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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017

2017 was another busy season of winter rugby for our Mosman Junior Rugby Club.

With a well organised Try Rugby weekend of recruitment commandeered by our Minis Coordinator, Anthony Hunt, and other Committee Members in February, we started the season with a healthy intake of new U6 minis and bolstered numbers across other age groups.

We kicked off the season with:

U6s - 4 teams, U7s - 5 teams, U8s - 5 teams, U9s - 6 teams, U10s – 3 teams, U11s – 3 teams, U12s -2 teams, U13s – 2 teams, U14s – 1 team, U15s – 1 combined team with Hunters Hill.

Unfortunately, the preseason got off to a slow start with March almost a complete wash-out, stifling everyone's ability to train and play preseason matches. Despite this, AGCs, coaches and managers got on with the job of forming teams and working with the SJRU to grade those teams as accurately as they could.

2017 was to be a year of focusing on “coaching the coaches and developing the players skills” and the appointment of Nick Bousie as the Director of Coaching was implemented half way through the season. Nick laid a strong coaching foundation in 2017 with the aim of a further elevation of the coaching plans and approach for our 60th anniversary year in 2018 watch this space!

I am happy to report that all coaches and managers focused on fair participation for all in 2017. Whilst there are always a few exceptions, overall reports from parents were that their kids had a fair go and we will definitely push this further in 2018.

2017 was also a year of change with regard to sponsorships. Our long-standing sponsorship support from Richard Harding and Geoff Smith via LJ Hooker was maintained even when they changed their brand to Ray White and it was a nice fresh change with yellow and white signage at games. We welcomed Ron Hodge and the Investsmart team as well as Jamie Crookes and his team at Richard Crookes Construction as jersey sponsors. Thank you to all the sponsors for your continued support of the Club in 2017.

The year was once again littered with social functions. We kicked the season off with the traditional Jeans & Jersey welcome drinks at the Whalehouse again hosting the Brothers U12 parent group. Boat racers were well contested even by the mums. We had a massive attendance at the CUDA lunch which was this year relocated to Darling Harbour and we concluded the season with a fun night at the Sergeants Mess in Mosman overlooking our wonderful Sydney harbour with a Casino Royale theme and a live band which got the place jumping!! Many thanks to Emma Soutter and all her organising support players this year - a job well done.



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Once again 2017 was a year of touring teams from the U9s who toured to Country NSW - to the annual U12s CUDAs tour to NZ. Rugby was played hard but fair and no parent (Whale Watcher) incidents to report "What goes on tour stays on tour" even if there was!

Norths Reps rugby was once again heavily populated across the age groups with MJRC players and particular acknowledgment must go to those boys that reached representative levels above the usual Norths Representative teams. Well done and congratulations to Jack Bowen, Liam Dempsey and Henry O'Donnell for making the U14 Sydney Junior Rep team and to Connor Garratt for making the U15 NSW Junior Gold team.

For those players that didn't participate in Representative Rugby, they were given the opportunity to play in the inaugural year of the Battle of the Bridge (Mosman Vs Seaforth) with the premise being about one barbarians style team per age group representing their Club and points going towards the team that played with best running rugby spirit. I am proud to report MJRC won the cup in 2017 and we look to retain it in 2018.

Our girls players participation in 2017 was once again healthy with both touch teams and a tackle sevens team from MJRC. Special thanks to Phil Kearns and Steve Smith who coached the 7s team in their inaugural year at MJRC and Ben Miller who managed the girls in general. I hope the foundation built in 2017 will be expanded on for our 60th anniversary year!

The year was rounded out with the annual Viva 7s summer competition with approximately 500 registered players at Rawson in the early evenings for an eight week period. It is proving to be another fun and relaxing opportunity for the kids to widen their friend networks and improve their skills and fitness. We hope to improve the format and build the numbers further in 2018.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone of you for playing a part in our great Club in 2017. I especially would like to acknowledge the huge efforts members of the Committee put into their roles, that often feel like second jobs but of course are completely voluntary. Thank you all for your selflessness, contributions and genuine care for the Club. Also to the AGCs, coaches and managers who not only participate in the planning of Club initiatives but are also at the coal face with parents and kids on a week to week basis, tirelessly giving their time and efforts for the development of our kids and this great Club!

I am proud and excited to report that from speaking to many of you there is a HUGE appetite to make our 60th anniversary year in 2018 the best one yet and I look forward to working with all of you to ensure this is exactly what we all hope it will be!

Thank you for a rewarding 2017!

John Mutton
MJRC PRESIDENT 2017



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REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2017

Mosman Junior Rugby Club held its first Try Rugby Day at Rawson Oval in February 2017 to launch the 2017 rugby season. It was well attended and we gained several new recruits from the day.

Joining the registrars on Registration Day were John Mutton - Club President, Diana Kahui - Club Secretary, Minis Coordinator - Anthony Hunt and several other committee members. Russell Ekas from Olympus Sports also joined us on the day.

The final numbers of players for 2017 are shown in Table 1.

Table 1

	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	Girls	Total
2017	36	44	48	68	52	53	46	45	29	16	0	69	506
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

506 (196 minis) players registered in 2017 across 31 teams (20 minis).

The Minis fielded 20 teams and the Junior boys had 11. There were 69 girls registered in Girls Competition. 56 girls playing touch and 13 in Tackle 7s. There was a decline of 95 players from the previous year. In the minis, fewer U6s joined the club than in the previous year. There was no loss of players moving from U6 2016 to U7 2017 and a slight increase in U7 to U8. There was a decline of 10 players in the U9s for 2017 some of which is due to the introduction of compulsory Saturday sport at some schools. In the juniors, the declines were in U10's, U12's, U15's and a significant drop in the girls' touch 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 2 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.



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The Juniors U10 to U16 awards ceremony was also held at The Whalehouse on 3 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

Team	Most Valuable Player	Most Improved Player
U8 Dolphins	Finn Hannon	Fred Hart
U8 Marlins	Grayson Cayzer	William Stewart
U8 Sharks	Oliver Mott	Zavier D'Arcy
U8 Stingrays	Jackson Howard	Harry Francis
U8 Whales	Gerhardus Burger	Max Hole
U9 Dolphins	George Wormwell	Max L'Orange
U9 Marlins	Harrison Jelley	Jack Reynolds
U9 Morays	Daniel Tubbs	Leon Mencio
U9 Seadragons	Daniel Harvey	Hugo Warburton
U9 Stingrays	Oliver Allsopp	Toby Pearce
U9 Whales	Chase Burrows	Nikolas Katheklakis
U10 Whales	Connor Mosely	Brody Folkes
U10 Dolphins	Nick Bennett	Jack Albert
U10 Sharks	Christian Camus	Harry Seibold
U11 Whales	Everett Oxenham	Will Hodge
U11 Dolphins	Luke Goddard	Ollie Edwards
U11 Sharks	Luca Mencio	Aurelius Christensen
U12 Whales	Henry Ball	Thomas Hammett
U12 Dolphins	Cillian Smyth	Kyan Boddington
U13 Whales	Ed Barton	Paddy Dunstan
U13 Dolphins	Callum Fairbairn	Charles Mulcahy
U14 Whales	Jack Bowen & Benjamin Morton	Harry Spora & Adam Fine
U15 Huntsman	Connor Garratt	



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Table 3

100 Games Awards

U14	U13	U12
Oliver Duthie	Oliver Chandler-Evans	Ben Whatley
Ben Morton	Casper Davidson	Jack Waugh
Henry O'Donnell	Josh Easton	Archie Parker
Finlay Oxenham	Archie Jackson	Cal Forster
Ethan Strawbridge	Fynn Leach	Roland Crookes
	Josh Madeley	Knox O'Conner
	Charlie Smith	Fred Loxton
	James Smith	Andrew Chatfield
	Jackson Stiel	
	Will Hammett	
	Henry Oxenham	
	Harry Agar	

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.

