



MOSMAN JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

2016 ANNUAL REPORT





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016

Mosman Junior Rugby Club is the largest junior rugby club in NSW and continues to lead the way in NSW with our rugby initiatives, the delivery of all aspects of rugby union in our community and the collective management of our club and its assets.



In this Olympic year, special mention to our National Womens 7s team for their impressive gold medal in Rugby 7s. This was the inaugural year of Rugby 7s inclusion as an Olympic sport. To our Fijian neighbours, your Olympic gold in the men's 7s, was very deserved, and you have won the hearts of many worldwide with your humble victory. Congratulations.

We have a committed team of 14 Committee members, who meet monthly all year to enable the facilitation of rugby in Mosman in the best interest of

our Members. We have 10 Age Group Co-ordinators, managing individual age groups from U6 - U16, and the brilliant Coaches and Managers within these age groups, the Referees, Assistant Referees and Ground Marshalls, all devoting their time and energy throughout the season directly to our players. A sincere thank you to all of you who have stepped up and got involved for the 2016 season. Your devotion to this Club is valued and appreciated.

We commenced the season with a MJRC initiative to run a Viva 7s Gala Day - the non-contact form of Rugby Union - to engage our community in an enjoyable introduction to the 2016 season, and to invite surrounding clubs to engage in Viva 7s. We promoted the game of Viva 7s for the ARU who were appreciative of our broad mindedness in growing the game to such clubs as Lane Cove and Norths Pirates and leading the way in NSW for rugby participation and grassroots growth.

Our Registration Day was held in February 2016 at the offices of one of LJ Hooker, our platinum sponsor. We plan to continue this mutually beneficial relationship with our long term sponsor, however will look at changing the location of the registration day for 2017, utilising our clubhouse and grounds, promoting a Viva 7s style gala family day, while still engaging the strong presence of LJ Hooker, and our other sponsors on the day. Registrations were still strong across most age groups, despite a general downward trend across the state.

Our Girls Competition registrations were again growing in year five, and a special mention to our Girls Coordinator, Libby Adler, who has managed this group and delivered a great program for our Girls Competition. Libby and Lucy Hookway both leave us this year as their girls move on from the Junior Club. It is with great appreciation that I say thank you on behalf of Mosman Juniors to both of them for their involvement and commitment to growing girls participation in Rugby and being leaders in this area.

I plan to have a perpetual trophy for the girls competition, named after Libby, and it will be awarded each year for the girl exhibiting the most Sportswoman-like conduct and spirit on and off the field during the season. It will be named the Adler Award.



During the season, every month, and often more frequently, we sent EDM's to our database of parents and players updating them on upcoming events, scheduling and news from around the club. Our Facebook and Instagram social media channels have been successful in delivering messages and real time information to our members. We are in fact leaders in this space for community clubs in NSW and sincere thanks goes to this year's Clubman of the Year, Mike Boyd. He has managed to enhance the professionalism, branding and communication of all our technology resources at MJRC.

Well-deserved award Boydy. #legend.

Our tours are the highlight of the calendar for many of our players and offer more than rugby alone - they are character building and provide important development of our young Mosman men. This year our tours included, the U15 Samoan Tour; our much anticipated and brilliant U12 New Zealand Cudas Tour; the U12 - U13 inbound Upper Clutha NZ Tour with a memorable ANZAC dawn service, laying a wreath with our allies; and the inbound U12 Queensland Brothers Rugby Tour in a State vs State battle in its successful second year vying for the John Eales Shield.

The annual events are always a highlight and this year was no different. The Jeans and Jersey night was hosted by our U8 age group and coincided with our Brothers Tour, and they joined us for our traditional 'Welcome to the Season' event at the Whalehouse. The Samoa Tour lunch early in the season, the Cudas Lunch at Allianz Stadium and of course our Annual Ball, in this Olympic year, with a fun Rio theme. Thank you for the devotion of time and energy to these events by the organisers, and thank you for being involved in the community and coming along to these annual events on our MJRC calendar.

Towards the end of the season our committee discussed the need to stop and re-assess our Club, its current status and future direction in a strategic planning day. This was a successful offsite meeting with significant positive outcomes, some of which have already been actioned, most of which will be realised in the coming season. My introductory address is shown in Appendix 1, to show the intended purpose of the day and the planned future direction of our club.

Our Core Values and Principles for our future were unanimously agreed and we intend to keep these principles in all we do at MJRC. See Table 1 for these important core values and also the next steps in Table 2.



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MOSMAN JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY - SUMMARY

Table 1 Core Values

Core Value	Definition	Explanation
Excellence	We Strive for Excellence	In all we do. In administration and facilitation of Rugby to our community, as well as in achieving optimal development and success for our playing members
Passion	We share a Passion for the Game	We love Rugby. We share a common enthusiasm for our sport. It binds us as a Club.
Inclusion	We foster principles of Inclusion	We encourage all levels of rugby ability and we aim to involve all members of our rugby community in the active participation of our game and in the true spirit.
Community	We are a Community	We deliver rugby to our local Mosman rugby community and we promote the participation and benefits of playing rugby and being involved in all aspects of the game and its growth.
Development	We aim to achieve all aspects of Player Development	Imparting knowledge, developing our players, their rugby skills, their understanding and appreciation of the game and all it offers.
Fun	We promote Friendship and Fun	We play ultimately for the enjoyment of Rugby and to make new friendships and nurture existing friendships in our rugby community.



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Table 2 Next Steps and Outcomes

Considerations	
Detailed document of outcomes	Strategy document prepared prior to end of season. Commence implementations
Director of Rugby - recruitment and employment	Requirement for a Director of Rugby role to grow the Club in all other areas in line with professional approach, development of coaches. Clear KPI's and deliverables required.
Consider Letter of Merger with Seniors	What are the compelling reason to proceed? Culture differences. Can we achieve an equitable arrangement? Financial considerations and governance issues to be defined.
Retention and Recruitment	Direct link with Mosman schools (Game On) and NSWRU as feeder and promotion of Rugby, Viva 7s growth, 7s program, other. Retention specific to older age groups, pathway, representative rugby.
Tours	Template for future tours. Funding expectations. Ethos and goals of each tour. Brothers - State vs State. Cudas - Better Boys Make Better Men. Samoa - create clear ethos and criteria to tour.
Sponsorship	Current income and partnerships; potential new partners investing in our sport and demographic, predicted revenue, document committing to execution of value to sponsors; leveraging opportunities
Viva 7s	Source of future revenue for the junior club. This year predicted to have 100 teams of up to 12 players. Senior involvement vs independence, paid administration issues, junior club growth and maximising participation
Comms and Website/Marketing	Laying foundation for potential new committee to take over. Maximising comms with players (instagram), parents (FB and EDM) and external parties (website). Quantifying online value to sponsors, optimising valuable MJRC brand and demographic
Grounds and Facilities	Investment in improvement of grounds. Some significant research and discussions to occur with council, government (for grants), investment in potential plans, discussions with other sports, 3-5 year plan.



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Congratulations to our finalists for the 2016 season (Table 3) and our one victorious team, the mighty U12 Sharks. Brilliant year boys, and thank you Bill, Ben and Rachel.

Table 3 - 2016 MJRC Finalists

Date	Day	Start	AG/Div	Home Team	Away Team	Field
28/08/16	Sun	09:00	U10/A	10 Harbord Harlequins Gold	10 Mosman Whales	DENZIL JOYCE
28/08/16	Sun	13:00	U10/C	10 Lane Cove Gold	10 Mosman Dolphins	RAWSON
28/08/16	Sun	14:00	U10/E	10 Mosman Sharks	10 Manly Roos Red	RAWSON
28/08/16	Sun	09:00	U11/B	11 Mosman Whales	11 Newport Breakers	RAWSON
28/08/16	Sun	10:00	U11/G	11 Mosman Sharks	11 Lane Cove	RAWSON
28/08/16	Sun	11:00	U12/E	12 Chatswood Highlanders	12 Mosman Dolphins	RAWSON
28/08/16	Sun	12:30	U12/G	12 Lindfield Bucks	12 Mosman Sharks	TRYON No 1
28/08/16	Sun	13:00	U14/E	14 Collaroy	14 Mosman Whales	GRIFFITH

To our sponsors - Allianz Stadium, LJ Hooker, Commonwealth Bank Private, 3Corp, Olympus Sports, Design and Construct and Orthocare Orthodontics - thank you for partnering with Mosman Junior Rugby Club and your continued valued support of our Club. We are very appreciative of your involvement and look forward to leveraging our partnerships to provide further enhancement to our mutually beneficial relationships.

We have amongst many other achievements, become more professional. We have updated an old version of our Constitution to be more clearly in line with our Junior Club of 2016 and beyond. We have introduced Viva 7s as the pilot club across NSW and lead the way nationally for this non-contact and fast form of the game. We have drawn up clear governance protocols for its administration and shared and provided models and information to our neighbouring clubs in an effort to truly grow the game. We have run Gala Days, media stories, with the South African and Canadian men's 7s teams in the lead up to the Olympics, filming for the ARU website for Viva 7s and maintained a broad view of engaging many people in rugby, leading grassroots participation.

Our committee has grown in number and our volunteers are skilled and enthusiastic. We are fortunate to have many great people in our Mosman area devoting their time to the enjoyment and development of our players. Thank you to our amazing group of Committee Members who have been tireless in their commitment. To the outgoing members, thank you and to all volunteers who share the common passion for rugby, thank you.

Thank you for the privilege of leading MJRC for 2015 and 2016. With a designated two-year term as President of our great Club, I now stand aside and am very content in the knowledge that we are moving forward and leading the way in grassroots rugby in NSW. It is not without its challenges. However MJRC is firmly committed to growing and developing our game and providing enjoyable competition for our young local rugby players. As the first female President, I have been honoured to be involved and supported by some wonderfully committed rugby enthusiasts who have provided pillars of strength and encouraged leadership for its merit and without judgement. It has been a pleasure.

