

Social Media Report

IDRU decided to launch a Facebook page, Illawarra Rugby, in 2012. It was launched with the ideal of growing our great game, and extending to those who use social media the most, our youngsters. Since this time, it has shown steady growth, with February 2015 seeing 468 page "likers". That was pretty good within itself, as the page has been shared around and spoken about, people have found out about the great news articles and information that the page shares, in line and alongside the IDRU website.

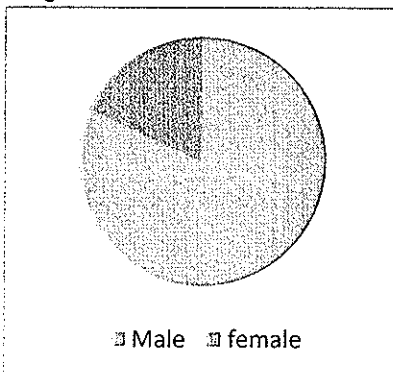
At the time of writing this report, I am very pleased to announce that our page now has 870 likers! That's almost double the number of people who see our information via this social media channel in just 8 months!

This season, we were still sharing the updates, new information, website info, dates and trials, and weekend scores. However, we extended this to have live sideline match updates all throughout the Finals Series! Josh from Balanced Image Studios even did some videos of the winning teams from Grand Final Day, with his photos, which was loaded onto the page on the same day. It turned out to be a fantastic success! For those who support Rugby, they like to know the results. If they could not get to the games, they were informed, updated, and saw the photos and videos. Hopefully, this will be done in future seasons as well.

Here are some interesting stats from posts and info from the Facebook page.

- The wrap up of our Grand Final Day has reached 1,044 people
- The Colts winners video has reached 4,551 people
- 2nd Grade winners video has reached 4,090 people
- 1st Grade winners video has reached 5,373 people
- IDRU Player of the Year photo reached 3,197 people
- Fundraising event for Aita Meafou has reached 3,122 people
- Information across Grand Final Day 'reached' 11,480 people
(A post 'reach' is the number of people that the post was served to)

Page Likers



www.facebook.com/IllawarraRugby/

We look forward to seeing you on the page for the 2016 IDRU Rugby Season!

From: Len Blackmore <blackmore.ruralco@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 6 November 2015 11:37 AM
To: Peter Woods
Subject: IDRU JUNIOR RUGBY REPORT 2015

Dear Peter,

With apologies for being late to the deadline, here is the draft Juniors Report.

Kind regards,
Len

2015 has been a year of transition for junior rugby in the Illawarra District.

Firstly calling out this year's achievements, congratulations to the representative sides who competed in country and state championships, with the older age groups participating in this year's combined country and state championship format. Under 10's and Under 11's were undefeated in their representative season, Under 12's won the Country Championship, U13's had a very successful New Zealand tour and Under 15s and Under 16s performed strongly. Congratulations to the Illawarra players selected in Country and State teams.

In the District competition, championship results were as follows:

- Under 10 - Kiama
- Under 11 - Campbelltown
- Under 13B - Shoalhaven
- Under 13A - Kiama
- Under 14 - sevens format, Bowral
- Under 15 - Shamrocks
- Under 17 - barbarians format, combined Campbelltown/Kiama/Shamrocks/Uni barbarians team

This year we ran major and minor semi-finals at the same venue and our intent is to continue to do that, rotating between clubs who have appropriate facilities.

The challenges faced by junior rugby are common with all contact sports, with declining participation in the older age groups. The view was taken that the primary goal is to have players on the field and consequently we implemented a very successful sevens format in the Under 14's age group, and ran a barbarians format competition in the Under 17's age group. With a transitional mindset in place, the Junior Committee and Board committed to explore ways of developing our sport in different pathways as we could not continue to run matters the same way. Consequently, we will have a revamped structure in 2016 with three groups of junior competition:

- U7 to U9 ('Junior Rugby'). Age group competitions. Junior Rugby will run gala days through the season to complement normal rounds of rugby.
- U10 to U13 ('Development Rugby'). Age group competitions.
- 2nd XV (U14 and U15) and 1st XV (U16 and U17) as 'Competition Rugby'. The competition will be managed by a sub-committee of the IDRU Junior Committee that will focus specifically on the issues pertaining to the recruitment, retention and development of players in these higher level junior age groups. The new competition structure will draw on, and bring together, a range of existing junior recruitment and development initiatives as well as align closely with current ARU and IDRU

coaching and refereeing pathways. It will be run in combined club 'franchises' in cases where single clubs cannot field full numbers. Additionally, we are in discussion with Southern Districts to include their teams in this competition.

