join the Sown Oats rugby team and play Golden Oldies! Yes folks, that's right, Oatley Rugby has its very own Golden Oldies rugby team. And before you ask, you can't nominate some of the current squad to play, they have to be over 35 years old to qualify...

This season, we had a number of oldies (and not so oldies) playing for us. We usually play in "invitation only" games, organised on various Sundays throughout the season.

This year, we played at Engadine, Terrey Hills and Penrith (annual bus trip - but more on that later) where we acquitted ourselves admirably.

The core squad consists of The Dictator - Mick Bradley, also known as Brick Madley (among other titles), RJ (will he EVER miss a rugby game?), Beachie (proud father), Richard Rice (El Presidente), Snookie (Colts coach - see boys, he does still play!), Ben Te....(something difficult to spell!), the internationals (Canada, Ed and Danny Carnevale - lets be honest, would you want any of them to be Australian?) and the Knappos - George (about 70 years old and still playing!) and his boys (40 if they're a day!) We also have token Kiwis - Closey and Fatt-sorry- Matt Perreau.

Games are closely contested (basically, the least hungover player has to play full-back and run the ball, the forwards fall over, and the backs run their hands through (what's left of) their hair. So similar to most Subbies Rugby games...!

In most respects, we still play competitively (well, we do the best we can on hungover Sunday mornings) but it's the bus trips we are renowned for (but remember, drink responsibly!) As a team, there isn't any club can beat us (at drinking). Our bus trips involve right handed drinking, left handed drinking, and singing. Lots of singing. Which also includes historic facts. Such as "Jesus can't play rugby 'cos his sandals don't have studs". Bet you never knew that!

I'm not going to mention anything more about bus trips ( what happens on tour stays on tour) but suffice to say, benches are very comfortable....long story!

Ben Te won the BOOB (Best Oatley Old Boy) award for his non stop efforts in every game and he was at just about every one of them. In contrast there were several memorable cameos: Deano ducking under head highs at Terrey Hills, Rosco W steaming through the opposition at will, PJ walking the talk, Lighthouse on fire at the Riff etc.

We also celebrated the inaugural "player of the day" trophy (see our website!) which was won this year by both RJ (for not turning up) and Beachie (who unfortunately did turn up!), which was proudly sponsored by George Knapton - thanks George, you're a true legend of the game.

We are always willing to take new players of any skill level (Scotty Mac, Mick Waudby, I'm talking to you!) so why not come along to see if you've still got it - or you ever had it! Training is at Peakie Pub on Fridays, smoking not compulsory, but the ability to talk a good story about how great you were is.

Remember - the older you get, the better you were!



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