See you on the sidelines

Katrina Oxenham

MJRC PRESIDENT 2016



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REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2016

2016 Mosman Junior Rugby Club Registration day was held in February at LJ Hooker House, the office of our Platinum Sponsor, LJ Hooker Mosman. Thank you to Richard Harding, Geoff Smith and the LJ Hooker Mosman team for facilitating the annual launch of the 2016 rugby season.

Joining the registrars on Registration Day were Katrina Oxenham, Club President, and the Minis Coordinator, Anthony Hunt. Russell Ekas from Olympus Sports and Orthocare Orthodontics also joined us on the day.

The final numbers of Mosman Junior Rugby Club players for 2016 are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: MJRC Players by Age Group

	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	Girls	Total
2016	44	44	78	65	66	51	58	40	25	29	5	96	601
2015	36	56	63	85	46	56	57	48	47	48	24	86	652
2014	43	44	76	59	80	64	47	71	62	32	63	57	698

274 Juniors and 231 Minis players registered in 2015 across 15 Junior and 27 Minis teams. There were 96 girls registered in the Girls Competition. This means the Mosman Junior Rugby Club continues to be the largest junior rugby club in NSW. Despite this, there was decline of 51 players from the previous year. The declines appeared in U7, U9, U11, U13, U14, U15 and U16 groups. This reduction in numbers was offset by strong growth in the U6, U8 and U10. There was a solid increase in the Girls Competition. The decline appears to have occurred across all Clubs in the SJRU competition.

The Registrars also arranged the awards and trophies at the end of the season. Thank you to Sydney Awards and Trophies for providing an excellent service. The Minis trophies were presented at the Minis Gala Day at the Whalehouse, Rawson Oval on 3 September. It was a successful day with high attendance. The Most Valuable Player and Most Improved Players are only awarded to the U8s and U9s in the Minis.

The Juniors U10 to U16 awards ceremony was also held at The Whalehouse on 4 September. A big turnout from all the teams helped make the day a great success.



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The award recipients are shown in **Table 2**.

Table 2: MJRC Most Valuable & Improved Players

Team Name	Most Valuable Player	Most Improved Player
U8 Dolphins	Daniel Hunt	Jack Whittingham
U8 Marlins	Douglas Raper	Jack Reynolds
U8 Morays	Noah Carter	Daniel Tubbs
U8 Seadragons	Maxwell Steinberg	Oliver Piper
U8 Sharks	George Wormwell	Artaban de Lacharriere
U8 Stingrays	Austin Short	George Scammell
U8 Whales	Austin Durrant	Lewis James
U9 Dolphins	Anderton Stock	Sam O'Brien
U9 Marlins	Max Brownie	Jaylen Steer
U9 Sharks	Oliver Hekking	Charlie Horton
U9 Stingrays	Leo Dearlove	Lachlan Warburton
U9 Whales	James Munro	Jack Albert
U10 Whales	Rory Cope	Tom Hartman
U10 Dolphins	Darby Crowley	Dylan Aifantis
U10 Sharks	Ambrose Hennessy	Addison Hodge
U10 Stingrays	Ronan Renshaw	Will Soutter
U11 Whales	Milo Hogarth- Scott	Will Feely
U11 Dolphins	Roley Crookes	Aiden Renshaw
U11 Sharks	Jack Mulder	Mitchell Turner
U12 Whales	Will Tanner	Oscar Evans
U12 Sharks	Fynn Leach	George Tams
U13 Whales	Henry O'Donnell	Henry Bennett
U13 Dolphins	Oliver Longworth	Will Gribben/Ashton Lyne
U14 Whales	Connor Garrett	Henri Ridal

All teams had an official team photo taken after their presentation. Special thanks must go to Advanced Life Photography for being the appointed photographer at both Presentation Days.



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A special presentation was made to boys who had played 100 Games with the Club as at the end of the 2015 season. All boys awarded in 2016 began their rugby careers with MJRC as U6s and are now in the U12 or U13 age group. Congratulations on 100 games goes to the following players:

Charlie Soutter
Hugh Crookes
Hunter Folkes
Jack Thrift-Jones
James Starling
Louis McKay
Oscar Evans
Wilson McMullan
Hugo Garner
Jamie Miller
Patrick Dunstan
Toby Brandon
Harry Spice
Baxter Mutton
Oliver Longworth

We look forward to maintaining a great junior rugby club in 2017.

Sarah Allsopp
MJRC MINIS REGISTRAR 2016

Sam Smith
MJRC JUNIORS REGISTRAR 2016



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TREASURER'S REPORT 2016

The financial year 2016 delivered a **net surplus of \$88,342** to the Club (surplus FY 2015: \$65,538) and at 30 September 2016, the Club is in a strong financial position.

Although revenue from registrations was down on last year (FY 2016: \$119,831; FY 2015: \$123,331), the Club received new revenue items from additional sponsorship and the introduction of Viva 7s, which is supported by the Club.

Club Rugby related expenditure was considerably lower than last year (FY 2016: \$167,449; FY 2015: \$181,084) which was mostly attributable to a significant saving in apparel costs as a result of efforts by the Club to run down unaccounted inventory before the introduction of new apparel in FY 2017.

As at 30 September 2016, the Club has **cash available of \$523,340** (FY 2015: \$396,615), which includes, a BT Investment Fund and primary bank accounts with CBA.

Our Club sponsors are Allianz Stadium, LJ Hooker, Commonwealth Private, 3Corp, Design & Construct, Orthocare Orthodontics and Olympus Sports. Their support of the Club is highly valued and much appreciated, thank you.

Our Annual Ball was a brilliant evening and a financial success. This event is the key fundraiser for the Club. Thank you to the U11 parents who volunteered their time to make the event a success.

Two tours were conducted this year: the annual U12s Tour to Queenstown and the annual U15s Tour to Samoa. Both of these tours relied exclusively on funding from Tour specific fundraising events and player contributions. Financial information on the Tours is disclosed as additional notes in the financial report.

During the year, the Club contributed \$480 towards the cost of a defibrillator installed at the Rawson Park Ground, otherwise there were no other major purchases.

For the 2017 financial year, the Club is expecting to have a deficit as our sponsorship arrangement with Allianz Stadium has expired and the Club is planning to employ a Director of Rugby to develop and improve the coaching of our players and to promote rugby and our Club in the community.

Financial Statements will be presented to the Club's Annual General Meeting and will be lodged with the Department of Fair Trading. They are also available to Members upon request to the Club Secretary.

Craig Stokeld
TREASURER 2015



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NORTHERN SUBURBS REPRESENTATIVE JUNIOR RUGBY REPORT 2016

Northern Suburbs of Sydney supports Junior Rugby at both Club and Representative level. The community village clubs of Mosman, Norths Pirates, Hunters Hill and Drummoyne participate in several competitions every year that offer a structured pathway for all junior rugby players. Norths Juniors facilitates this pathway as part of the SJRU, NSWJRU and ARU.

A major activity for Norths Juniors each year is the selection, development and fielding of 9 representative teams who compete in the NSW Junior Rugby Union Championships.

MJRC players in the Norths Rep teams for 2016 are in the following table:

U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
Connor Dempsey	Ben Whatley	Charlie Soutter	Will Martyr (Capt)	Henri Ridal	Matthew Brooks
Oliver Edwards	Cillian Smyth	Henry Oxenham	Henry O'Donnell (VC)	Billy McLeod	Hugo Blackley
Tom Hartman	Henry Ball	Jack Riley	Ben Hondros	Connor Garratt	
Everitt Oxenham	Oscar Cornwell	Hunter Folkes	Dyllan Garratt		
Frankie Mutton	Tom Beverly-Smith	Jackson Sti	Finlay Oxenham		
Seth Paroli	Will Fox-Smith	Louis McKay	Ben Morton		
Alexander Smith	Milo Hogart-Smith	Rocco Rizzo	Jordan Dickson		
Kane Thompson	Hugo Orpin	Will Edwards	Liam Dempsey		
Adam Tubbs	Lawson Banks	Will Hammett	Max Blackley		
James Warner	Jack Waugh	Harry Agar	Tom Duffy		
Charlie Waugh	Harry Stiel	Ashton Lyne	Oliver Duthie		
Stefan Wood	James Kase				
Henry Roberts					
Tom Grimmond					
Andrew Chatfield					



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The success of the program comes from a proud and inclusive tradition of players enjoying their sport, parents and officials being actively involved and, most importantly, supporters being supportive but within the Code of Conduct the Northern Suburbs Junior Rugby Union (NSJR) closely administer. Mosman Junior Rugby Club have contributed to the success of the program by supplying players, coaches, managers and administrators.

Damian Martyr

REPRESENTATIVE COORDINATOR 2016

GROUNDS AND REFEREES REPORT 2016

REFEREES

Our underlying philosophy is that as a major junior club, we have an obligation to nurture and develop match officials, not only for the benefit of our Club, but the game as a whole.

As part of this, we host education courses and encourage participation from our playing and parent body, as well as those in the community. This year, we ran courses for:

- Refereeing Kids Rugby (RKR); and
- Level 1 Assistant Referee (L1AR)

We will continue this schedule during 2017, and intend to host a Foundation Course (Coach or Referee) too.

The RKR course is targeted at those wishing to referee Minis on a Saturday morning, and is ideal for either the parent body of that group, or older Junior players within the Club and the community, and earn some pocket money. Due to a number of factors, including changes in the Minis calendar, the appointments system for Minis, and weather; our conversion rate from the course to field was lower than expected. We will be making some improvements for next year's courses to ensure the RKR pipeline, the starting point for Referee development, keeps providing us with match officials.



The good news is that some of our past and present match officials have been recognised. Will Houston, a MJRC alumnus, not only refereed the famous Shute Shield Grand Final at North Sydney Oval, won by our district team Northern Suburbs, but he was also on the flag for one of the New Zealand v Wales Tests in New Zealand – a great honour. Meanwhile, Scott Adam-Smith collected Sydney North Rugby Referees “Most Improved” Referee award for 2016. Congratulations to both and to everyone who picked up a whistle or a flag this season – we could not have run our competitions without you.