We are also streamlining representative and elite player pathways to ensure alignment between the rugby bodies (IDRU Representative program, Junior Gold Program and Illawarra Institute of Sport), providing a better player and supporter experience, and more efficient use of funding. This will cover not just players but coaches also.

Lastly, thanks to the Board, in particular Peter Woods for his tireless support and encouragement, Dion Miller for driving innovation and reinforcing rugby values, Scott McKellar for treasury support, and John Masters and Peter Leiner for organising venues, awards and structure. Thanks to Chris Sellar of NSWRU for the outstanding development work he does. I would also like to acknowledge all junior presidents of the clubs in the Illawarra who have taken the step above club rivalry, to focus on a strong and sustainable competition in our District. Finally, thanks to Jim Scardanas, Mark Clark, Gloria Vann and all the junior referees for driving the referee development program.

Len Blackmore
Chairman, Junior Committee

IDRU JUDICIARY REPORT 2015 SEASON

This season the Judiciary Committee comprised Brian Baird, Bryan Leo, Michael Devitt, Jonathon Wheaton, Ian Westwood and Tom Ellicott. Tom Ellicott withdrew early in the season and Ian Westwood was unavailable for a substantial period due to Coaching obligations at Representative level. Brian Baird was also on leave for about 4 weeks.

The Committee met regularly on Wednesday evenings at the Illawarra Master Builders Club dealing with in excess of 40 send-offs, citings or reviews.

Prior to the commencement of the current season with the assistance of John Peedom, Peter Leiner and John Masters several substantial alterations and updates were made to the Competition Rules, Judiciary Procedures and associated forms. The most innovative change providing the facility in Rule 12.10 of the Judiciary Procedures for players in respect of an offence listed in Appendix 5 of the Rules to complete a response and there no longer be any need for the player to attend the hearing provided the Referee notes the offence as a lower end offence and the player has not been ordered off previously in the same year. This facility was not availed of this season.

The Committee is indebted John Peedom for the time and expertise he provided in completing the drafting of the amendments and their submission to the Board.

The Committee with the assistance of Jonathon Wheaton has undertaken a new short form of reporting the Committee outcomes to the Board which must be of assistance to players and clubs.

In dealing with send-offs this year the Committee makes the following observations and comments for the assistance of the Board:

- There was observed a spike in referee abuse and firm penalties were handed out. The abuse invariably followed a

decision by a referee to issue a red card to a player and there was a preponderance of these issues with Juniors

- It is suggested that the Judiciary be given the ability to fine or impose penalties on clubs in 2016 when a player is red carded for abuse of a match official. If the referees continue to be abused, it is obvious that we won't have any left, and then won't have a competition etc etc.

- Continue to see an alarming amount of juniors appear before the judiciary generally for illegal tackles and abuse of referees.

- Suggest (again) that the process for juniors needs to be reformed. Perhaps Clubs can be given a set of guidelines to develop a response to junior player red cards. They may be able to decide the penalty and any restorative elements for the player such as running the line, complete referee course, coaching a young side etc. Then clubs have to submit their response to the judiciary for sign off, and the judiciary can accept or make changes or ask the junior to attend if too serious.

- Alternatively, it might be considered that a separate panel be established for Juniors with powers to counsel, review and provide alternate penalties or instruction for the young players.

- Coaches should be more involved with this procedure as it apparent that many players display an attitude to the game that does not necessarily have regard to good sportsmanship

- Suggest that the system of yellow cards be reviewed.

Invariably the infringement resulting in a yellow card may not warrant a send-off and the yellow card serves its purpose . the second infringement resulting in an automatic red card may be similarly minor but IRB 10.5 (b) makes no provision for discretion. It might be considered there are two options (may be more). That the player having served time on the sideline not be required to attend the Judiciary having served the penalty or that the Referee ensure that he provides full details of each offence and in particular the attitude of the player when awarded each card to enable the

Committee to have more insight into the offences when considering further penalties.

- Generally - Clubs continue to struggle with completing the right procedures for their players who have been red carded.e.g.completion of the Player Response Form.

It is obvious that Club Administrators don't read the Competition Rules or the Judiciary Procedures and that there is a lack of communication between the players and the clubs when players are required to attend following a send off.