A special presentation was made to boys who had played 100 Games with the Club as at the end of the 2017 season.

We look forward to maintaining a great Junior Rugby Club in 2018.

Sarah Allsopp

MJRC MINIS REGISTRAR 2017

Sam Smith

MJRC JUNIORS REGISTRAR 2017



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TREASURER'S REPORT 2017

The financial year 2017 resulted in a net deficit of \$22,645 (unaudited) to the Club (surplus FY 2016: \$87,025). As at 30 September 2017, the Club is in a strong financial position.

Although registration numbers were down on last season, this was offset by an increase in registration fees to arrive at an increase in registration revenue (FY2017: \$127,151 (unaudited); FY 2016: \$119,831). The Club had a reduction in sponsorship revenue and other income caused by the expiry of the Allianz sponsorship arrangement in FY16, partially offset by our new sponsors (FY2017: \$68,356 (unaudited); FY 2016: \$96,050).

The Committee sought to encourage greater participation in Club social events (namely the annual Jeans & Jersey event and the end of year Cocktail Party event), by reducing ticket prices, supplying free food and consciously focussing on the fun factor, without fundraising. This caused a reduction in other income and revenue from the annual social event.

Rugby related expenditure was higher than previous years (FY2017: \$220,753 (unaudited); FY 2016: \$169,107) mainly as a result of increased costs associated with the Club's drive to improve player coaching by employing a Director of Rugby to assist our volunteer coaches and also increased costs associated with coaching and refereeing courses. The Club also saw an increase in apparel costs which was partly caused by the requirement to expense our inventory of jerseys.

As at 30 September 2017, the Club has cash available of \$499,866 (FY 2016: \$523,429), which includes, a BT Investment Fund and primary bank accounts with CBA.

We thank our valued sponsors Ray White Mosman, InvestSMART, Richard Crookes Construction, Design & Construct, Orthocare, Olympus Sports, The Buena, Charcoal Charlies Mosman and Vision Fitness Mosman for their support of Mosman Junior Rugby over the season.

Our annual social event was this year held at Sergeant's Mess and it was a brilliant evening with dancing and partying until late. Thank you to Emma Kelly and the U11 parents who volunteered their time to make the event a success.

The only tour conducted this year was the annual U12's Barracudas (CUDAs) tour to Queenstown. The CUDAs tour relied exclusively on funding from its own fundraising events and player contributions. Financial information on the tour is disclosed as additional notes in the Financial Report.

During the year, the Club undertook building works to improve the storage facilities at the Rawson club house at a cost of approximately \$12k.

For the 2018 financial year, the Club is expecting a further deficit as a result of our continued strategic efforts to develop and improve the coaching of our players and to promote rugby and our



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Club in the community. The forecast deficit will not impact the financial strength of the Club as the Club has accumulated surpluses of \$619,483 (unaudited), held mostly in bank accounts.

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

Craig Stokeld
TREASURER 2017



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NORTHERN SUBURBS REPRESENTATIVE JUNIOR RUGBY REPORT 2017

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 Sydney Junior Rugby Union (SJRU), NSW Junior Rugby Union (NSWJRU) and Rugby Australia (formerly Australian Rugby Union).

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. 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 (NSJRU) closely administer.

Over two thousand of the best junior rugby union players from across NSW competed in the annual NSWJRU State Championships this in 2017. This event is the pinnacle of Representative rugby for NSW junior players and is a fantastic showcase of their talents and skills. It also is the start of the Junior Representative pathway for players in the U14 and above age group.

The championships provide individual players an opportunity to be spotted as a part of the talent identification program. Which can lead to further representative honours by inclusion in the Sydney Juniors, Country Juniors and New South Wales Juniors teams.

Mosman players in the Norths rep teams for 2017 are in the following table:

U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
Archie Breakwell	Dylan Alfantis	Henry Ball	Harry Agar	Max Blackley	Connor Garratt
Max Brownie	Conor Dempsey	Tom Beverley-Smith	Max Allen	Jack Bowen	Henri Ridal
Leo Dearlove	Finlay Bartlett	Andrew Chatfield	Ed Barton	Liam Dempsey	
Brody Folkes	Darby Crowley	Sam Codrington	Caspar Davidson	Jordan Dickson	
Max Garner	Oliver Edwards	Oscar Cornwall	Ashton Lynne	Oliver Duthie	
Oliver Hekking	Ambrose Henessey	Will Fox-Smith	Louis Mackay	Dyllan Garratt	
Charlie Mott	Everett Oxenham	Hugo Orpin	Henry Oxenham	Ben Hondros	
Connor Mosely	Alex Smith	Henry Roberts	Dougal Payne	Charlie Lemieux	
Anderton	Kane	Harry Stiel	Rocco Rizzo	Harrison Monie	



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Stock	Thompson				
Daniel Wright	Adam Tubbs (Player of the tournament)	Ben Whatley	Will Rohrsheim	Ben Morton	
	James Warner	Daniel Zubani	Charlie Soutter	Henry O'Donnell	
			Jackson Stiel	Finlay Oxenham	

In addition to the substantial representation of Mosman Juniors in NSJRU Representative teams, the Club was also honoured with three U14 players successful in the Sydney Junior Representative team:

- Jack Bowen
- Liam Dempsey
- Henri O'Donnell

As well as one U15 player successful in the NSW Junior Gold team:

- Connor Garratt

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 NSJRU closely administer. Mosman Junior Rugby Club have contributed to the success of the program by supplying players, coaches, managers and administrators.

Matthew Ball
REPRESENTATIVE COORDINATOR 2017



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GROUND AND REFEREES REPORT 2017

GROUNDS

In the context of recent years, 2017 was a quiet year around our grounds. No major works were undertaken, nor Council contractors changed, which therefore minimised the potential for interruption from external forces. Even the weather, generally, was kind, limiting its impact to two major tranches of rain, the first causing lots of lost days in the pre-season, the second just prior to the State Championships over the June long weekend. Thereafter, we only suffered the odd lost training day.

Our days lost (or part thereof) looked like this:

Training/trial days lost - 18

Competition days lost - 1

As a result, our grounds endured the season well. Sand-slitting (to improve drainage) was undertaken at Rawson, and a rye grass oversew was implemented at Rawson between the summer and winter seasons. These factors enabled MJRC to host the SJRU Grand Final Day for the U12s on September 3, which also happened to be both the Club's Junior Presentation Day and Father's Day - so a great way to showcase the home of rugby in Mosman.