Centralised appointments systems were used for both Minis (U8s and U9s) and Juniors (U10+) matches this season. The latter was largely trouble free, although the former continued to present challenges as the various Minis systems yet again changed. The effect of this was a cumbersome mechanism for Referee payment, which we have already remedied for next season, and a low participation rate from our own RKR body, with plans already afoot to remedy that for next season.



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GROUNDS

With a high participation rate within the community as a whole, but only finite available space, the competition for the use of grounds in Mosman is an issue requiring constant management, particularly when the seasons overlap. The start of 2016 saw our early season compromised due to cricket scheduling matches, particularly at Rawson, later than agreed. This has already been remedied for 2017.

This was also the first full season using the Council's new grounds contractor, and we clearly saw some benefits. The cricket pitch area at Rawson was less liable to flooding, having been re-levelled. The practise wickets at the southern end of Rawson were finally removed, albeit during the season, so a good summer should see that turf take hold. As ever, the challenge with the grounds is to work with Council and their contractor to agree on a plan of management for the venue, something that is currently underway.

Meanwhile, Balmoral continues as per previous years, with rain and high levels of use (mainly from others) leading to turf degeneration. The synthetic cricket pitches, which reside in the middle of each rugby field, were re-laid at the end of the 2016 rugby season, so that may remove one of the high wear points.

Rain again played a part this year, with the following days (or part thereof) lost to weather:

- Training Days: 20
- Match Days: 6

This further highlights the need for a more detailed plan of management for Rawson and Balmoral, and a solution to the conflicts between ground users.

VIVA7s, the non-contact form of Rugby 7s, continues to provide learning and development, and fitness opportunities, for our community throughout the summer months, and with spring 2016 seeing our third season of this format. Once again around 600 people in our community are actively using the wonderful space at Rawson throughout the warmer months.

Rob McKay

REFEREES & GROUNDS COORDINATOR 2016



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COACHING REPORT 2016

A number of coaching initiatives were implemented in 2016:

- 3 courses of Coaching Kids Rugby were arranged for early in the season.
- Worked with NSWRU to create three sessions for Coach Development & Assessment.
- 15 week Coaching Session Plans developed and distributed to the Club from Matt Evard from NSWRU. These resources are available from www.mjrc.com.au.
- Coaches & Managers, Refereeing Kids Rugby and Assistant Referee courses were run.

The Coaching Director role will be replaced by the Director of Rugby position in 2017. The Director of Rugby will develop the Club's ethos and training program and will also be responsible for Rugby Recruitment and Retention in the Mosman area.

Tony Duthie

COACHING DIRECTOR 2016

GIRLS TOUCH RUGBY 2016

2016 has seen the Mosman Girls Viva 7 Rugby Squad open to Girls from U9 years to U16 years old. We had nearly 100 Girls participating in this years winter season. This was the highest ever number



of participants for Girls Rugby.

We broke the sessions into 2 x 1 hour blocks and were able to split the Girls between Junior School and Senior School. This worked to really enhance the skills of the U9 – U12 age group and to extend and challenge the senior school students.

We taught the Girls the rules of Viva 7s which they thoroughly enjoyed and it lead to more movement on the field and a lot less break in the play for the dropped balls. The Girls improved dramatically as the season progressed and we culminated with a great Gala Day to award the winning team the Collard Cup for the winning Girls Team.

We were fortunate to be able to secure some sponsorship from Orthocare Orthodontics that helped us to employ 4 Coaches/Referees for the entire season. These Coaches were fantastic at helping to motivate the Girls to improve their skills and game play each week.

We must acknowledge Lucy Hookway for being a sensational manager of Girls Touch Football in 2016. She worked effortlessly to sort out all the uniforms, pass along all the information and hosted 3 extremely successful cupcake/sausage roll nights which gave the parents a chance to see the Girls in action and to meet other Touch Football parents. Thanks Lucy for all your help.

Congratulations to all the Girls who participated and loved another great season of Mosman Girls Viva 7s season.

We look forward to another great Girls Season in winter 2017.

Libby Adler & Lucy Hookway
GIRLS PROGRAM COORDINATORS 2016



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MINIS (U6 to U9) 2016 REPORT

Introduction

This report provides an overview of the MJRC Minis (Under 6 - Under 9) 2016 season, including events, issues, and recommendations for 2017.

The Minis Age Group Coordinators (AGCs) for 2016 and the number of teams in each age group were:

U6: Eamonn English/Alexandra Buckley	5 teams
U7: Ed Abbott	5 teams
U8: Nikki Warburton	7 teams
U9: Sean Wiles	5 teams

Special thanks go to the tireless efforts of the AGCs who often go unnoticed and unthanked but without whom many activities involving the Minis would simply not occur. Thanks also go to the numerous managers and coaches for each of the 22 Minis teams this year – again – without their support and dedication 2016 would not have run as smoothly as it did. The children love seeing their parents and friends involved in community sport. As has been previously noted, many years down the track the children may not remember what they received for their birthday/Christmas in any particular year but they will just about always remember their coach/manager in any particular year (especially when it was Mum or Dad)!

Finally, and most importantly, thanks to the players for a fantastic Minis 2016 – see you in 2017!

Minis Events 2016

The Mosman Minis kicked off this year with strong registrations in February. As in previous years the Club provided a comprehensive welcome pack to all parents to welcome all and explain our processes. This year we introduced optional pre-season training for U7s-U9s from late February, run across each age group and this was generally successful. Teams were announced in mid-March with the Kit Handout/Meet the Team session held at the Club's spiritual home, Rawson Oval. Over all this was a great start to the season – the Club funded a sausage sizzle put on by the Seniors and the Club's sponsors and suppliers were in attendance to sell gear and promote their support for the Club.

We again ran a Coaches and Managers Night at Rawson to introduce the Coaches and Managers to some practical tips on running the teams. The Club also arranged for NSW Rugby to provide their Waratahs Way coaching development program for all Minis (and other) age groups during the season, as well as supporting Smart Rugby, refereeing and coach accreditation courses.

The conclusion of the Minis rugby season was marked by the Minis Trophy Presentation Day, held at Rawson Oval on 3 September. Lousy weather prior to the event meant we had to cancel the traditional internal games and the jumping castle but everyone still enjoyed the day.

Finally, thanks to Nikki Warburton, Emma Soutter and their U8 team for organising the annual Jeans and Jersey Night at the Rawson Clubhouse. They did a fantastic job for arranging the event. Great



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food, a few drinks, the visitors from Queensland Brothers Club and support for the Leukaemia Foundation all made it a great night out.

Playing Season

All Minis teams' first games this year were a Gala Day hosted by Mosman at Balmoral against the other Norths village clubs. This was a great start to the season before the traditional Gordon gala day hosted by Lindfield. It was encouraging to see the U6s giving it a go with little training as well as the U8s attempting tackle for the first time. The U7s were able to build on their skills learned the previous year and the U9s stepped up to the 10-person game. This year we saw the benefit of pre-season training for the first time and it did make a difference to how quickly most players settled in.

At our home games in 2016 at both Balmoral and Rawson we continued the process adopted in 2014 of having a duty team responsible for ground setup and marshalling and this generally worked very well and should be continued.

Our Minis teams all played the regular season in the Gordon Minis Competition and generally acquitted themselves very well. The players all enjoyed their rugby and the chance to run around with their mates and were very well supported by their coaches and managers. The standard of rugby played was generally admirable, reflecting on the development and coaching support programs put in place by the club.

There were some instances of behavioural issues arising from players, official and supporters, all of which were regrettable and not in the spirit of rugby that the Club supports strongly. Pleasingly there were less of these issues in 2016 than in 2015 and the club will continue to reinforce the spirit in which we want to see the game played and our expectations of participant behaviour.

Throughout the year the Minis participated in a number of activities other than the regular Gordon Minis Competition, including:

- Waratahs first home game of the season - Curtain Raiser – U9s
- North Sydney Gala Day – Curtain Raiser to Norths Senior Game – U8s;
- MacDonald Cup v Chatswood – 10 teams from U6s – U9s plus girls Viva7s
- Harbord Harlequins Gala Day – U8s and U9s;
- Dufficy Cup – U9s
- Chatswood Challenge Cup – U8s
- Sydney Rays first home game – Curtain Raiser – U6 and U8

The MacDonald Cup is a new event that was proposed by Chatswood as a challenge round between the two clubs in the regular Saturday competition. With a perpetual trophy at stake, ten of our Minis teams plus a girls Viva7s team played their counterparts at Chatswood. The winner of the challenge is the club who won the most games. In its inaugural year, Mosman was the winner, so we hold the MacDonald Cup in our clubhouse until 2017. This was a great suggestion from Chatswood and we will look forward to hosting the challenge round next year.

In various gala competitions for U8s and U9s we enter composite teams made up of players from all regular teams. Where we can we create a couple of composite teams in each age group, known as the Orcas and the Minkes.

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The Harbord Harlequins Cup is a large, well-contested gala day for U8s and U9s. Our U8 Orcas played well in their pool, only losing one game that meant they didn't progress to the semi-final. However the team that defeated them were the eventual winners of the Cup, Hills, which is a testament to their competitiveness. Similarly the U9 Orcas were very competitive, winning all their pool games except for one, going down to the eventual runners-up Rockdale.

The Dufficy Cup is hosted by Hunters Hill for U9s but played under (mostly) U10 rules. This gives participants an insight into what to expect in the U10s and is a great way to build upon all of the skills the boys have learnt though the Minis. This year Hunters Hill ran two Dufficy Cup tournaments on successive Friday nights and Mosman entered two teams:

- The Orcas, who played in the first Dufficy Cup and won all their pool games before progressing to the Final against Ryde. The Final was a nailbiting 0-0 draw so both teams were awarded the Dufficy Cup. Well done Orcas and the trophy now sits proudly in our Clubhouse!
- The Minkes, who played in the second Dufficy Cup and played gallantly but were unable to progress to the Final.