- Again, Clubs/players can make the system work a lot better if the Committee is provided with a complete Player Response Form setting out the player's intention and in particular whether they will be attending or not. If admitting the offence full details of the player's history, explanation of the incident and any details that might assist the Committee in determining an outcome. It might also let the committee members know whether or not they need to keep the time free.
- Again juniors should have a parent or guardian countersign the Response form and attend with the player.
- With Clubs from Campbelltown, Tablelands and Shoalhaven it appears to be a problem with meetings and 5.30pm and the committee believes the time should be changed to 6.00pm
- Citings by Clubs continue to be mismanaged and Clubs should be warned of their obligation to undertake the prosecution of citings where perhaps there might be consideration given to an initial procedure for mediation or discussion with an Administrative official before proceeding with a citing.

I wish to thank Peter Leiner as Rugby Chairman for his assistance as well as the Club Officials who provided the material for the respective hearings and assisted the Committee with provision of player histories enabling the members of the committee to reach a fairer decision. I also wish to thank the staff of the Master Builders Club for the assistance in setting up the meetings and their conduct on Wednesday evenings in managing the parties attending the meetings.

Finally, my thanks to the members of the Committee who attended and dealt with the many issues over the season many of which were far from easy especially in dealing with the juniors whom we are keen to encourage but often need to be tempered.

Brian Baird
Chairman of the Judiciary Committee
September 2015

RUGBY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2015

Our season is now well and truly over with clubs now in AGM mode and reviewing their season and looking at season 2016.

Our draw for 2016 has been discussed with all clubs with the competition kicking off in March and finishing in late August, this being a radical approach attempting to shorten the season and clubs not having a long run up to the start of the competition. Most clubs have been very positive in this approach and thanks need to go to Dion Miller and Darin Crofts for organising month end meetings attended by clubs to help formulate next year's competition.

This year's competition started with clubs trying hard to get the Colts competition going with 7 clubs nominating but finally finishing with 3 clubs fielding teams and producing some great games. Thanks to Camden, Campbelltown and University to sticking with their Colts. Clubs all realise the future of their club is with Colts that bring in new and young players to support the senior members and create a vibrant competition.

We lost Engadine and Wollondilly to the Sydney competition from our 3rd grade group but with inclusion of Campbelltown joining our competition and adding a new dimension we were able to support 10 teams in 1st and 2nd grade with 7 teams in 3rds. Unfortunately Shoalhaven, Kiama, Bowral could not field 3rds with a couple of teams struggling for numbers towards the end of the year.

The only real stick in the mud was the weather that created problems toward the competitions end and some teams having to fulfil their obligations under slight duress. All credit to these clubs for fulfilling their obligations.

Rugby Link became a reality taking over from MyRugby that created frustration with clubs wanting to register, transfer and receive players. Clearances of players was one of the contentious areas and we have been assured that the bugs will be ironed out for 2016. Meeting with our club registrars also created more questions than answers but a lot were resolved after putting them to the Rugby Link organisation with positive replies. As Registrar Ron Wood spent a lot of time helping clubs resolve their problems till his untimely resignation with Darin Crofts and Scott McKellar taking up the slack and doing a great job in the joint role of district registrar.

The IDR competition rules and IDR judiciary procedures were also addressed this season and my thanks go out to John Peedom, Brian Baird and Ron Wood for the untiring and unwavering efforts that were put in to create two documents that were the core of our competition whereby it was felt that they were a lot clearer for clubs to understand on where they stood on various matters. Naturally there is always room for improvement and with the new season looming I dare say a revision will take place.

Thanks to our judiciary that sat regularly throughout the competition on Wednesday nights at the Builders Club. Their rulings were fair and in some cases quite tough but the fact that players had to front the judiciary for misdemeanours from referee abuse, high tackles, dangerous play shows that the judiciary did their job without fear or favour. 19 players received suspensions or severe reprimands with a couple of appeals and this information can be found on our web site under judiciary rulings.

Shoalhaven, Camden and Shamrocks were the venues for our finals series with the big one at WIN Stadium. To those clubs thank you all for making their respect days a positive in well organised days for competing teams to display their skills at well prepared grounds.

Grand final day was again a great deal of pleasure to be involved in. Preparation for this day was started months ago and the behind the scene work that was put in by board members

created a day we can be proud of. The day ran without a hitch from start at 8am to the finish at 5pm being a long day but well worth it and congratulations must go the Avondale 1sts, Camden 2nds, Vincentia 3rds and university colts for their grand final wins with games going right down to the wire.

