



MOSMAN JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018

2018 ... 60 years of junior rugby at Mosman.

When I reflect on the season two words stand out in my mind, DEVELOPMENT & PARTICIPATION. I was thrilled to see this ingrained in not only the player ranks, the coaching ranks but also the parent-partying ranks!!

This season was the first full season of rugby with our passionate and hard-working director of coaching, Nick Bousie. In January, Nick got cracking on the Balmoral fitness sessions with participation from dads, mums, sisters and brothers which set the scene for a February of coaching-the-coaches, and thankfully a dry (weather-wise) March of internal trials, grading and preseason games. Thank you to all AGCs for your planning and hard work not only during the preseason but throughout the season, the club is always in debt to you all, it takes a vast amount of time and effort to ensure coaches, managers, teams and parents are cohabiting harmoniously.

A huge thanks to Nick and all those paid and voluntary individuals who put their hands up to lead a Mosman rugby team this year. Across the age groups we had passionate, committed and level-headed individuals managing and coaching our kids. Week in week out in the minis it was fantastic to see lots of kids running and scoring tries, defending and developing their understanding of rugby and in the juniors I witnessed many hard-fought games where MJRC teams finished on the right side of the scoreboard but even when that wasn't the case I was thrilled to see smiling faces and hearing the MJRC club song being sung, excellent team and club spirit!

This year we had one team make the grand final – the U11 Dolphins. We had a further 6 teams who made the cup/plate semi-finals – U10A Whales, U10C Dolphins, U11C Whales, U11G Dolphins, U11H Sharks and U15B Whales. 71 MJRC players were also chosen to represent Northern districts representative rugby in their age groups. A particular acknowledgement to Henry Murray, Teddy Wilson, Jack Bowen, Will Granger and Henry O'Donnell who were chosen for Sydney reps and Jack Bowen, Will Granger, Henry O'Donnell and Liam Dempsey who also went on to be chosen for NSW rugby ... you did MJRC proud!

Thank you Ben Miller for managing our girls' rugby, the future of MJRC girls touch and tackle is optimistically bright!

Our tours to the South Island of NZ and Samoa were once again an important opportunity for the boys to develop not only their rugby skills and confidence but also their understanding of other countries and cultures. I want to thank the main tour organisers, Ross Edwards in the U12s and Diana Kahui in the U15s for your organizational efforts and leadership to make these tours happen and ensure a valuable time for players and families.

I can confidently state our events in 2018 for parents and families were fantastic! From the opening season fun day at Rawson with a DJ van, gelato Vespa, jumping castle and try rugby games followed by the parent season-kick-off drinks party at the Buena, then to a huge mid-season CUDA lunch in the city followed a few months later by a culturally infused Samoa lunch and to round out the season an end of year cocktail party full of burlesque dancers and stylish partying overlooking our beautiful Sydney harbor at Chowder Bay I extend a big thank you to Emma Soutter and the many volunteers

that worked tirelessly to ensure these events were not only fun but helped raise valuable funds for our wonderful club, thank you!

Of course as always a very sincere thank you to our generous and loyal sponsors who give support for the development of our kids, investing in the future of Australian rugby (thankfully someone is!). Thank you Geoff Smith and Richard Harding from Ray White, Ron Hodge from Investsmart, Jamie Crookes from Richard Crookes Construction, Angus Harris from Harris Farm Markets, Ephram Stephenson from Design & Construct, Tim Fallon from The Buena, Russell Ekas from Olympus Sports, Maon Sher from Chagrill Charlie's, Nathan Kingston from Sports Apparel Australia, Joe Sprange from Vision Personal Training, Andrew Ullo from Absolute Health Solutions and Jimil Desai from a Taste of India.

Finally, I sincerely thank the 2018 committee. Thank you all for your passion and energy. I know how much each and every one of you cares for our rugby community contributing your time and energy, riding the rollercoaster that voluntary sporting club management commits you to. Thank you for your contribution to the fun and development of our kids and their families and for helping MJRC to start another 60+ years of rugby ahead!

John Mutton
MJRC PRESIDENT 2018

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2018

Mosman Junior Rugby Club held its second Try Rugby Day at Rawson Oval on 11th February 2018 to launch the 2018 rugby season. It was well attended and we gained several new recruits from the day.