The Chatswood Challenge Cup was another innovation from Chatswood. Initially intended as a Gala Day for U8s and U9s it was modified after poor weather to be only for U8s. Our U8 Minkes were strong contenders but found some very strong opposition from Avoca and Chatswood, who played each other in the final.

There is a clear benefit for the U8s and U9s from all of this additional rugby. Around 60 players were able to be involved in the Harbord, Dufficy and Chatswood gala days. As well as playing in their regular team this meant

those players all attended extra training sessions and were exposed to playing with new team members under different coaches. In addition to playing well in these extra teams there was a noticeable lift in the quality of rugby in the regular Saturday teams attributable to this extra exposure.

Congratulations to all the Minis and their parents and supporters for a fantastic season. 2016 was a great year for Mosman Minis and we look forward to building on this in 2017!

Anthony Hunt
MINIS COORDINATOR 2016

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U6 Dolphins



U6 Marlins



U6 Sharks



U6 Stingrays



U6 Whales



U7 Dolphins



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U7 Marlins



U7 Sharks



U7 Seadragons



U7 Whales



U8 Dolphins



U8 Marlins



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U8 Morays



U8 Seadragons



U8 Sharks



U8 Stingrays



U8 Whales



U9 Dolphins



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U9 Marlins



U9 Sharks



U9 Stingrays



U9 Whales





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U10s REPORT 2016

The 2016 Rugby Season for the U10s was strongly supported with a group of approximately 70 players. Everyone adjusted well to the new format including the first experience of trials for the players.

Special thanks to Paul Henry, the AGC at the time, for devising and running the trial process. Paul developed a multi-week trial process that allowed the players to demonstrate and develop core skills as well as game awareness and commitment. The process was not only fair, but also enjoyable for the players. The result of the trials was 4 teams of approximately 17 players with the teams representing in SJRU divisions A, C, E and H.

The U10 season was definitely a step up for both players and parents, but the players really took to full field rugby with many pleasing performances and some real development of skill throughout the season. Congratulations also to a number of players from the Whales, Dolphins and Sharks who were selected in the Norths Representative development squad.

A special thanks to all the team Coaches and Managers for all their tireless efforts throughout the season.

We look forward to seeing you all again in early 2017 for pre-season training and trials.

Simon Longes

U10s AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2016

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U10 Whales

Coaches: Bill Seageart, Jason Scott and Karl Paroli

Manager: Trea Scott

The 2016 U10 Mosman Whales of played in the A-Division and had a fantastic season of running rugby that was played with great team spirit. The team can be enormously proud of their effort throughout the season with every game played being a tough contest.

The Whales enjoyed a taste of finals rugby making the semi-final and putting in an extremely strong performance. Unfortunately it wasn't their day to go onto the grand final, however the experience was fantastic and has set some great rugby foundations for the future.

In addition to the great rugby played on the pitch the camaraderie of the team and parents was exceptional with new friendships formed.

The Most Improved Player (MIP) award went to Tom Hartman and the Most Valuable Player (MVP) was awarded to Rory Cope.

The Coaches would like to thank the fantastic support received from all parents involved through the season. Special mention goes to Trea Scott for her tireless managerial duties and all those parents that helped with the weekend sideline duties.



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U10 Dolphins

Coach: Ed Fox

Manager: Mark Goddard

The U10 Mosman Dolphins played in Division C and performed very well, particularly as they were quite often playing against the #1 ranked teams of the other clubs. The Dolphins had some fantastic wins and some losses where lessons were learnt. They made the plate semi-finals but were unfortunately beaten in this game. There is no doubt though, that the level of skill and understanding of the game increased dramatically throughout the year.

The players all developed strong bonds throughout the season and there was a great team feeling amongst the Dolphins. The players were well supported by all parents with good-natured support from the sidelines! The team is well placed for another great season in 2017.

The MVP was Darby Crowley and the MIP was Dylan Aifantis.

All players should be very proud of their effort this year. We look forward to seeing you next season.



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U10 Sharks

Coach: James Lough

Manager: Rosemary Mezrani

The U10 Mosman Sharks played in Division E and had a great season that ended with a plate final - a great effort from the team. The players developed their skill and fitness well throughout the year and played some entertaining running rugby. The team all bonded well with many new friendships formed.

Thanks to all the parents for bringing the players consistently to training and games and for their fantastic sideline support! Special mention to Rosemary for organising the team throughout the year including hosting a social get together for the whole team!



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U10 Stingrays

Coach: Geoff Soutter and William Leach

Manager: Miguel Rodrigues

Mosman U10 Stingrays had a season of continual improvement. We finished with a great win but the most important outcome of the season was that a bunch of kids, half of whom had never played rugby, grew together as a team and ended the season playing a fluid game with big hearts and great commitment.

Our half back duties were shared between Alfie and Oscar who both proved nimble and quick witted and were ably supported by Tommy and Lachie in our rotation for fly half. Will Soutter moved from the scrum to the wing to great effect, scoring a wingers try in our first game and proving to be an excellent defender and tackler too. Max was our speedster on the other wing and Lachie, Joe and Rhys made up the back line.

Our scrum was awesome in both defence and attack. Stand out tacklers were Alastair, Harry and Sam; Oliver hooked consistently and proved a surprisingly fierce attacker towards the end of the season! Cameron inspired his team mates (and the Mums and Dads on the sideline), even taking time to gee us up at training for a game he was going to miss. Will Abrahams returned from a mid season break with renewed fervour in both attack and defence.



Our parent support also gained momentum as the season progressed and it was lovely to see so many consistently at training as well as match day.

Ronan proved our most outstanding player. Playing up, he was committed and had a great attitude. He couldn't have had such a good season without the support of

his teammates but he earned their respect (and ours) with daring runs, unswerving commitment and a great attitude.

Special thanks to Anthony for assisting Geoff and Will with coaching tips and for Miguel for his humour and light touch on keeping us all organised and focussed.



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U11s REPORT 2016

Summary

Wow - what a season for the U11s at MJRC.

We kicked off the 2016 Rugby Season with pre-season training from early February. After having 1 full year behind the boys in the SJRU competition, the focus of the 2016 season was "teamwork, fitness and encouragement". Every U11 should be proud of themselves this year because each of them took up the mantle and it showed on and off the field in the development of the boys. Of the 3 U11 teams, two of our teams (Whales and the Sharks) made it through to their respective division Grand Finals. Although both teams did not win on Grand Final day, both teams put in a magnificent effort and each member of each team did both themselves and the Mosman Junior Rugby Club proud.

We had approximately 48 boys that trialled for the U11s that resulted in 3 teams (Whales, Dolphins and Sharks). The Whales competed in the B-division, the Dolphins competed in the D-division and the Sharks in the G-Division.

With the coming Cudas tour in 2017 just around the corner for the U11s, it was great to see that the boys also embraced the transferable nature of each team such that the boys in many cases were playing in an 'age group' as opposed to specifically for 1 team. There were quite a number of examples where boys played up and down teams and many games across a weekend in order to help out their mates in other teams.

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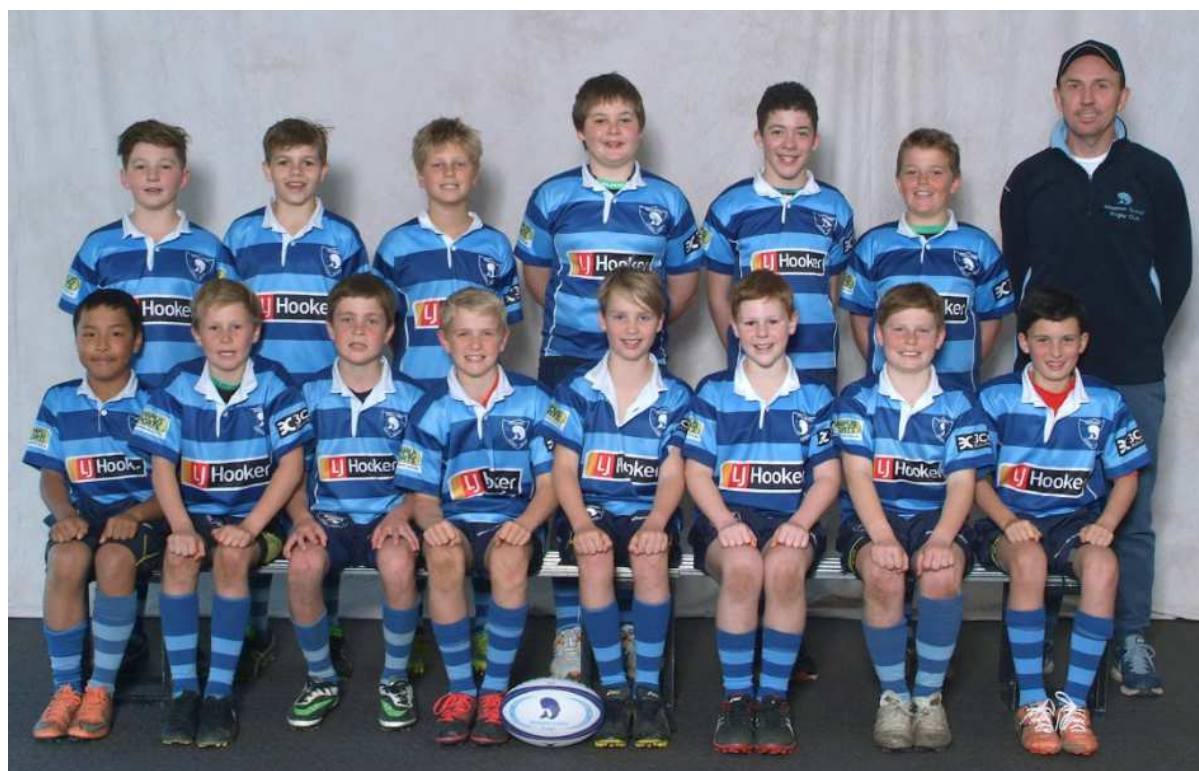
U11 Whales

Coach: Tim O'Connor

Manager: Piers Hogarth-Scott

The Whales finished the season in 2nd place just going down in the B-Division Grand Final to Narrabeen. Achieving a grand final appearance was a great reward for a season that started soundly by competing against teams that eventually found their way into A-Division, and built steadily throughout the season. Performances by the boys on a week-by-week basis saw various and numerous players stand up and take the initiative in leading the team forward, rather than a 2016 Whales being a team lead by 1 or 2 individuals - great team effort. The hallmarks are there for a great 2017 season and beyond.