Our awards night was another great event with Campbelltown Harlequins Captain Adam Choice taking out the top award for the IDRU Player of the Year. Coach of the Year went to Bowral mentor Paul Frea in his first year as a senior grade coach. The region's top volunteers were also recognised with Peter McBride from Camden taking Senior Volunteer of the Year and Bowral's Mark Clarke winning the Junior Trophy. The Dexter Porter Blood Cup went to Shamrocks in what was a record year for the blood drive. It was estimated that over 500 people benefited from the drive in this year's record number of donations.

This year more emphasis was put on the match day controllers where we encourage the clubs to cover this area on match day. Some clubs still suffered with lack of volunteers but those that did do the job thank you for your efforts on game day you're a vital link to a successful day.

In all this we can't forget the referees association who gained 4 new referees to our zone with one eventually doing the 3rd grade grand final, congratulation to Ross Williamson. A couple of the referees did their 1st grade debuts them being Ethan Macintosh and Wayne Cusack with Wayne being nominated referee of the year at the IDRU Awards night as being judged one of our best by the clubs.

Our web site this year was well supported by the rogue and belatedly the butlers blurb. We had numerous other clubs have input with events at their grounds. This is one area where you the clubs should utilise your web site to get info out to all and sundry to help grow our great game and keep people informed. I'd like to thank Tony Feiertag in his work to maintain our web site even though he no longer resides in the Illawarra.

Facebook was a resounding success with minute-to-minute updates throughout the finals series started by Darin Crofts and then Larissa McKellar who did a great job in maintaining the integrity of our facebook site so that people could see scores and great info all over the world.

The icing on the cake this year was our 2015 Illawarriors beating Newcastle 24-14 at Bowral rugby's Eridge Park to take out the Caldwell cup which has been doing the rounds of all our clubs since May.

Finally again thanks to the IDRU board for their support and advice when again tough decisions had to be made which didn't please some clubs but got the results that were needed.

Peter Leiner

Rugby chairman, Illawarra district rugby union

GRAND FINAL DINNER PRESENTATIONS 16th September 2015

Grand Final Dinner:

- Player of the Year Adam Choice
- Runner Up in Player of year Paul Tuala
- Top Points Scorer Adam Choice
- Top Try Scorer Ryan Lonsdale
- IDRU Coach of the Year Paul Frean
- Senior Volunteer of the Year Paul McBride Camden
- Junior Volunteer of the Year
Illawarra/Bowral Mark Clark
- Dexter Porter Cup Shamrocks
- Referee of the Year Wayne Cusak
- Senior Representative Player of the Year Paul Tuala
- Under 20 Representative Player of the Year Jake Coleman
- Senior Country Representative Players:
Minter, Andrew Barrett, Rapini Mason, Andrew Rae, Tim Windle Paul Tuala, Eli Sinoti, Mark
- Under 20 Country Representative Players:
Thompson, Brad Reed Liam Antrobus, Reuben

IDRU Trophies:

- First Grade Minor Premiers Avondale
- Second Grade Minor Premiers Avondale
- Third Grade Minor Premiers Vincentia
- Club Championship Avondale
- Halfway Cup Avondale
- John Hayne Interclub Shield Avondale

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS 2014/15 season

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Meetings</u>	<u>Extraordinary Meeting</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>non-Attendance</u>	<u>total Attendance</u>	<u>Resigned</u>
Peter Woods	12	1			11	
Tony Feiertag	4				4	february 2nd
Peter Leiner	12	1	1		10	
Scott Mckellar joins march 2015	5	1			4	
Darin Crofts	12	1		2	9	
john Masters	12			2	10	
Dion Miller joins board feb 2nd	10	1			9	
Len Diggins	12		3	5	4	
Len Blackmore	12			4	8	

Meeting Dates

<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>meetings</u>
november 24th 14 general	1
december 1st 14 general	2
january 5th general	3
february 2nd general miller joins as vice pres. , feie	4
march 2nd general	5
march 30th general mckellar joins as treasurer	6
may 4th general	7
june 1st general leiner attended but not showi	8
july 6th general	9
july 13th extra	10
august 3rd general guest-chris sellars	11
september 7th general	12

elections 2014 for 2014/2016

peter woods
len blackmore
peter leiner
darin crofts
no treasurer
scott mckellar march 2015