Our grounds were further showcased when Premier rugby played a round at Rawson Park, with defending Premiers and our district club Norths taking on Parramatta in all grades and Colts - a "Super Day" of rugby. As well as showing off our home ground, this provided an opportunity for Norths to strengthen the link and highlight the rugby pathway for those in Mosman, and with plenty of our junior players not only present on the day, but involved in pre- and post-match festivities, the day was a roaring success.

As ever, our challenges in our community revolve around the need to share limited space with many different sports, so it is important for us to continually review our options for the future, both within the context of our own needs, but also those of the greater community, particularly as rugby, with the growth of sevens, is becoming a year-round sport.

REFEREES

Just as we light the pathways for our players, we undertake to do the same for match officials - call it a co-dependency!

This year, as has now become our custom, we ran a series of courses to develop new talent, improve existing talent, and also to provide our Club body with the opportunity to learn more about our great game. We ran the following courses:

- Refereeing Kids Rugby (RKR)
- Level 1 Assistant Referee (L1AR)
- Coaching Kids Rugby (CKR)



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In each case, the Club paid the costs of these courses for Club members. Members of the local community were also able to attend, further highlighting Mosman Rugby to the broader community.

The RKR course in particular was hugely successful, resulting in TEN new referees making their on-field debuts, easily a Club record. This meant our U8s and U9s Minis, when playing at home, always had an accredited RKR referee in the middle, which helps develop the players AND the referees. That co-dependency again.

The course is also an excellent way to develop our young players. For example, the U13s put the entire leadership group through the course, with a number then taking the exam and picking up the whistle. Perhaps no coincidence that this was also the most successful age group in the club during 2017, and something to consider for similar age groups in future years.

From RKR, which enables the kids to referee Minis and Pathway (subject to field testing, up to and including U12s), referees advance to Junior matches (up to and including U18s), and our referee cohort was well represented here too. The development continues into senior rugby, including Premier rugby, NRC, Super Rugby and Test match rugby, with either current Mosman referees or alumni involved at all levels.

This was put into practice at Rawson during the season when Will Houston, part of Rugby Australia's National Match Official Team and a full-time referee, officiated an U13 match. As part of his "team of three", we had one of our junior referees and one of our senior referees running the line, and on the field we had a number of our developing RKR referees playing. Prior to the match, Will also took time to coach one of our Junior referees. An excellent example of the refereeing pathway at work.

Our referees were also recognised for their efforts. Some examples include:

- Scott Adam-Smith - A Rugby Australia School Student Scholarship (SSS) recipient
- Scott Adam-Smith - Sydney North Rugby Referees - Best Tier 2 Referee
- Hamish McKay - Bryan Palmer Shield Grand Final (NSW Primary Schools State Knockout Competition)
- State Championships - numerous referees involved in the June long weekend State Championships, all being merit based appointments
- SJRU Grand Finals - various referees involved, with appointment according to merit
- Sydney Suburban Grand Finals
- Best Contributor - Sydney North Rugby Referees.

Our RKR debutants in 2017:

- Charles Mulcahy
- Charlie Smith
- Charlie Soutter
- Fynn Leach
- Hamish Ball

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- Hugo Towers
- Lachlan Campbell
- Louis McKay
- Luke Easton
- Max Allen

One of the great things about rugby is the culture, which helps to differentiate it from other codes of football, and it's critical that this culture is maintained. One of the measures of the health of our game is the retention levels of match officials, so let's help these young people develop, let's hold ourselves to a high standard of behaviour, and if we see behaviour that is inappropriate, do something about it.

To all those who support our match officials - a big thank-you. To our match officials - thanks also to you, and may you continue to enjoy it for many years to come. After all, it's the best seat in the house.



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Rob McKay

REFEREES & GROUNDS COORDINATOR 2017



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COACHING REPORT 2017

Season 2017 saw a significant shift for the Club with the introduction of a new external Director of Coaching. Nick Bousie was appointed in May to assist us develop the skills of our coaches, our boys & girls and importantly to instil a code of rugby, the way the game is played at MJRC, consistent with our core values.

The focus in year one has been to use the second half of the season to audit our skill level, for both coaches and the boys & girls participating every weekend, to develop a deep understanding of our collective needs moving into next season. The primary objective is to instil a coaching framework for the coaches which provides direction, structure and ultimately a more professional approach every week of the season. At the conclusion of this season, a series of coaching workshops were conducted to listen to the feedback, observations and needs of each Age Group coaching staff. The voice of our volunteer coaches is imperative to create a professional coaching program relevant to each age group that can be delivered by our coaching teams in season 2018. The season will be broken into specific training blocks and supported by a coaching calendar reinforcing each coaching cycle for improved planning & implementation.

Perhaps most importantly the absolute goal is to improve the accuracy of our grading process and ensure we are in the right competition for the appropriate level of skill and maximum enjoyment of the game. The first training block will provide an opportunity for reassessment and grading if required. Every effort will be made to calibrate skill level and align coaching techniques to the relevant competition. This work has already begun with an active off season program, providing an opportunity for coaches and our boys & girls to get involved and develop skills in preparation for next season.

Next year, as our 60th anniversary, it is essential we create a coaching platform for a successful season defined not only by improved results, but more importantly by improved capability and enjoyment of our coaches and teams playing and competing every weekend for the love of the game.

Tony Barbour
COACHING COORDINATOR 2017

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GIRLS TOUCH RUGBY 2017

In 2017, we continued the tradition of running Monday night touch for the Junior School Girls and Senior School Girls. With upwards up 75 girls in total registered, the Monday nights were well attended and always good fun. We were assisted by Mr Moreton from Wenona who was a Touch Coach at the School and some year 9 girls who acted as on field referees and coaches. The games were always played in good spirit and we focussed this year on helping the girls play fast running touch.

We participated in our first touch game versus Seaforth this year in both age groups. While we went down on the scoreboard the girls enjoyed the day and the competition. This will continue as highlight of the Battle of the Bridge against Seaforth.

In addition, this year we had a Rugby 7's team come together under the Coaching of Phil Kearns and Steve Smith. This team, from a standing start, made great progress through the season and even had a few wins against some long standing teams. The trek up the coast in a Combi Van for a tournament was a highlight. This team will continue to get better next years with more time playing the game.



We were fortunate again to secure the sponsorship from Orthocare Orthodontics. This has helped us with the coaching and referees. We are very grateful for this support. We look forward to seeing more girls back next year.

Ben Miller



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GIRLS PROGRAM COORDINATORS 2017



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MINIS (U6 to U9) 2017 REPORT

INTRODUCTION

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

The Minis Age Group Coordinators (AGCs) for 2017 and the number of teams in each age group were:

U6: Katie O'Brien	4 teams
U7: Mandy Scammell	5 teams
U8: Ed Abbott	5 teams
U9: Nikki Warburton	6 teams
Girls: Deb Baruah	

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. Once again we were all ably supported by Sarah Allsopp, the Minis Registrar, who put in a huge amount of work behind the scenes.