Both first time registrars were at the information table, along with Amanda Scammell and Katie O'Brien who organised the event, and club secretary Sarah Allsopp. Director of Coaching, Nick Bousie, was there all day and helped to run some on-field games and tackle practice. The event was attended by some Waratahs who signed shirts and played with the kids. Olympus Sports attended, and were selling products, and Vision Personal Training were assisting to run some activities on-field throughout the day also. Jumping Castle, Gelato Scooter and DJ-in-a-Van were all big hits with all who attended and the vibe for the day set the tone for the season to come, with kids exclaiming that "this is what they want to come to every week", everyone had a great time.

We had an incentive for all who signed up to an information sheet, pledging to register online, for a free registration per age group. These were drawn on the day by Club President John Mutton, and won by:

- U6 – Guillermo Serna
- U7 – Aedan Kennedy
- U8 – Charlie Howell
- U9 – Finn Herald
- U10 – Connor Smith
- U11 – Hamish Campbell
- U12 – Cameron Hayes
- U13 – Ottis Lunok
- U14 – Oliver Evans
- U15 – Pieter Marais
- Girls – Harriet Raper

All recipients registered to play for the 2018 season, and this was a great incentive tool to encourage people to sign up on Try Rugby Day.

The final numbers of players for 2018 are shown in Table 1.

Table 1

	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	Girls	Total
2018	28	43	51	47	53	42	39	32	28	29	2	41	435
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

435 (169 minis) players registered in 2018 across 28 teams (17 minis and 11 Juniors).

The Minis fielded 17 teams and the Junior boys had 11. There were 41 girls registered in Girls Competition. There was a decline of 71 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 21 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 all age groups and a significant drop in the girls' competition. After discussion with SJRU half way through the season, the decline appears to have occurred across all Clubs in the competition.

For grading in the Juniors, not all grades requested by MJRC were granted by SJRU, and some were regraded at week 4. Grades per Junior team are as below in Table 2:

Table 2 – Junior Grades per age group:

Team	Requested Grade	Initial Grade allocated by SJRU	Regraded (week4) by SJRU	Ladder placing
U10 Whales	A	A	A	7/8
U10 Dolphins	C	C	C	3/8
U10 Sharks	F	F	F	6/8
U11 Whales	C	B	B	5/9
U11 Dolphins	G	G	G	2/9 *
U11 Sharks	I	I	H	7/8
U12 Whales	B	B	B	5/7
U12 Dolphins	D	C	E	6/10
U13 Whales	C	C	C	6/7
U14 Whales	D	D	C	7/8
U15 Whales	C	B	A/B	8/8 **

*U11G Dolphins were the only team to make it to the Grand Final, losing to Hawksbury Valley 35-7.

** U15B Whales were merged with A grade, but finals were split between A & B grade teams.

Communication with SJRU this season:

- On-going game time clash for U14 & U15 teams, despite repeated requests made for later game start times. Resulted in several Form 34 Match Amendments submitted for this same issue.
- Little clarity provided over dispensation issues in Finals for opposing teams, particularly for our U11G Dolphins.
- U14s requested information regarding opposing Rep players during a match, and matters remain unresolved.

Juniors Incidents and Injury report:

MJRC had 4 yellow cards and 2 red cards given to players throughout the season. Both Red cards were in U13, and U13 AGC, Grant Whatley, made every effort to ensure the boys had a fair judicial hearing and support. One was found guilty, the other not.

10 Injury Reports were filed, 6 concussion reports and 4 serious injuries. All 6 concussion reports were from U12. 3 serious injuries in U14 and 1 in U11. One more serious injury was incurred in U10, but was not correctly reported. All players received correct medical attention and clearances as required.

Presentation Day:

The registrars arranged the awards and trophies at the end of the season. Thank you to Sydney Awards and Trophies for providing an excellent service once again.

Presentation day was a combined event this year for the first time, with both Minis and Juniors being held on Saturday Sep 1st 2018 at the Whalehouse, Rawson Oval. It was a successful day with high attendance, with the exception of the U14s, who have many players in GPS schools attending athletics commitments. All other age groups were in attendance, and the U15s stayed on after, for a pizza afternoon as a team. Throughout the day a Jumping Castle, BBQ and Canteen (both manned by parent volunteers) were well patronised by all in attendance, and the Samoa Tour sold raffle tickets on the day.

The Most Valuable Player and Most Improved Players are only awarded to the U8s and U9s in the Minis (not in U6&7). Many teams in the Juniors opted to vote a Players Player award as well as the MIP & MVP awards.

A big turnout from all the teams helped make the day a great success.

The award recipients are shown in Table 3.