2015 AGM

up for election 2015/2017

len diggins
john masters
dion miller

ILLAWARRA DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

- Played 2 games vs the North Harbour Rays
 - ✓ 26 September Lost 55 – 29
 - ✓ 10 October Won 31 – 21
- We have been there only loss in the 5 games they have played
- Scoring system was 5 Try and 3 for a Conversion
- Originally selected two separate squads of 24 players to play
- Each squad had 2 training runs together to get acquainted with the parts of the system we will be implementing next season for the 2016 Country Champs
- Of the 51 players we selected
 - ✓ Had 38 different player play over the 2 games with 7 players doubling up due to injury withdrawals
 - ✓ 10 players withdrew due to Injury
 - ✓ 2 players said no thanks
 - ✓ 1 player signed to play with West Harbour next season
 - ✓ Only 9 players from the 2015 Illawarra campaign played as we wanted to see and try other players at this level to ascertain how they would be able to handle themselves at the next level
- All the clubs were represented with at least one player
- we also drew on Local colts players who will be looking to make the Colts team for next season to train with us as well so we could have 2 full squads at training.

The first game was full of players who hadn't played in a month as a lot of them hadn't made the finals or were eliminated in week 1.

The first 15 minutes the Rays scored 4 tries and led 29 nil due to the new scoring system, they had some good pace on the outside and made us pay for any errors or misdirected kicks early. Things could have been bad for us from then on but the Guys settled into their work once they found their legs and 2nd wind and held their own for the next 60 minutes. It was a combination of early nerves and apprehension on what we were actually facing.

The pace of the game was much faster and cleaner than what the guys had experienced at club level, they acquitted themselves well and did themselves, club and Illawarra jersey proud.

The 2nd game we as a Coaching staff had a better indication of what to expect and having 7 players involved in the first game helped as well. We started much better and did not let them assert themselves early as they had in the first game. We scored first in the game of a turnover and went 70m to score to take the lead, they scored next then we scored again before they tied the score for us to be locked up at 16 – 16 at halftime. In the second half we led all the way as well, scoring 3 tries to 1 to win 31 – 21.

- Of note we had scrum parity in both games

- Our lineout functioned well winning quality ball
- Our first phases sets put them under real pressure at times with us penetrating the line or at least getting gain line dominance
- The pace of the game was very quick
- Breakdown was a lot tidier with less numbers required to win ball or maintain it
- With limited preparation time the guys picked up the parts of the Attacking and Defensive system we implemented very well which showed on the field
- The Rays had been together longer than us and had played two games together before our first game against them. They then played again the week after our first game before we played them again on the weekend.
- We have now exposed a wider group of players to rep rugby and also brought in a lot of Colts to train with us during the programme which has also exposed them to what is required at the Senior level as far as training habits and also with our system
- Feedback from all the players has been positive with regards to the set up and also playing at that next level.

Cheers

Shaun

Note

On the 3rd of October we invited 43 Colts players to a training day at Campbelltown rugby club to give them a taste of the programme for next season.

Of that 33 players showed up to train, we had 5 out with injuries and 4 players out due to other commitments.

We were able to put them through a day of training with skill work, whiteboard sessions, and implementation of parts of the system they will run next season. It was a good day though very hot, the young men trained and applied themselves well considering the heat and the fact it was also the long weekend.

All the clubs were represented except Kiama as they had no players registered with their Senior Club this season that will qualify for Colts next season.

CAMDEN RUGBY CLUB

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2015

While we considered 2015 to be a year of re-building our ranks after the 1st Grade successes of the previous two years, it is most pleasing to see that we came away with another premiership in 2nd Grade. With a number of long-serving players in this team, it was wonderful to see a very gutsy effort in the Grand Final to overcome a very good Avondale side 20-15.

1st Grade suffered through most of the forward pack being unavailable due to injury or representative commitments in the first half of the season, and fell short of the semi-finals. A wonderful effort however by Gavin Holder in his first year as coach, while also captaining the side. Next year looks very promising!

3rd Grade struggled for consistency, and numbers, which resulted in them falling short of a semi's position, however as always, those who did commit to the season enjoyed much camaraderie and fun.

A shining light for us this year was the Colts side. While they were mostly on the wrong side of the score-sheet, they played well as a team, and several players enjoyed many games in the higher grades. These fellows also proved to be great club-men doing more than their fair share in the clubhouse, and look to give us a good flow of players in the coming years.