Thanks also go to the numerous managers and coaches for each of the 20 Minis teams this year – again – without their support and dedication, 2017 would not have run as smoothly as it did. The kids love seeing their parents and friends involved in community sport. Many years down the track the kids may not remember what they received for their birthday/Christmas in any particular year but they will just about always remember who was their coach/manager (especially when it was Mum or Dad)!

Finally, and most importantly, thanks to the players for a fantastic Minis 2017 – see you in 2018!

MINIS EVENTS 2017

The Mosman Minis kicked off this year with strong registrations in February, although each year there seems to be a slight reduction in players signing up. As in previous years the Club provided a comprehensive welcome pack to all parents to welcome all and explain our processes. This year we continued our optional pre-season training for U7s-U9s from late February, run across each age group and this was generally successful.

We also ran a Try Rugby day for Girls on 12 Feb in an attempt to get more girls to play rugby, covering both minis and juniors. We opened the day to other girls minis from the Gordon/Norths clubs and it was well attended with support from Caitlin Aquilina, the NSWRU girls development officer.

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



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gear and promote their support for the Club. Special thanks to Paul Ireland, Gear Steward, for all his support and efforts.

Thanks also to Ed Abbott and the Under 8 parents who, with support from our Events Coordinator Emma Soutter, organised the annual Jeans and Jersey Night at the Rawson Clubhouse. They did a fantastic job and, as always, it was a great night out.

There was a solid turnout of Minis and their parents for the Waratahs Club march past in May. The Club provided a bus to transport all from Rawson to Allianz Stadium so there was plenty of blue and blue on the hallowed SFS turf.

The conclusion of the Minis rugby season was marked by the Minis Presentation Day, held at Rawson Oval. Great weather this year meant we could out on our traditional internal games and the jumping castle as well as award every player their trophies.

PLAYING SEASON

The Norths Village Trials were washed out this year, so the Minis season commenced with 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 again saw the benefit of pre-season training time and it did make a difference to how quickly most players settled in.

At our home games in 2017 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. The standard of behaviour from players, officials and parents was excellent in 2017. In previous years, we have had some issues but it was very pleasing to see all Minis participants uphold the standards to which we aspire and do our club proud.

We attempted to start a Girls Minis competition in the Gordon/Norths districts this year but ultimately couldn't get enough girls from across all clubs to make a competition get up. Each club took its turn to host a Try Rugby day for girls, putting on skills and games. Special thanks to Deb Baruah and the core of girls who came along to girls minis training each week – it was a great start and hopefully we can build on that in 2018.

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

- Running on with Norths at Rawson



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- MacDonald Cup v Chatswood – 12 teams from U6s – U9s
- Battle of the Bridge v Seaforth – U8s and U9s
- Harbord Harlequins Gala Day – U8s and U9s
- Dufficy Cup – U9s
- Chatswood Challenge Cup – U8s
- Wahroonga Tiger Cup – U6s and U7s

In the various gala competitions, the Club enters composite teams made up of players from all regular teams, known as the Orcas, Minkes, Humpbacks and Belugas:

- The MacDonald Cup is a challenge round played between Chatswood and Mosman as part of the normal Minis draw. This year Mosman hosted at Rawson and did very well but lost the trophy to a group of well-drilled Chatswood teams.
- The Battle of the Bridge was a new gala day this year played against Seaforth and hosted by them this year. It includes teams from Under 8s up to Under 14s. We entered two teams in each of the U8s and U9s – the Humpbacks and the Belugas, giving players who weren't in the Orcas or Minkes the chance to play in a gala day. All four teams played very well.
- The Harbord Harlequins Cup is a large, well-contested gala day for U8s and U9s. Our U8 Orcas were undefeated in their pool games but their last game was a draw against Chatswood who went through ahead of us on a countback. However, Gerhardus Berger did us proud by winning the U8 "Gift" sprint race. The Under 9 Orcas went through their pool winning every game but ran out of puff in the Semi Final. However, Sebastian O'Brien also won the Under 9 Gift so we came home with a couple of trophies!
- 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 a team on each night. The U9 Orcas won all their pool games before hitting a very strong Ryde team. The U9 Minkes played gallantly but were unable to progress to the Final.
- The Chatswood Challenge Cup is an invitational gala day where we usually enter our U8 and U9 Minke teams. This year we were also able to fill a late gap and enter the U8 Orcas. The Under 8 Minkes and Under 9 Minkes played gallantly but weren't able to progress out of the pools, but the U8 Orcas went right through and won the tournament quite convincingly – congratulations!
- The Tiger Cup hosted by Wahroonga is especially for Under 6s and Under 7s. Despite it being on the same day as our Minis Presentation Day we entered a team in each age group. They loved their rugby and in both the U6s and U7s our relay teams won the relay race.

There is a clear benefit for the Minis from all of this additional rugby. The majority of our Minis were able to be involved in these extra 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.

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Congratulations to all the Minis and their parents and supporters for a fantastic season. After three years in the job I will be stepping down as Minis Coordinator this year. I do so knowing that Minis at Mosman are strong and vibrant, and the spirit of rugby is alive and well in our youngest players. It has been an honour to support all the players and their families in the Minis and I look forward to seeing all participants continue to enjoy being a part of Mosman Junior Rugby.

Anthony Hunt
MINIS COORDINATOR 2017

U6 Dolphins



U6 Sharks



U6 Stingrays



U6 Whales



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U7 Dolphins



U7 Marlins



U7 Sharks



U7 Stingrays



U7 Whales



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U8 Dolphins



U8 Marlins



U8 Sharks



U8 Stingrays



U8 Whales



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U9 Dolphins



U9 Marlins



U9 Morays



U9 Seadragons



U9 Stingrays



U9 Whales





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U10s REPORT 2017

The 2017 Under 10s saw a large number of players and families return from the Under 9s, as well as a number of new families joining the MJRC community. We had 48 players at the start of the season, which pleasingly grew to more than 50 during the year - a testament to the Club and the way in which rugby and mateship was fostered across the teams.

The players and parents also adapted well to the transition from Minis and the grading process. We were fortunate to have Damian Martyr on hand to coordinate the grading, with a combination of skills-based sessions and contested internal trials. Whilst the pre-season was cut short due to bad weather, Damian's experience and practical approach ensured that we got the most out of the sessions we were able to run and that the players were graded into teams of similar ability. A special thanks to Tim Duncan (from the Mosman Seniors) who also gave up his time to provide an independent eye over the trials. The result of the grading process was three teams (Whales, Dolphins and Sharks) representing MJRC in the A, E and H Sydney Junior Rugby Union competitions.

In the early parts of the season, it was clear that the Under 10s was a step up for our players and coaches. However, the development in the skills and teamwork of the players across the season was fantastic and this translated into pleasing results (particularly during the second half of the season). At all times, the spirit, sportsmanship and attitude of the players was evident, and this was acknowledged by competing teams across the grades. The strong relationship between our teams also meant that players played "up and down" to help each other out (often playing more than one game a weekend). Congratulations also to MJRC players who were selected in the Norths Representative development squads.