Table 3

Team	Most Valuable Player	Most Improved Player	Players Player
U8 Dolphins	Hugo Huggins	Harry Haydon	
U8 Marlins	Cooper Sparks	Jayce Percy	
U8 Sharks	Zac Brown	Darcy McLaughlin	
U8 Stingrays	Felix Brown	Monty Hartman	
U8 Whales	Saxon Smith	Harrison Barbour	
U9 Dolphins	Finn Hannon	Thomas Hallahan	
U9 Sharks	Edward Bateman	Saxon Mellish	
U9 Stingrays	Hugo Demon	Saxon Girodet	
U9 Whales	Harry Polin	Hugo Stewart	
U10 Whales	Douglas Raper	Alex Kerr	George Wormwell
U10 Dolphins	Thomas Whatley	Jack Reynolds	Max Steinberg
U10 Sharks	Matthew Goddard	Connor Hopkins	Noah Carter & Tobias Pearce
U11 Whales	Anderton Stock & Brody Folkes	Charlie Mott	None awarded
U11 Dolphins	Rory McMillan	Jack Ward	None awarded
U11 Sharks	Brandon, Jonathan	Gale, John	None awarded
U12 Whales	Cope, Rory	Crowley, Darby	Tom Hartman & Will Hodge
U12 Dolphins	Soutter, Will	Acheson, Charlie	Mackenzie Fox & Luke Goddard
U13 Whales	Will Fox-Smith (backs) & Jack Mulder (forwards)	Angus Bendall (backs) & Hamish Long (forwards)	None awarded
U14 Whales	Henry Murray	Will Rohrsheim	Henry Oxenham
U15 Whales	Noah Stevenson	Hamish Ball	Henry O'Donnell

A special presentation was made to boys who had played 100 Games with the Club (shown in Table 4) as at the end of the 2018 season. 28 Boys in total were presented with this plaque in 2018.

Table 4
100 Games Awards

U15	U14	U13	U12	U11
Adam Fine	Charles Mulcahy	Tom Beverley-Smith	Rory Cope	Daniel Wright
Hugo Kerr		Christian Melbourne	Conor Dempsey	Samuel Wiles
		Calab Strawbridge	Mackenzie Fox	Will Bailey
		Daniel Zubani	Ambrose Hennessey	Anderton Stock
		Sam Codrington	Jack Henry	
		Lachie McLeod	Lachlan Hunt	
		Oscar Cornwell	Everett Oxenham	
			Alex Segart	
			Alex Smith	
			Will Soutter	
			Kane Thompson	
			James Warner	
			Charlie Waugh	
			Frankie Mutton	

All teams (except U14) had an official team photo taken prior to their medal/trophy presentation. Special thanks must go to Advanced Life Photography for being the appointed photographer at Presentation Day.

We look forward to maintaining a great Junior Rugby Club in 2019.

Mark Wittingham
MJRC MINIS REGISTRAR 2018

Erika von Arnim
MJRC JUNIORS REGISTRAR 2018

TREASURER'S REPORT 2018

The 2018 financial year resulted in a net deficit of \$34,629 (unaudited) to the Club (deficit FY 2017: \$21,701). As at 30 September 2018, the Club maintains a strong financial position thanks to our players and valued sponsors, Ray White Mosman, InvestSMART, Richard Crookes Construction, Design & Construct, Harris Farm, Olympus Sports, The Buena, Charcoal Charlies Mosman and Vision Fitness Mosman.

Despite focussed efforts by the Committee, registration numbers were down on last season, resulting in a decrease in registration revenues (FY 2018: \$113,193 (unaudited) vs FY 2017: \$127,151). It is recommended that registration fees be increased for the 2019 season to offset the decline in registration revenue. Rugby revenues increased (FY 2018: \$228,278 (unaudited) vs FY 2017: \$211,546) mostly as a result of the decision by the Committee to take over the running of the summer touch rugby competition.

Our annual social event was this year held at Sergeant's Mess and it was a brilliant evening with dancing and partying until late. The Club saw an increase in revenues from the annual social event (FY 2018: \$43,582 (unaudited) vs FY 2017 \$26,410) as a result of the success of the silent auction and raffles prizes. Thank you to the U11 parents who volunteered their time to make the event a success. Rugby related expenditure was higher than previous years (FY2018: \$260,508 (unaudited) vs FY 2017: \$219,809) as a result of the full season cost of the director of rugby and the increased cost of running the summer touch rugby competition. Despite efforts to better manage our player kit costs, the Club wrote off kit inventory to the value of circa \$12,000 (to be donated to less fortunate rugby communities). The management of player kit purchases will be an increased focus of the Committee over next season as this is the Club's most significant expense item (FY 2018: \$66,865 (unaudited)) and it requires a rethink on inventory management and the potential for re use.