My thanks to the members of the Committee who have put in a great amount of time and effort to support the club through the season. Along the way, we helped raise \$2,500 for the R.U.O.K Foundation, and \$650 for the Jane McGrath Foundation.

Special mention to one of our Committee, Peter McBride, who did an enormous amount of work for the club this year, most specifically the development of the equivalent of a "Men's Shed" arrangement, which brought between 6 and 22 retired gents to the clubhouse and grounds every Friday through the season for repairs, cleaning, and ground maintenance. These men have enjoyed much club spirit and the players will surely benefit from their work in the coming years. Peter's efforts did not go unrecognized with his winning of the "Volunteer of the Year" award at IDRU.

It costs a lot of money to run a club like Camden, and while the above events raised significant income, the bulk of our funds came through the generosity and support of our sponsors.

Finally, I feel strongly that we are in the middle of a golden period for this club, and I look forward to seeing the fruits of our labour in the coming years.

Peter Windle

President

Staff

From: Graham Letham <g.j.letham@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 2 October 2015 4:23 PM
To: Peter Woods
Subject: Tech Waratahs 2015

On the playing field 2015 has been a tough year and ultimately a disappointing year for TechTahs. We were unable to improve on the promise shown by our first grade squad in 2014 and despite our best efforts finished with the wooden spoon in first grade this year. However I believe we competed strongly throughout the competition and gave many teams a good contest and a run for their money. A major problem for us was the constant and continual change in first grade playing personnel. At no stage were we able to field the same team two weeks in a row and in fact we had over fifty players take the field in first grade during the season. Hardly a recipe for success.

Despite registering over one hundred players during the year we repeatedly experienced difficulty fielding three teams with many players forced to play two or even three games in an afternoon. This detracted from the performances of all our teams. Unfortunately this also eventually led to the collapse of our third grade team which resulted in it forfeiting many games and finishing last in the competition.

However a big thank you and well done to all the players, coaches and managers who soldiered on through the season and especially our club registrar, Wayne Ireland, who coped with the increasingly complex player registration processes with his usual skill.

Thank you also to all our sponsors, supporters and club helpers but especially our long time major sponsor, Wiseman Park Wollongong City Bowling Club and our new for 2015 front of jersey sponsor, Multi Civil and Rail.

Finally, congratulations to all the minor premier teams and the grand final winners.

Graham Letham
President
Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby Club

Kiama Rugby Season Review – 2015

Kiama have had a fairly successful 2015, with the club making it to the finals for the first time in many years, and 2nd grade performing quite well. But the season has not been without its challenges.

We were unable to re-establish 3rd grade or a colts side, and this had a flow on effect as the season grew in length and the injury toll began to mount. Unfortunately this led to the club forfeiting a round of rugby this year.

The competition faces some tough challenges in the coming years, as the battle for the younger players intensifies and the sporting landscape changes. We need to think outside the box, and the new Colts competition next year is a step in the right direction.

In our home paddock the club is working hard on attracting new players, whilst retaining current players, and hopefully enticing back some previous players. We are targeting a 3rd grade next season, but it is a big challenge.

Off the field the club is stronger than ever, with new blood coming into the committee and the Sevens continuing to thrive.

Bring on 2016 – Kiama is Rugby.



THE MALLEE BULLS

University of Wollongong Rugby Club 2015

It was another satisfying season for the University Rugby Club.

On the field for the senior club, the Colts won back to back premierships under the coaching of Lee Tanks and Geoff Devitt. Firsts came oh so close losing to deserved winners Avondale in the Grand Final. Seconds lost the Final to eventual premiers Camden, from a seemingly unbeatable position. Thirds lost to eventual premiers Vincentia in the Final. Second in the club championships by the barest of margins.

In the juniors the U15s were grand finalists and the U13s finalists.

There were many reasons for the Club's success in 2015.

The Board worked effectively to provide the off field support for our diligent and professional coaching staff to deliver for all our teams from 1sts to U7s.

The match day canteens for both seniors and juniors were very popular with home and away crowds and for the seniors one of the highlights was the home game after-match get-together and meal at the Sports Lounge organised by our "Canteen Ladies".

Of course, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the support we received in 2015 from our 19 sponsors, regardless of their level of support. All of these sponsors have been acknowledged regularly on our playing and training strips, in our weekly newsletter, the Mongrel, on our website, at our home ground and at all of our social events.

Dr. Bob Wheway
President