The MIP in the Whales for 2016 was awarded to Will Feeley and the MVP was awarded to Milo Hogarth-Scott. A big thanks to all of the other parents throughout the year for stepping in and helping out with coaching, assistant referee and other duties.



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U11 Dolphins

Coach: Rufus

Manager: Catrina Crookes and Kerry Renshaw

The Dolphins started the season well in the division losing two close games. The squad decided the closeness of the losses was enough evidence to forgo demotion to a lower grade after Round 4 on the basis of being a new squad and perceived improvements.

However, taking the Clubs' ethos of teamwork we discussed the positives as a team and worked towards using the experiences and playing time to improve our own game strengths despite the prospect of losing all but one game during the season - winning on a torrential day in Newport and one of the major highlights of the season.

The boys should be commended highly for their extremely positive outlook and playing with a view to the next season's fifteen player squads. The Dolphins all worked as a team, encouraged, debated, discussed and they never gave up. As a result, by the end of the season they were closing the score gaps and still enjoying the games.

MVP was Roley Crookes, who was consistently calm and persistent. MIP was Aiden Renshaw, whose first season of rugby was a baptism of fire from soccer. The Dolphins team player of the year was Caleb Strawbridge who attended every training session, every game and was a consistently dominant force in the team.

Many thanks to Catrina and Kerry for managing the team and Rufus was proud to coach such an amusing and amiable bunch of kids.



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U11 Sharks

Coach: Peter Carter

Manager: Will Lawson

Finally, the mighty Sharks also finished the season on a high making it to Grand Final Day in the G-Division. Although the boys ultimately went down to Chatswood, it was a spirited game and the Sharks were in contention the whole way. The boys' determination and tenacity reflected the Sharks' season as a whole. The Sharks learned a few quick lessons this year in preliminary games and shuffled forward and backs for a running game. The boys quickly learned the advantage of running straight and getting points up - assisted by Xavier with keen accurate conversions throughout the season. Showing steady improvement in ball handling, communication and defence, the Sharks accumulated a huge for and against point spread. Well on the way to giving Chatswood a thrashing when heavy rain stopped play in round 9, they proved the stronger side on grand final day on a dry pitch.

All round a great season - excellent attitude and approach from the boys and great support and encouragement from parents and families.

The MIP in the Sharks for 2016 was awarded to Mitch Turner and the MVP was awarded to Jack Mulder. The players player was Willow Carter. Also, a big thank you to the tireless efforts of all parents helping out each weekend on the sidelines.





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Norths Representatives

The second year in the Juniors and the SJRU competition also gave some of the U11s a taste of representative rugby. 14 of our Mosman boys were selected in the Northern Suburbs representative teams that played at the NSW State Championships in June. As also the Assistant Coach of the Northern Suburbs Black team, I can also congratulate each and every one of the boys that played at this level this year. Each of the boys really matured through the representative experience and I could see first hand the improvement in the Mosman boys over the period involved. Once the representative season was completed in early June, I asked each of the boys to use and take the leadership that they experienced by representing Northern Suburbs and bring it back to their respective Club teams. Again, the boys responded and should be proud of themselves. Congratulations goes to the following:

Northern Suburbs Black

Benjamin Whatley, Will Fox-Smith, Henry Ball, Oscar Cornwall, Andrew Chatfield, Harry Stiel, Tom Grimmond, Henry Roberts and James Kase.

Northern Suburbs Red

Tom Beverley-Smith, Cillian Smyth, Jack Waugh, Hugo Orpin and Milo Hogarth-Scott

We look forward to seeing you all again in early 2017 for pre-season training, trials, along with a busy year of Cudas and other inbound tours for Mosman.

Grant Whatley

U11 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2016



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U12s REPORT 2016

2016 saw the U12s back for our third year of graded rugby. Down slightly on last year's numbers, we started with just over 50 players (following some excellent recruitment work for a number of parents and players) keen and eager to represent Mosman in the Sydney Junior Rugby competition. Now with two years of experience, we were able to grade readily into 3 teams with boys of a similar ability and skill level. The teams were skinny in terms of reserves and all struggled at one point or another with numbers due to injury and other unforeseen circumstances. Thankfully, the Coaches and Managers found a way to work together to put out competitive teams in each and every competition.

All in all, the U12s had a great squad who played some great rugby with most playing their most jammed packed season ever with representative commitments including Brisbane Brothers Tour, the visiting Upper Clutha Tour, CUDAs tour, school rugby and normal club fixtures.

This year saw the second inbound Brisbane Brothers Tour, the bi-annual inbound tour from Upper Clutha (Wanaka) on ANZAC day, and the traditional MJRC outbound Barracudas (CUDAs) Tour to NZ. All three touring events were an enormous success from both a rugby and community perspective.

The Brisbane Brothers boys were billeted out with roughly 20 Mosman families offering to host the visitors. In terms of rugby played we unfortunately were not able to emulate the feats of last season and lost the Sunday competition matches to a very strong Brothers group in front of a great crowd at Rawson. A great weekend and a great experience for the Mosman and Brisbane boys alike. Many thanks to the entire U12 parent group who were instrumental in making the weekend such a success.

The Barracudas (CUDAS) tour was a resounding success with our boys winning the final match that really mattered for the CUDA cup. Many thanks to the tour organisers, assisted by the tour committee, who dedicated an enormous amount of time and energy to making the CUDA's tour a continued success. Special mention also to the coaching unit – the 'brains trust' - that engineered the final day victory. Head Coach James 'Jacko' Jackson, Assistant coaches Wayne Spice and Mark Evans, as well as fitness gurus Ben Miller and Andrew Tanner, did a fantastic job in making the tour an everlasting memory for the 37 Mosman 'men' that travelled across the ditch.

In the regular season, we were once again blessed with a plethora of highly capable coaches who put their hand up to guide the boys throughout the season again. All teams had two official coaches and a number of Dads and Mums who were on hand to help out at training and with all the officiating duties required for each match by the SJRU, well organised by each team manager. The team managers were Peter Rizzo and Mik Kase for the Whales, Lisa Miller for the Dolphins and the dynamic duo of Rachel and Greg Houston for the Sharks all of whom went above and beyond in their efforts.

Luke Oxenham

U12 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2016

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U12 Whales

Coaches: David Brandon-Cooper and Justin Grimmond

Manager: Peter Rizzo and Mik Kase

The Whales squad had a tough season with some unlucky losses, but they proved along the way that they have the skill and capability to mix it with the best in the comp. Most of the squad have now played together for the past 3 years and play a great brand of rugby, typically against sides with a significant size advantage.

A number of players in the Whales squad were selected in the Norths U12 representative team, which had a (sadly) mixed performance at the State Championships following some very encouraging trial match form. Special mention should also go to Jackson Stiel who was selected in the CIS Primary Schools representative team.

In addition, most of the boys were selected for the annual U12 CUDAs tour. Some of the boys played close to 30 matches during the season across Club, Reps and CUDAs.

A big thank you to all the parents who supported and assisted the team in various roles throughout the season. Well done to all the boys on a great season and we hope to see you all back again next year.



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U12 Dolphins

Coach: Wayne Spice

Manager: Lisa Miller

The Dolphins had yet another successful season, but unfortunately narrowly missed out on making the grand final as they were eliminated in the semi-finals following a draw. The forward pack was very strong throughout the whole season and should be congratulated on their commitment, physicality and overall development in skill level. The backs improved remarkably over the course of the season (boosted by the companionship of CUDAs) and at the back end of the season showed real flair and ability as their confidence in attack developed.

The boys all displayed good sportsmanship both on and off the field and a strong commitment to their teammates and to their coaches. Well done Dolphins!



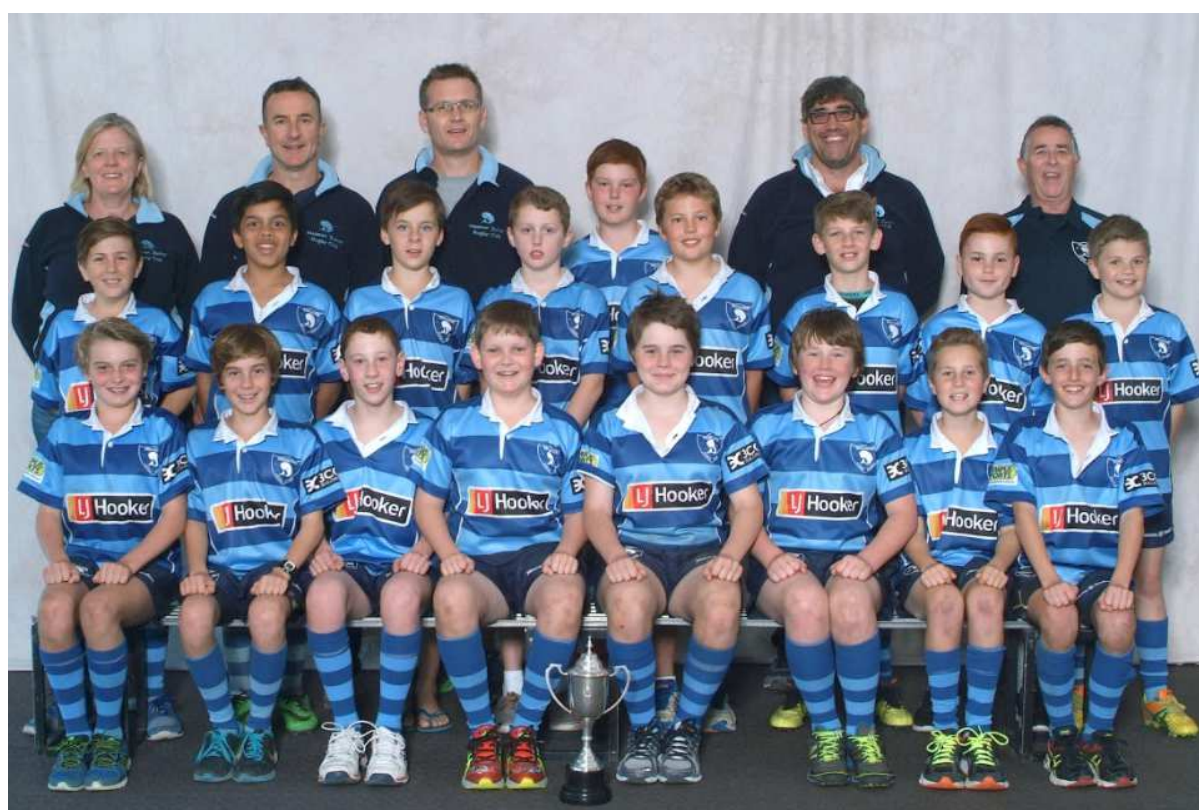
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U12 Sharks