Along with Damian and Tim, thanks should also be given to the coaches and managers of the three teams for their efforts and support throughout 2017. In particular Simon Breakwell, Kylie Mosely and Scott Mosely (Whales), Jock Cassidy and Steve Bennett (Dolphins), and John Duncan, Peter O'Meagher and Julia Delany (Sharks).

Looking forward already to Under 11s in 2018!

Sean Wiles

U10s AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2017

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U10 Whales

Coach: Simon Breakwell

Manager: Kylie & Scott Moseley



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U10 Dolphins

Coaches: Jock Cassidy & Steve Bennett

Manager: John Duncan



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U10 Sharks

Coaches: Peter O’Meagher, John Duncan and Michael Delany

Manager: Julia Delany





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U11s REPORT 2017

Summary

The 2017 Rugby Season for the U11s was again strongly supported with a group of approximately 55 players across 3 teams. The trial period was heavily impacted by rain thus there were effectively no trials prior to commencement of the regular season. This led to some player movements over the first few games, however, it settled down after a few sessions.

Training session formats were changed slightly with a bit more all age group skills training ensuring everyone gets to know each other, but mixed with plenty of team specific sessions.

The introduction of Nick Bousie was a great asset to the age group. Nick ran a number of sessions throughout the year with great engagement from the players. This real emphasis on skill development mixed with fun will clearly help in lifting overall standards.

A special thanks to all the team coaches and managers for all their tireless effort throughout the season.

We look forward to seeing you all again in early 2018 for pre-season training and trials.

Paul Henry & Simon Longes
U11 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2017

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U11 Whales

Coaches: Jason Scott & Karl Paroli

Manager: Paul Henry

The U11 Whales played in the A division again in 2017. The boys played courageously all season and ended losing the playoff for 6th position in a tight contest v Lindfield. It was a season best described as 'courage under fire'. Most teams were far bigger physically, yet our boys didn't once baulk at the task in front of them.

One of the highlights of the season, was the boys' willingness to try different positions and learn new skills. Backs became forwards, and forwards backs, when injury or unavailability necessitated.

The U11 Whales should be proud of their efforts and their unwavering commitment to training and playing their best, I know all their parents are.

A huge thank you to coaches Karl Peroli and Jason Scott for their tireless efforts at training and on game day.



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U11 Dolphins

Coach: Ed Fox

Manager: Mark Goddard

The U11 Mosman Dolphins played in Division C and performed very well. Quite often they were playing against the #1 ranked teams of other Clubs, but still managed to get a few wins against teams that ultimately went on to play in the finals. The Dolphins were competitive in most games and finished 5th on the table so just missed the finals.

The players all developed strong bonds throughout the season, displaying great camaraderie, and I know many are looking forward to the CUDAS tour in 2018.



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U11 Sharks

Coach: Geoff Soutter/ William Leach

Manager: Andrew Brown

The U11 Mosman Sharks began the season playing in Division E but after some initial challenging games were reset to Division F in which they were more competitive. The players continued to develop their skill and fitness throughout the year and played some entertaining running rugby. The team benefitted from a number of focus sessions with Nick Bousie.

Thanks to all involved for a great effort.





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U12s REPORT 2017

2017 was an extremely busy year for the Under 12s. No sooner had the Whales and the Dolphins been selected during the month of March when the 2017 Cudas tour for a lot of the boys well and truly got into the swing of things. Further, the representative season kicked off for a lot of the boys and the boys also welcomed the touring squad from Brothers in Brisbane for the weekend at the end of April.

2017 also saw a lot of the U12 Mosman boys represent Northern Suburbs at the New South Wales State Championships. Congratulations to:

Andrew Chatfield, Harry Stiel, Oscar Cornwall, Tom Beverley-Smith, Henry Ball, Will Fox-Smith, Ben Whatley, Hugo Orpin, Daniel Zubani, Sam Codrington and our captain who plays in the Under 13 Whales and Dolphins - Henry Roberts.

The boys put in a very strong and determined effort despite being categorically outsized by a number of teams. None of the results should be viewed as disappointing for the boys and I was especially proud of the effort put in against Illawarra - well done boys - you were a real credit to your Club, region and families.

Also, the following boys chalked up and were recognized for playing over 100 games for Mosman Junior Rugby Club during the course of 2017:

Freddie Loxton, Jack Waugh, Archie Parker, Cal Forster, Roland Crookes, Ben Whatley, Knox O'Connor and Andrew Chatfield.

The Mosman under 12s also fielded a team at the first Battle of the Bridge against Seaforth in early July. We submitted a combined team across both the Whales and the Dolphins and they did the Under 12s proud on that Sunday afternoon by coming away with a win against Seaforth.

Despite the boys going off to High School next year, I hope to see a lot of the boys return to Mosman Junior Rugby for 2018.

Grant Whatley

U12 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2017

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U12 Whales

Coach: Matt Kennedy – Rugby Appeal

Manager: Murray Chatfield

The Whales competed in the SJRU B division in 2017. Unfortunately, the Whales were unable to reach the finals in 2017, however, competed well across the whole of the year. The Whales did defeat teams in 2017 that they had not defeated in previous years in a competition that contained a lot of A Division teams from previous years.

The Whales awarded its Most Improved Player to Tom Hammett and its Most Valuable Player was Henry Ball.



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U12 Dolphins

Coach: Gabe Cooper – Rugby Appeal

Manager: Will Lawson

The Dolphins competed in the SJRU E Division. Both teams were unable to reach the finals in 2017, however, both teams competed well across the whole of the year. In terms of the Dolphins, they also started to come together well in terms of various positional combinations. The Dolphins also competed in a different competition than they had in previous years.

The Dolphins awarded its Most Improved Player to Kian Boddington and the Most Valuable Player was Cillian Smyth.





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U13s REPORT 2017

MJRC 2017 U13s - Our season by the numbers:

- 1607 Emails (twice as many WhatsApp and Teamstuff posts)
- 235 Instagram posts
- 136 Pizza's consumed at three separate pizza nights!!
- 111 Tries Scored (Whales 56 & Dolphins 55)
- 100 The number of games played by Oliver Chandler Evans, Caspar Davidson, Josh Easton, Archie Jackson, Fynn Leach, Josh Madeley, Charlie Smith, Jimmy Smith, Jackson Stiel, Will Hammett, Henry Oxenham and Harry Agar for MJRC
- 57 Conversions kicked (Whales 30 & Dolphins 27)
- 45 Players registered (30 returned from 55 in 2016, and 15 new players recruited)
- 35 The number of boys who got to play in the Whales
- 34 The number of boys who got to play in the Dolphins
- 32 Games played (15 each in the season, plus 1 bridge, 1 final)
- 23 SHORE boys, 4 Mosman High & 4 Marist Bros, 3 Aloys, 2 Riverview & 2 Kings, 1 Joeys / Scotts / Cranbrook / Manly / Narrabeen
- 21 Training sessions (at Rawson, Balmoral, the spit and even trained in the park at Chinamen's beach)
- 18 The number of tries Ed Barton scored (9 to Henry M and 5 to Dougal) (Dolphins = Ramiyah 11, Henry 7, Callum 6)
- 16 Wins -> 9 & 1 draw from 15 game to Whales and 7 from 16 game to Dolphins
- 12 Extra Pairs of socks -> 3 to Lachie, 3 to Ramiyah
- 8 Yellow cards -> Max 2, Archie 1, Lachie 1, Rocco 1, Charlie 1, Henry 1, Jamie 1
- 7 SHORE Borders -> Henry, Dougal, Hunter, Lachie, Harry, Max, Ramiyah
- 3 Coaches -> Nick, Max and Harry
- 3 Re-gradings in C grade!
- 2 Leadership sessions 2 Teams
- 1 Draw vs Easts
- 1 Penalty kicked vs Vikings
- 1 Semi Final Played and finally
- 1 Squad of U13 boys for 2017 season at MJRC.

Well done to Ed Barton MVP Whales, Paddy Dunstan MIP Whales, Callum Fairbairn MVP Dolphins, Charles Mulcahy MIP Dolphins. Special thanks to our boys coaches Nick, Max and Harry. To Rob McKay for all his support, to Bill McMullan for managing the Dolphin's every week, all the parents for helping every week with washing jerseys, bringing fruit, ice and snakes, special thanks for the parents ferrying our border players to games, and to our great Mosman Junior Rugby Club and the SJRU for running our competition. Thanks to everyone for a great season and hope to see you all next year

Peter Rizzo

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U13 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2017



Singing the MJRC Club Song



Stocking up on pizzas for hungry boys



Ed Barton vs West Harbour. Weight for Age discussion anyone?

U13 Whales

Coaches: Nick McCamely – Rugby Appeal

Manager: Peter Rizzo



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U13 Dolphins

Coach: Max Magee

Manager: Peter Rizzo





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U14s REPORT 2017

Coaches: Tony Duthie & Matthew Ball

Manager: Diana Kahui

The U14 age group in 2017 comprised 28 boys who had in the previous years played from A to D grade. Of the 28 players, 11 tried out and were successful in making the Norths Reps team and from those 11, 3 players went on to make the Sydney Juniors team – a significant achievement. The team were graded into B Grade and judging by the first 4 rounds, this seemed like a suitable grade for the mixed skill levels of the team. However, as the season wore on, school rugby and reps commitments slowly took their toll on half the team through injury and availability, leaving the remainder, who in most cases had never played as high as B Grade before, to cope with games at a highly skilled level. In addition, school commitments meant that the team were never able to train as a team and most Wednesday night sessions were skills training rather than team training.

Having said that, the U14 Whales were very competitive in every game and either won or lost by a small margin in very even competitions. There was only one team in the grade that was light years ahead of the rest of the grade and they, unsurprisingly, went on to win the competition. The U14 Mosman Whales finished a respectable 6th in the grade. Of the 28 players, 22 have confirmed they are returning for the 2018 winter season which really demonstrates the strength and close-knit nature of this age group, who – in a lot of cases – have been playing together since they were 6 years old.

Thanks must be given to the U14 Whales game day coaches, Tony Duthie and Matt Ball, for their commitment and effort. And to Nick McCamely and his team at Rugby Appeal for providing skills seasons to the boys who could train during the week.

Player profiles:

Hamish Ball Cemented his role in the front row and also attained his first-year Referee accreditation. Ended the season early with a broken collar bone but still turned up to cheer his team.	Ben Morton Difficult to stop once he got a run down the field and loving the flanker position. Successful in making the Norths Reps team and MVP Forwards for 2017.
Jack Bowen Transferred to Mosman from Chatswood and quickly established himself as an outstanding No. 10. Successful in making the Norths Reps and Sydney Juniors team and MVP Backs for 2017.	Henry O'Donnell A superstar centre – loves orchestrating back line plays and carving up the opposition defence. Successful in making the Norths Reps and Sydney Juniors team.
Lachlan Campbell First year with Mosman coming from Aloysius College. An indispensable second rower who filled in as prop from time to time. Also successful in attaining his first-year Referee accreditation.	Finlay Oxenham Mr Unstoppable. Always in the thick of it and always reliable in forward play. Successful in making the Norths Reps team. Season ended early with a concussion.



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<p>Liam Dempsey A MJRC veteran who styled himself as a rampaging No. 8. Successful in making the Norths Reps and Sydney Juniors team and survived the season playing A grade school rugby, reps, Sydney Juniors and Sunday league.</p>	<p>Fred Wormwell Another MJRC veteran who was happy to fill any backs position and add value when needed. A strong team player.</p>
<p>Adam Fine Back from a year off in 2016 to play Club rugby for 2017. At home in the forwards who played with tenacity and focus. MIP Forwards for 2017.</p>	<p>Toby Smith First year with Mosman and one of the team's Riverview boarders. Dependable and welcomed member of the team.</p>
<p>Dyllan Garratt An incredibly tough player who specialised in No 6 or 7 jersey. One of the most reliable and dependable tacklers on the team. Managed a broken wrist and nose during the season but still managed to make the Norths Reps team.</p>	<p>Harry Spora First year with Mosman and another Riverview boarder. A strong running centre or inside centre. MIP Backs for 2017.</p>
<p>Ben Hondros A classic back with valuable skills at wing, full-back and inside centre. Successful in making the Norths Reps team.</p>	<p>Jordan Dickson Plagued with a shoulder injury from school, reps and Club rugby but still a star fullback. Successful in making the Norths Reps team.</p>
<p>Joshua Johnston One of the team's fastest players, often on the wing and an amazingly tough player with a strong tackling style. Successful in making the Norths Reps team.</p>	<p>Ashton Lyne Our youngest member of the team by a whole year. Another highly dependable flanker. Successful in making the U13 Norths Reps team.</p>
<p>Cooper Kahui-Chee A quiet achiever who revelled in the hard work needed to occupy the hooker and prop jerseys. An honest and dependable team player.</p>	<p>Harrison Monie The last of the Riverview boarders whose parents would drive 8-9 hours in the weekend to watch him play. Incredibly strong player and successful in making the Norths Reps team.</p>
<p>Will Karoll A long-term MJRC player who could slot into either second row or No 8 position but had an amazing turn of speed once he got going.</p>	<p>William Cardwell Could always be counted on to fill whatever position was thrown at him but particularly enjoyed the loose forwards. Another great team player.</p>
<p>Hugo Kerr Another dependable and courageous player who has the speed to play at wing but excelled at flanker.</p>	<p>Alastair Kirk First year of rugby union having previously played league. Coped valiantly with the new format of rugby and enjoyed the team comradery.</p>
<p>Charlie Lemieux Made the wing position his own and capitalised on most opportunities sent his way by back line plays. Successful in making the Norths Reps team.</p>	<p>Ethan Strawbridge A natural athlete and physically gifted player. Imposing at front and second rows. Another quiet achiever.</p>