Coaches: Bill McMullan and Ben Dunstan

Managers: Rachel and Greg Houston

The Sharks flew the Mosman Whales flag high for the age group this year and had an enormous season. The boys were very well coached by Bill and Ben. Throughout the season they had some memorable victories and following controversial final round shenanigans (the Manly side were relegated as a consequence) they scrapped through to the semi-finals. Semi final day saw the fourth place Sharks totally outclass the competition minor premiers and book a place in the Grand Final. In a local Village Derby vs Hunters Hill, the Mighty Mosman Sharks saved their best performance of the season for the one Sunday in September the really matters, and they ran out **convincing winners of the Grand Final**. Congratulations to the Sharks on what was a great Season and a Grand Final victory turned out to be the fitting finale for the Coaches, Managers and Players who truly embody the club spirit of the Mosman Whales.





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U13s REPORT 2016

2016 saw the U13s back for our fourth year of graded rugby. Down a touch from last years 56, we started with 41 players keen and eager to represent Mosman in the Sydney Junior Rugby competition. With 3 years of experience now we were able to grade the boys fairly easily into 2 teams with boys of a similar ability and skill level. The teams were skinny in terms of only having 20 in each and both struggled at one point or another with numbers due to injury and other unforeseen circumstances.

MJRC were very fortunate to host an inbound Upper Clutha Tour where the U13s and U12s combine to play a game against the guys from NZ on ANZAC Day at Rawson. The match was played in great spirit with a Haka performed by the visitors prior to kick off, which was a highlight, as well as both national anthems. Rugby was definitely the winner on the day however Mosman managed to sneak a victory over the old rival - definitely a bonus.

This year saw a change to the coaching ranks where by two young men Jack Hayson and Morgan Thomas took on the coaching of the squad as a whole at training on Wednesday and game day coaching of the Whales. Matt Ball was game day coach of the Dolphins and he was kindly assisted by Diana Kahui as team manager. John Mutton was team manager of the Whales. We were fortunate that a lot of Dads and Mums who were on hand to help out with all the officiating duties required for each match by the SJRU, well organised by each team manager.

Damian Martyr

U13 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2016

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U13 Whales

Coaches: Jack Hayson and Morgan Thomas

Manager: John Mutton

Our A squad, The Whales, had a challenging season starting with two resounding victories in rounds 1 and 2 in the A competition. However they then came up against much bigger opposition and really struggled week in week out to overcome much larger opposition whom were not necessarily more skilful but certainly much large than our guys.

Halfway through the season the Whales were relegated into the B competition which saw the boys face similar sized opposition and record a couple more wins. We feel the boys certainly enjoyed their rugby a lot more playing in the B competition.

11 out of the boys in the squad were selected in the Norths U12 representative team, which was held at Drummoyne this year.

A big thank you to all the parents who supported and assisted the team in various roles throughout the season.



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U13 Dolphins

Coach: Matt Ball

Manager: Diana Kahui

The U13 Dolphins had a generally excellent season in a grade where there was 1 stand-out team at the top of the table and 1 team that struggled all season to record a win but the remaining 6 teams in the grade were very evenly matched in size and skill. This made the season very competitive and scores very close at most games.

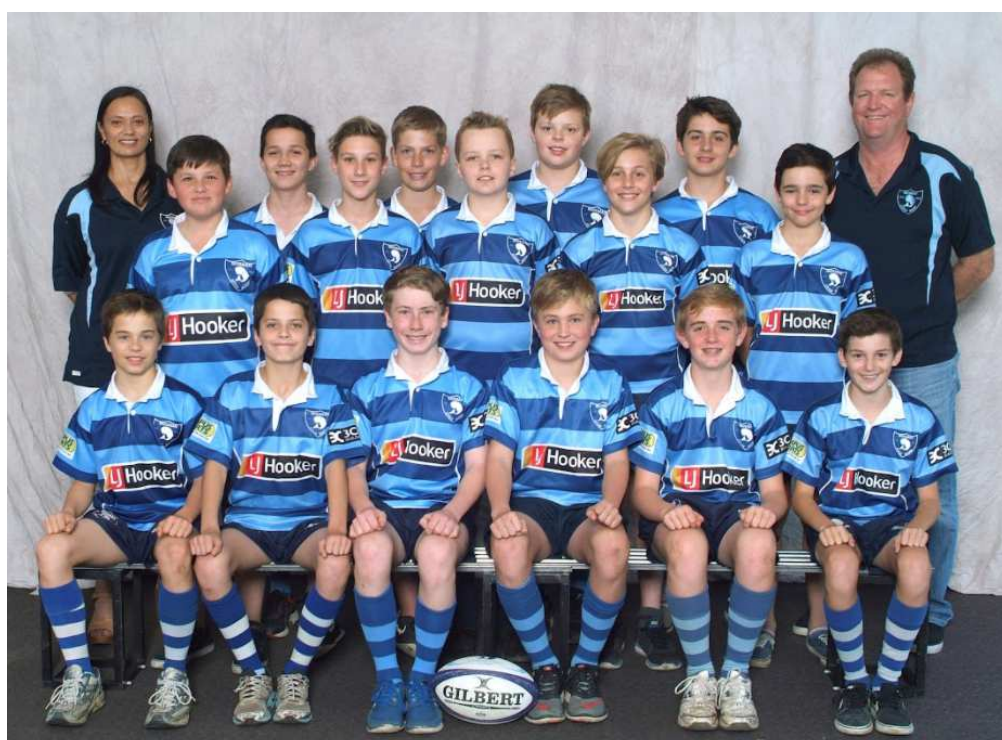
The Dolphins had an awesome forward pack that led from the front with grit and were complimented by a back-line who discovered a liking for running the ball from the centres, to their advantage. There were a few scheduling issues early on with games scheduled before 11am unable to be attended by the Dolphins boarders but once a late game time was requested from the SJRU, the team settled well into their regular positions.

The Dolphins would particularly like to thank Lachie Smith, Lachie Reynolds and Charlie Boyd from the Whales for playing 2 games per Sunday to help make up numbers for the Dolphins for at least half of the season.

MVP for the U13 Dolphins was Oliver Longworth – a strong running and fending inside centre who was hard to catch when he made a break. And MIP was a dead-heat with Will Gribben bringing much appreciated speed on the wing and Ashton Lyne bringing tenacity in the forwards.

The final game of the regular season (which would have secured the Dolphins a place in the semi-finals) was lost by 31-30 (after a heartbreaking conversion miss). The team we lost to went on to make the grand final such was the closeness of the scores in the grade.

A heartfelt thanks to all parents, siblings and relatives who made the U13 Dolphins season a success.



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U14s REPORT 2016

Coach: Alexander Williams

Manager: Lyn O'Neil

This year Mosman Rugby entered one team in the U14s division. It was a combination of players from both the two U13s teams, plus throughout the season we recruited five new players to Mosman. It was a tough start to the team predominantly due to low numbers in the squad and player availability. Further the team was originally graded to the C competition so were being defeated quite substantially each week. With the regrade the team was moved to the E competition, which allowed them to play some good rugby and finish the season strongly.

Al Williams coached the team and was a great role model to them. The players responded well and Al ensured each player had the opportunity to develop their skills, each was encouraged to give of their best and it was great to see the team 'gel' together under his leadership. The parents were strong supporters throughout the season and need to be thanked for ensuring this team did not fold early in the season.

The U14's were narrowly defeated in the Grand Final against Wahroonga, but should be proud of their efforts. They played strong rugby and the game could have gone either way. Throughout the season three boys were selected for the U14s Norths Representative side – congratulations to Connor Garrett, Billy McLeod and Henri Ridal. Further Connor was also selected to play for the NSW City team. Well done! Most Valuable Player - Connor Garrett; Most Improved Player – Henri Ridal. Congratulations to all the U14s players you represented Mosman Rugby with pride throughout 2016. Hope to see you return in 2017.



Lyn O'Neil
U14 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2016



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U15s REPORT 2016

The 2016 year for the U15 Whales started with a bang with the tour to Western Samoa for a squad of 22 boys, ably supported by a group of enthusiastic parents. Samoa was a wonderful experience, education and fun for all involved, players and parents alike.

Unfortunately, the tour was also the beginning of the end of the season as 5 of the squad returned with major injuries, with some of the boys out for the season. As a result, combined with other injuries, school commitments and losing some Scots boys to Glengarry for half the year from June, meant that the U15s struggled with numbers at most games. With a couple of wins and many close misses, often with the minimum 12 players on the field, the U15 Whales decided to call the season quits in Jun 16.

Whilst sad to end the season on that note, these wonderful boys earned some great memories in a few short months and at all times was the true spirit of rugby alive. Despite on some measures being a poor season, these young lads showed what mateship and rugby was all about!

We hope that many of these great boys will continue with the Mosman Whales in the future, if not U16s, then perhaps at Colts and beyond!

John Peacocke

U15 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2016

MOSMAN VIVA7s REPORT

VIVA7s is the newest form of rugby, and designed to enable participation by all, irrespective of age, gender or experience. Such a form is a deliberate strategy to widen the appeal of rugby, broaden the player base, provide an off-season rugby experience and make rugby more inclusive. Being non-contact, it also increases the opportunity for families to play, whether as a unit, or across different teams.

Mosman Rugby has been at the forefront of the development of VIVA7s, from its birth as "Non Contact 7s" three years ago through its evolution to the current form of VIVA7s. As a result, 2016 sees Mosman run its third season of the program, run jointly by Mosman Rugby (the "Seniors") and Mosman Junior Rugby (the "Juniors"), at the home of rugby in Mosman, Rawson Park.



Over the years, the involvement and support of the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) has varied, with this year seeing new systems and sponsors introduced. At face value this should create further opportunity for the growth of VIVA7s, but the implementation of these initiatives created operational issues, resulting in over 100 players being lost to other sports, as well as the loss of potential local sponsors, issues which need to be addressed well ahead of next season.

The program itself sees matches being played at Rawson on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons and evenings, with between 550 and 600 registered players participating. Ages start from U6s through to Men's Over 45s. For the first time this year, we also have a Women's program, with an increasing number of women playing each week. We also have a strong female body playing in the age groups, a sign that one of the overall goals of VIVA7s is working. VIVA7s is also one of the starting points for match officials, with a number of our referees making their initial forays into the whistle-blower ranks.

The Mosman program is not without its challenges, and prior to next season, a number of issues need to be discussed in order that the program keeps improving the experience for its stakeholders, which include the players, match officials, the Clubs and the ARU.

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Some of the key issues are:

- The registration process;
- How sponsors work at a national and/or local level;
- Game day format;
- The evolution of VIVA7s competitions;
- Ground utilisation;
- Law making and education; and
- The business model of the program.

Meanwhile, if you happen to be wandering past Rawson Park late on a spring afternoon, and you hear the joys of laughter, that will be VIVA7s being played. As it should be.



Rob McKay
VIVA7s MJRC ADMINISTRATOR

BROTHERS TOUR REPORT 2016



2016 saw the return of the inbound tour by the U12 Queensland Brothers Juniors Rugby Club, one of the largest in Queensland with over 1,000 players.

The Tour involved the entire U12 Age Group playing for the John Eales Trophy. John is an old Brothers Rugby Union player, and Mosman resident. The weekend kicked off with a U12 rugby festival at Rawson that, thanks to the SJRU and hard work from Rob McKay, saw all of the Mosman U12 teams playing Home club matches. A great prelude for the big weekend of rugby that was to follow at both Balmoral Oval and Rawson Oval.

During the warm up matches that were played on Saturday afternoon, the Brothers boys showed that they were keen to make amends for their loss in 2015, and the Mosman boys were put on notice that the boys in the butchers stripes from north of the border meant business. Saturday night saw the clubs march 'in union', arm in arm around the hallowed turf of Allianz Stadium ahead of the Waratahs Super Rugby Match.

The rugby played over the weekend was of an exceptionally high standard, although the Class of 2016 sadly relinquished the John Eales trophy following a hard fought and tough final day of competition at Rawson Oval on Sunday afternoon. The Club is now counting on the Class of 2017 to bring back the silverware.

Thanks must go to the organisers from both Clubs, the parents, sponsors, billeting families and especially to all the boys for showing amazing sportsmanship and friendship at all times.



Luke Oxenham
BROTHERS TOUR COORDINATOR



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UPPER CLUTHA TOUR REPORT 2016

Every two years, the Mosman Junior Rugby Club welcomes an inbound touring team of U11, U12 and U13 boys from the Upper Clutha Rugby Club in Wanaka New Zealand. Mosman is grateful for the opportunity on these occasions to return the hospitality to this club who graciously host us every year on the first match day of the CUDAs tour.

The inbound tour this year coincided with ANZAC Day and it was a moving moment to see the U12 Mosman CUDAs and the Upper Clutha boys gather together, like their grandfathers who fought before them did, at dawn on that sacred day. As the sun rose, representatives from both clubs laid a wreath in memory of those that died to preserve our freedom.

With the ceremony done, and honour paid, it was time to adjourn to Rawson Oval for the Rugby. For those that attended it was unforgettable mini-Bledisloe occasion. The national Anthems of both Countries rang loud, and the Upper Clutha boys delivered a chilling rendition of the HAKA.



On the field, the Mosman boys demonstrated courage and commitment and great skill to deliver an all too rare victory for an Australian team over NZ opposition. And, like all 12 year old boys, once the rugby was over the friendship began as boys from both teams mixed themselves up for a game of touch!! Clearly too much energy.

Special thanks must go to the Club and the Committee for supporting this great event, and for all of the efforts that they put in to host the Upper Clutha team. Of course we have to all mention Mark Evans, Neil Easton and Emma Soutter for the wonderful catering on the day.

I am sure 2018 will be another year to remember when we welcome back the Upper Clutha boys again.

Luke Oxenham
UPPER CLUTHA TOUR COORDINATOR

SAMOA TOUR REPORT 2016

After talking to those that have been involved in the past Samoa Tours I think it would be fair to say to say our group of young men endured one of the toughest tours yet – and they should all be extremely proud of themselves!



Rain, and I mean *rain*, heat, humidity, injury, illness and some determined competition resulted in the guys having to really tough it out and come together as a playing group in some very trying conditions.

The results on the field didn't do justice to the spirit and resolve in which the guys demonstrated on and off the field. For the record, played three games for a win and two close losses.

The 2016 tour followed a tried and tested itinerary that has been fine-tuned over the past five tours that

has been well documented in past Club Annual Reports.

Geoff Pritchard, whose concept launched the tour, Paul Adams as travel organiser and our man on the ground Laki Uaea Apelu have done an outstanding job at making sure each Tour is better than the last, and I was drawn by some of Geoff's comments to reflect on why this tour even exists and what it means to the young men who have contributed.

Geoff and the team's original concept behind the Mosman Junior Rugby Club U15s Tour of Samoa 2011 was to recognise the suffering from the great Tsunami of 29th September 2009.

In Geoff's words "We could give something positive back to the youth in the villages that had been affected. It was initially meant to be a one off experience. But the success of the 1st visit to Samoa prompted Mosman JRC to continue the following year, and now we have just completed the 6th tour."

The tour was not all about winning at all cost, but the tremendous benefit for all involved in the experience, including:

- Take our boys away from the affluent surroundings they are so familiar with and expose them to a very different culture in an underdeveloped country.
- Playing challenging rugby, participating in local ceremonies and exchanging simple gifts to show friendship and a common brotherhood through culture and sport.
- Taking parents and siblings along to share the special time together, by taking the time together in a very different environment.



To the players of the 2016 tour, you were great ambassadors for Mosman Junior Rugby Club, Australia and yourselves, well done. Good preparation is vital for any such mission, so

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congratulations for all those who took to the task of management, coaching and all important fundraising.

The difference MJRC contribution makes is very evident on the ground in Samoa. From the playing jerseys worn by the opposition – I think we played Shore at some point - to the boots and training and equipment kit bags left behind after every game, to the tour t-shirts that seemed to miraculously turn up with the locals at the next village ahead of us, to the infrastructure we've helped build. I remember the thanks Rev Uaea Isaraelu offered when pointing out the tennis / netball courts we had helped fund on a previous tour.

All that said, the feedback from the boys has pointed to the tour delivering a life changing experience, best summarised by some of the quotes from the team:



"The Tour wasn't just going on a holiday with your friends, but experiencing an amazing culture that the Samoan people possess. The best thing was meeting all the locals on the streets and playing a mini game of rugby with them, I learnt not to judge a book by the cover because they weren't a bunch of tough guys, they're really nice and generous when you get to know them." *Jack Jones*

"To me the tour meant a chance to experience the huge difference in the lifestyles of Samoans and Australians. I saw the impact of the Tsunami had on the

community and how people were brought together. The best thing I did was probably meeting the players after the games and swimming in the beautiful clean, crystal water. On the tour I learnt how lucky we are to live in Sydney and have so many privileges. From this tour I will take away an amazing experience, lots of fun and making new friends". *Hamish McKay*

"I was blessed to be given the opportunity to go to Samoa. The rugby was rough and tough playing against man childs. Snorkelling and the bus rides was mad. An experience I'll never forget. Thank you. *Cruise Taaitini.*

The WHALES

Charlie Adams	Hugo Blackey
Will Barton	Harry Duffy
Josh Cooper	Aaron Johnson
Hugo Hawkes	Will McCarthy
Jack Jones	Tom Morgan
Hamish McKay	Callum Peacocke
Alex Morton	Harry Roberts
George Rector	Pappy Sevelle
James Roberts	Cruise Taaitini
Tom Sutton	Jack Woods
James Walker	



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Special thanks to the following team

Coach : Lopeti Sevele

Team Manager : Marco McCarthy

Assistant Manager: Dougal Hawkes

Tour Physio: Andrew Ullo

Playing Kit: Vaughn Woods

Ref: Rob McKay

The WHALE WATCHERS

Paul Adams	Lizzy Adams	Linda Curnow
Dave Duffy	Warrick Johnson	Rob McKay
Louis McKay	Miriam Morgan	Simon Morgan
Ben Morgan	James Morgan	Craig Morton
John Peacocke	Greg Rector	Reika Roberts
Penny Sutton	Charlie Sutton	Vaughn Woods

Chris Barton

SAMOA TOUR MANAGER

BARRACUDAS (CUDAS) TOUR REPORT 2016

For anyone that has been on a rugby tour, you know that it is a special event. You understand the bonds that are forged through the blood sweat and tears on the field, and the “gentle nurturing” of your peers off the field.