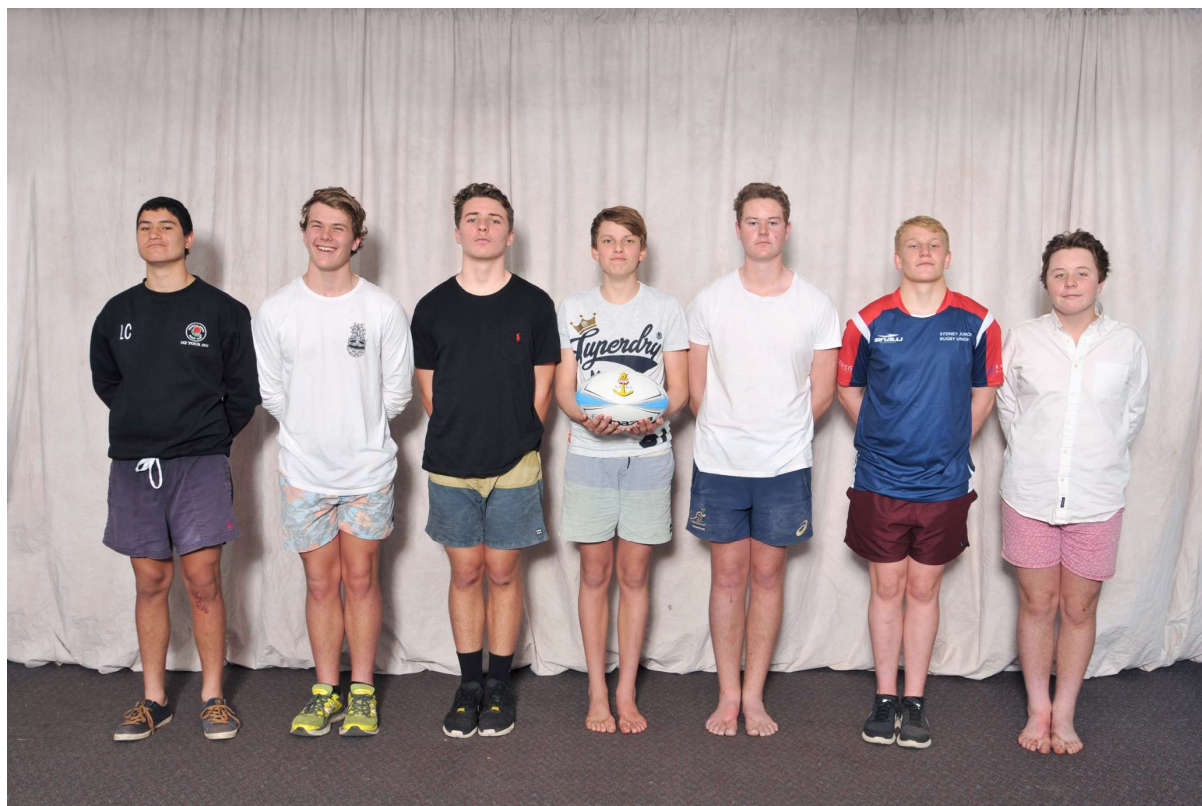
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<p>Pieter Marais The team's favourite prop who brought his love of the game to the team every week through his South African heritage.</p>	<p>Max Blackley Happy to be slotted into any forward position that was available and always cheerful and entertaining. Successful in making the Norths Reps team.</p>
<p>Oliver Duthie Resident No. 9 who was fierce in defence and specialised in quick ball from the breakdown. Successful in making the Norths Reps team. Season ended early with concussion.</p>	<p>Tom Duffy Unfortunately, unavailable due to injury for a good part of the season, but could be counted on in any front row position when his knees weren't giving him trouble.</p>



Diana Kahui
U14 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2017

U15s REPORT 2017



The U15 Mosman players formed a joint venture with Hunter's Hill Club for the season creating a JV team called the Huntsmen.

Lyn O'Neil
U15 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2017



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MOSMAN VIVA7s REPORT

2017 was the fourth year of VIVA7s in Mosman, and after the frustrations of 2016, we made a few changes.

Our first initiative was to try a shorter, additional, pre-season competition, as a way to ramp up the rugby vibe and prepare our players for the winter ahead. However, being only four weeks long, and with some of the wettest weather of the year during this time, it lacked continuity due to ground closures. Furthermore, with the registration awareness kicking in during the long school holiday period, numbers were not as high as the previous spring time competitions. Nevertheless, a couple of hundred people enjoyed the benefits of this format of our game.

The major VIVA7s window has been spring and 2017 was no different. However, changes were made here too. Having run the previous competitions with the Senior Club, it was agreed that the Junior Club would run the competition for the Junior players for spring 2017. We also negotiated with Rugby Australia (formerly known as the Australian Rugby Union) to use our own jerseys, which provided bonus coverage for our two major sponsors. In addition, we tried to condense the matches into three days, rather than four, but this reverted to four due to a combination of ground and player availability.

We also introduced single player registration, skills and drills for U6s and U7s and a more flexible weekly format, designed to accommodate the changes in numbers from week to week. There remains further scope for improvement, both at Club level, and from Rugby Australia.

Analysing the playing group provided some interesting insights:

- The schools providing the most players were, in order: Wenona, Mosman Prep, SHORE and Middle Harbour Public
- Gender split 59:41 Male:Female
- 56% of players are not current MJRC (i.e. winter season) players
- 35% of players have not played VIVA7s before.

Given VIVA7s is about expanding the rugby player base and increasing inclusion and participation especially amongst girls and players outside the traditional rugby environment, the above snapshot suggests those plans are starting to work. Who would have thought the school providing the most players to a mixed rugby tournament would be a girls' school?

The future? It's still only in its fourth season, in a rugby environment undergoing significant change. With a new name imminent, other changes are also likely. There is potential to further improve the product, both at national and state level, as well as at the club level, all with a view to providing improved opportunities for others to share in our wonderful game.

Rob McKay

VIVA7s MJRC ADMINISTRATOR

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BROTHERS TOUR REPORT 2017



In keeping with tradition, the boys and parents from Brothers in Brisbane arrived in late April on the Friday night of the Club's Jeans and Jersey Night.

As in previous years the boys were billeted out to the year group, an activity that was thoroughly enjoyed by both Mosman and the Brothers families.

After some round robin matches on the Saturday afternoon, the John Eales Cup was held on the Sunday morning. Despite a gallant effort by the Mosman boys, the Brothers Boys won the day.

Thanks to the U12 parents who showed the Brothers Boys and their parents warm and generous hospitality. Particular thanks also goes to Gary Forster who assisted Adam Beverley-Smith and I in organising the weekend.

Grant Whatley & Adam Beverley-Smith
BROTHERS TOUR COORDINATORS 2017





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BARRACUDAS (CUDAS) TOUR REPORT 2017

As many in the Club are aware the motto of the CUDAS Tour is "Better Boys Make Better Men". The 2017 CUDAS was no exception and it has been a privilege watching the boys grow over the course of the 12-month project.

The 2017 CUDAS toured with 26 boys (initially starting with 28 boys). The CUDAS started their campaign in late August 2016 and eagerly hit the streets of Mosman selling their Melbourne Cup Raffle tickets. This was a successful fundraising activity for the boys and it was good to see some of the boys gain some extra confidence by approaching members of the general public with a view to attempting to sell tickets for the benefit of the CUDAS. Like everything in life, sometimes this was met with success, other times, it was not - either way the boys continued to push on to achieve a successful result.

This year the boys were also required to raise \$1,000 each from their own activities as their contribution to the fundraising target. Some boys put their inventive and entrepreneurial spirit to good use and easily achieved the target (i.e. creating a frozen fruit business, Christmas hampers and swim-a-thon).

Into the Easter period the boys were required to also commit to community service around the Mosman area. In particular, the boys attended the ANZAC Day Service at George's Heights, collected for the Red Shield Appeal as well competed in the Balmoral Burn. This aspect of the tour was particularly fulfilling for the boys as they were required to contribute to the community in ways many of the boys had not done before.

The final fundraising event for the CUDAS was the CUDAS Lunch in late May 2017. It was a great success for the CUDAS and the boys thank the Club, Sponsors and the wider Mosman community for their support in this regard. It also set the scene for the actual tour that followed in the first week of July.

The CUDAS left Sydney Airport on 1 July destined for Queenstown. A lot of the boys had not been to Queenstown before and were therefore excited for the adventure that was ahead of them.

On the Sunday the boys eagerly embraced bungy jumping and zip lining before they boarded the bus to go paint balling. After a few hours of paint balling (and many painful bruises - including to the writer of this report) the boys returned to Queenstown ready for some rugby in the following days.

On the Monday the boys headed to Upper Clutha to play 2 teams from Upper Clutha. The boys put in some good performances but Upper Clutha ran away with the day.

On the Tuesday the CUDAS travelled to Clyde. Previous Mosman tours have not played Clyde before but Clyde is a small country town that effectively shut down to watch our boys play their local boys. As evidence of this was a sign on the main road pointing everyone to the rugby ground around the



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corner and indicating that Rugby was being played on that afternoon. The hospitality of Clyde was fantastic and the boys came away with a win 55-5.

After negotiating the chilling temperatures on the High 5 on the Wednesday, the boys assembled on the Thursday for the Barra Cup against Alexandra and the Cuda Cup against Wakatipu. The boys won the Barra Cup in a great game but went down in the Cuda Cup. The boys had a great time and put their bodies on the line in very cold conditions (in particular one Cuda that broke his collar bone).

Overall the boys (and parents) had a fantastic time, however, we have to thank the parents for their unwavering commitment to the boys' effort in 2017. Adam and I would not have been able to organise a successful tour if it were not for the assistance of the parents - so thank you. In particular, those that had committee roles such as Catriona Crookes (Fundraising), Gary Forster (Community), Phil Waugh (Head Coach) and Craig Stokeld (Treasurer). Also thanks to Mal Nutt (Court Jester/Whale watcher Co-ordinator) who put in a great effort to ensure that all of the parents had a great time each and every day/night.

Grant Whatley & Adam Beverley-Smith
CUDAS TOUR LEADERS 2017

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EVENTS REPORT 2017

JEANS AND JERSEY

Due to slow ticket sales, a week out the decision was made to make the event free. The Jeans and Jersey Event was once again held to coincide with the Brothers Tour. This resulted in a great night and atmosphere with lots of friendly rivalry between the two Clubs. It was great once again to watch the boys play under the Friday Night Lights of the Whale House. Piquant Catering once again provided the food for the players and the parents which received great feedback. If this event is to continue, it is suggested it needs an overhaul in order to continue its success. Potentially a change of focus back to a 'Welcome Drinks' at the beginning of the season and earlier communication with the Age Group designated to put on the event.

TOUR LUNCHES

Unfortunately this year with no Samoa Tour, it was just left to the CUDAS organising committee to arrange our one and only Rugby Lunch this year. The completion of our contract with Allianz Stadium left the door open for us to try another venue. Catriona Crookes did a great job of organising the event with her team and Dockside at Darling Harbour was chosen for its proximity to the CBD, for those at work and also its great price. The price point really allowed us to make much more money on the ticket price which had not been an option prior.

The focus was on selling raffle tickets instead of silent auction and just a few live auction items resulted in a great lunch, great entertainment and with buses placed to return the guests to an after party at The Buena. The CUDAs lunch was once again sponsored by Design & Construct, who brought a table along to support the tour, their continued support of the Club is much appreciated. The event was held at Dockside Darling Harbour with 254 people in attendance.

MJRC COCKTAIL PARTY

Mosman Junior Rugby Club this year went to Monte Carlo with a complete change in venue and style from previous years. The event was held locally at Sergeants Mess and a casino themed evening was held. Prizes were available at each table and there was music for dancing. A cocktail style event meant that people could move around and talk to each other which proved very popular. They were able to have fun at the tables or dance away to fantastic music.

For the first time this event was not a fundraiser for the Club, no raffle tickets, no auction. Just a chance for parents and sponsors to enjoy the evening. The Club cannot operate without the sponsors and volunteers that help the Club run and this evening was an opportunity to thank all of those associated with the Club and gave them an opportunity to let them enjoy themselves.

The ticket price was kept as low as possible and with 159 sold tickets and 26 sponsors we could have easily accommodated more, however there still seems to be a lack of engagement with the community and an apathy about fundraising. We wanted an evening that would create some excitement, where everyone could enjoy themselves for a good price, where they did not feel pressurized into giving more money and was close to home. This venue ticked all those boxes and



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the entertainment was great. People are still raving about the band, which had the added bonus of having a link between the lead singer and the Club. The venue looked fantastic with the tables and band doing a great job.

Well done to the committee of U11 parents; Vicky Aifantis, Tracy Goddard, Michelle Fox and Libby Smith.

Emma Soutter
Events Coordinator 2017



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SPONSORS REPORT 2017

MJRC is extremely grateful for the support of our sponsorship partners in 2017, 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. Without our sponsors we could not deliver the coaching / facilities and opportunities to develop our children's rugby skills.

To our reoccurring sponsorship partners:

- Richard Harding, Geoff Smith and their team at **Ray White Lower North Shore**. Under a new brand now but the 24th year in a row of supporting MJRC.
- Ephram Stephenson and his team at **Design & Construct** are sponsors of our CUDA Lunch- something that they are passionate about supporting given the on and off field growth of our under 12 players this tour provides.
- Russell Ekas and his team at **Olympus Sports** who are ongoing supporters of MJRC.
- Nicole Kaplan at **Orthocare Orthodontics** who are also passionate supporters of the club and of women's rugby at MJRC.

And to all of our new sponsorship partners this year. Is fantastic to see the support of these sponsors.

- Ron Hodges and his team at **InvestSmart** (New in 2017) - the front of jersey sponsor
- Jamie Crookes, and his team at **Crookes Construction** (New in 2017) - sleeve and short sponsor.
- Tim Fallon and their team at **The Buena** (New in 2017). The Buena provides 5% rebate to MJRC on all food and beverage purchased by MJRC club members
- Maon Sher, and his team at **Chargrill Charlies** (New in 2017) provided best and fairest awards to every MJRC team for every round.
- Joe Sprange and his team at **Vision Fitness** (New in 2017) who ran fitness sessions for pre-season training + introduced a session on a Thursday night for parents of players.
- Andrew Ullo and his team at **Absolute Health Solutions** (New in 2017) whose company attended every home game providing medical support.

Thanks again to all the sponsors for their support in 2017, we look forward to hopefully partnering again in 2018!



Luke Hartman



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