Rugby tours are primarily about the game we love, but also deliver so much more by encouraging independence, mateship, trust, respect, and resilience. The Barracuda (CUDAs) tour of 2016 is no exception, and as tour leaders it has been an honour to provide an opportunity for 36 young men, some of whom may never again feel the joy of a rugby tour, to participate in this unique experience.

Having said that, when you think of taking 36 boys on a rugby tour, all of them under the age of 12, sleeping in bunk houses over a 1 week period, we have to admit that there was more than one occasion when as tour leaders, we looked at each other and said "what the (expletive) have we got ourselves into?"

The week before departure was spent constantly checking the weather. A cancelled game day would result in 36 restless boys needing to be entertained. Needless to say the forecast for a week of rain was not what the ‘doctored ordered’ - so to speak. So, we resorted to prayer, and pleaded our case for good weather. Flying out we had not heard from the man above on the weather front, so we were rather anxious.

We did however finally receive our “divine sign” from above as we left the Land Down Under behind us and touched down in the Land of the Long White Cloud, only to be detained on account of a severe case of some mystery illness to some of the other passengers on board. Thankfully fears of ebola and zika virus were quickly alleyed and we were all clear to go.

When you finally arrive and take control of 36 overexcited boys and place them on a bus to the luxurious Pinewood Accommodation, you take the second hit from the sledge hammer, and once again recite the CUDA Leader motyo, "what the (expletive) have we got ourselves into".

As you all know, the daily account of the activities and rugby over the week was captured brilliantly on the CUDA Blog (<http://www.cudastour.com/blog/>), so we won't recount the ins and outs of everyday. We do want though to pass on a special vote of thanks to the Tour IT guru and chief scribe – Simon Agar. His ability to capture each day reflects his superior skill (common sense!!) and dedication to the CUDA cause. Thank you Simon.

Despite the lack of response to our pleadings we were treated to an absolutely spectacular week of weather in Beautiful Queenstown and the beauty and grandure of Queenstown by day was only matched by the liveliness and action of the town by night. It would seem that the Queenstown nightlife and our choice of chief “Whalewatcher” were a match made in heaven! An inspired choice (if we do say so ourselves) and on behalf of everyone, we say thank you BC. Although most

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Whalewatchers we are sure will never play golf or drink tea again without a little nervous twitch beforehand!

To the coaching team of Jacko, Wayne & Mark, as well as Ben and Andrew we sincerely thank you for sharing some of our pain along the way, but more importantly bringing the boys together and providing them with a truly memorable rugby experience. Whilst the local match officials may not see it the same way, as Tour Leaders you went above and beyond, and we are so lucky to have a group of men so invested in their boys. The boys will never forget what you did for them.

As leaders we would also like to thank all the Whalewatchers who contributed to the success of the week. Our laundry Dads (Tim R & Bill), our breakfast Mums (Michelle, Maggie, Jo and Michelle) our sleepover Dads, our pre tour gear Scrubbers (Michelle & Tim F), our on tour gear stewards (Peter F& Campbell) and Mark Waters from ITS Travel.

Ultimately, the Tour was however all about the boys and as Tour Leaders we tried to ensure that along the way we maximised the opportunities for the boys to have the most unforgettable experience possible. And we strived to ensure that the ethos of "Better Boys Make Better Men" was at the core of each and every day on tour.

To the CUDA's themselves, congratulations on what was overall a great tour with a great group of boys who are fast becoming men. We hope that you understood that whilst Kangaroo Court was a lot of fun, you also hopefully learnt that there is no better leveller than judgment by your peers. I know we were tough sometimes, and I know you probably think a little harsh. We would like to commend you all though on dealing with it and moving on.



On the field you did yourselves proud. There was some very tough and skillful opposition and each day on tour it was obvious that you bound together more as a team. This culminated in a great victory to retain the CUDA cup and a fabulous rendition of the Mosman Whales Club song. We trust that you will never forget that glorious day in Queenstown.



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Barracudas Tour 2016 Players

1 – Harry Agar	2 – Oscar Beregi	3 – Toby Brandon-Cooper
4 – Oliver Chandler-Evans	5 – Hugh Crookes	6 – Casper Davidson
7 – Flynn Donnelly	8 – Patrick Dunstan	9 – William Edwards
10 – Oscar Evans	11 – Hunter Folkes	12 – Isaac Foote
13 – Xavier Foster	14 – Hugo Garner	15 – Angus Greiner
16 - Harry Grover	17 – William Hammett	18 – Archie Jackson
19 – Flynn Leach	20 – Henry McGuiness	21 – Louis McKay
22 – Wilson McMullan	23 – Jamie Miller	24 – Henry Oxenham
25 – Henry Roberts	26 – Charlie Smith	27 – Jimmy Smith
28 – Charlie Soutter	29 – Tom Spellacy	30 – Harry Spice
31 – James Starling	32 – Jackson Stiel	33 – William Tanner
34 – Jack Thrift-Jones	35 – Callum Houston	36 – Josh Easton

Luke Oxenham & Ross Edwards CUDAS TOUR LEADERS 2016

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EVENTS REPORT 2016

JEANS AND JERSEY

The Annual Jeans and Jersey Event was held to coincide with the Brothers Tour this year. A big thank you to the U8 parents for organising this event which sold over 120 tickets and also raised funds for the Leukaemia Foundation in support of one of the families of the Club.

Tickets were also sold to the Brothers Parents who attended the Club House and watched an U12 game and then joined in the festivities in the Whale House which was a great way to welcome them. We were also able to use the same caterers to provide food to the Brothers boys before they went home to their billets.

All proceeds raised went towards the Leukaemia Foundation. The ticket price covered food and drink as recommended from previous years, which was successful. More support is still needed from the Managers and Age Group Coordinators to encourage the teams to come and socialise together at the beginning of the season.

CUDAS & SAMOA LUNCH

The U15 Samoa Tour Lunch was held once again at the Mosman RSL. If the timing of the Tour changes in 2017, then it should be discussed whether to hold a joint fundraising event with the CUDAS in order to maximise funds for both Tours.



The U12 CUDAs lunch this year was sponsored by Design & Construct, a new sponsor who has signed on for 3 years. They have family members in the Club and their support is much appreciated. The event was held at Allianz Stadium with 310 people in attendance. The format of a Q&A panel was kept and was well-enjoyed despite the poor acoustics of the venue and poor AV. The venue is expensive and the distance means that now the sponsorship deal is completed

it is recommended looking for a new venue which is closer to Mosman and more affordable.

Well done to the U12 CUDAs Lunch Committee for putting together a great event which helped set the tone for the tour and brought the year group together.

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MJRC ANNUAL BALL



This year MJRC went to Rio! This event is the key fundraiser for the Club and the Ball could not operate without the Club sponsors - Allianz Stadium, LJ Hooker, Commonwealth Private, 3Corp, Design & Construct, Orthocare Orthodontics and Olympus Sports. Their continued support and donation of prizes to our regular events is highly valued and much appreciated.

Our Annual Ball was a brilliant evening and a financial success.

Thank you to the U11 parents who

volunteered their time to make the event a success. Ball profit shown in the accounts is \$24,208 compared to \$30,408 last year. Ticket sales were down with just 200 attending the event. It is hoped by reducing the ticket price and using a venue which is closer to Mosman will help attendance in 2017.

It has also been suggested to alternate the Black Tie Ball with a stand up cocktail event. The entertainment of the Brazilian Dancers was well received and the format of good food and dancing is tried and tested. The venue looked fantastic with the decorations team doing a fantastic job. Well done to the U11 parents lead by Victoria Fox.

Emma Soutter
Events Coordinator 2016



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SPONSORS REPORT 2016

MJRC was once again extremely grateful for the support of our sponsorship partners in 2016, not only supporting the club in a financial sense but also with auction prizes and attendances at our events as well as often supporting the teams on the sidelines and extending their services to our rugby community throughout the year.

We would all like to extend a very sincere “thank you” to you all:

- Richard Harding, Geoff Smith and their team at LJ Hooker
- Jason Hill and his team at Allianz Stadium
- Adrian Hondros and his team at CBA Private
- Hayden Brookes and his team at 3Corp (Building Quality)
- Russell Ekas and his team at Olympus Sports
- Nicole and Dave Kaplan at Orthocare Orthodontics
- And new to our sponsorship this year is Ephram Stephenson and his team at Design & Construct.



It was the 22nd year in a row that Richard Harding, Geoff Smith and the team at L J Hooker have been a sponsor of the club, tirelessly and generously giving yet again to support the Club to develop the rugby skills and characters of our young players. I trust our rugby community show them your support when you are thinking of selling, buying or renting property in our local area.



It was the third year partnering with Allianz Stadium and many of us enjoyed the hospitality of Jason and his team whilst attending Super Rugby, International 7s, A League Soccer, NSW and Australia cricket matches as well as gym, tennis, squash and general ground facilities. We are very happy they have secured the Super Rugby fixtures amongst other sports for the coming years.



Adrian Hondros and his team at CBA Private also continued their sponsorship support of the Annual Ball held at the SCG. The night was once again a great success, offering a platform to not only celebrate the season that was and enjoy a few drinks and a party together but also to raise additional funds for the Club.



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Ephram Stephenson and his team at Design & Construct were our new sponsor of the CUDAs Lunch that was again a fun day and another great success, a perfect entre to the Cudas Tour to Queenstown.

Hayden Brooks from 3Corp, Russell Ekas from Olympus Sports and Nicole and David Kaplan from Orthocare Orthodontics were generous sponsors on our jerseys, Orthocare Orthodontics once again being proud sponsors and supporters of the girls competition.



Thanks again to all the sponsors for their support in 2016, we look forward to hopefully partnering again in 2017!

John Mutton
SPONSORSHIPS 2016