As at 30 September 2018, the Club had cash available of \$414,358 (FY 2017: \$499,866), which includes a BT Investment Fund and primary bank accounts with CBA. The decrease in cash balances was mostly attributable to an increase in other current assets and a reduction in Club payables (FY 2018: \$7,455 (unaudited) vs FY 2017: \$49,997).

In 2018, 25 U12 boys participated in the CUDAS' tour to Queenstown and 10 U15 boys participated in the Samoa tour. Each of the tours relied exclusively on funding from their own fundraising events and player contributions. Financial information on each of the tours is disclosed as additional notes in the Financial Report.

For the 2019 financial year, the Club's 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 club in the community. The forecast deficit is expected to have a minor impact on the financial strength of the Club as the Club has accumulated surpluses of \$586,425 (unaudited), held mostly in bank accounts.

This has been my last season as Club Treasurer. I thank the Committee for their hard work and support and I wish them well for next season.

The audited Financial Report will be presented at the Club's Annual General Meeting and will be lodged with the Department of Fair Trading. The financial report is available to members upon request to the Club Secretary.

Craig Stokeld
TREASURER 2017

NORTHERN SUBURBS REPRESENTATIVE JUNIOR RUGBY REPORT 2018

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. 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.

Over two thousand of the best junior rugby union players from across NSW competed in the annual NSWJRU State Championships this in 2018. 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 representative teams for 2018 are in the following table:

U10 RED	U10 BLACK	U11 RED	U11 BLACK
Aidan Soutter	Chase Burrows	Anderton Stock	Archie Breakwell
Alexander Kerr	Douglas Raper	Brodie Folkes	Christian Cullen
Archie Hartman	George Wormwell	Daniel Wright	Olly Hekking
George Scammell	Harry Jelley	Leo Dearlove	Connor Mosely
Hugo Brown	Jack McCarthy	Max Brownie	Charlie Mott
Oliver Allsopp	Oliver Stokeld		Ronan Renshaw
Sebastian O'Brien	Thomas Whatley		
	Zac von Arnim		
U12	U13	U14	U15
Adam Tubbs	Angus Bendall	Caspar Davidson	Charlie Bruton
Alex Smith	Charlie Bowditch	Ed Barton	Dyllan Garratt
Ambrose Henessey	Harrison Brown	Harry Agar	Finlay Oxenham
Conor Dempsey	Andrew Chatfield	Henry Murray	Harrison Monie
Dylan Alfantis	Mac Collins	Henry Oxenham	Henry O'Donnell
Evertt Oxenham	Oscar Cornwell	Jackson Stiel	Jack Bowen
Frankie Mutton	Will Fox-Smith	Louis McKay	Jack Matthews
James Warner	Jack Mulder	Rocco Rizzo	Liam Dempsey
Tom Hartman	Milo Hogarth-Scott	Will Hopper	Mackenzie Thompson
Will Clinton	Hugo Orpin	Will Rohrsheim	Max Blackley
	Harry Stiel		Oliver Duthie
	Ben Whatley		Teddy Wilson
	Daniel Zubani		Will Granger

In addition to the substantial representation of Mosman Juniors in NSJRU Representative teams, the Club was also honoured to have players selected in the following teams:

Under 14 Sydney	Under 15 Northern Zone	Under 15 Sydney	Under 15 NSW Gen Blue	Under 15 NSW Gen Blue Grey	Under 16 Presidents XV
Henry Murray	Liam Dempsey	Teddy Wilson	Jack Bowen	Liam Dempsey	Connor Garrett
Will Rohrsheim	Teddy Wilson	Jack Bowen	Will Granger		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Bowen	Will Granger	Henry O'Donnell		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Will Granger	Henry O'Donnell			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Henry O'Donnell				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Matthews				

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 2018

GROUNDS AND REFEREES REPORT 2018

GROUNDS

By the end of winter 2018, 100% of NSW was drought declared. Not surprisingly, for the first time in some years, we did not lose any match days to rain. However, we did receive our now almost customary downpour just before the State Championships long weekend in June, meaning we missed some training days, both then and later in June. In total, we lost 10 training days to wet weather.

Although rainfall was less than average, our grounds remained in good condition throughout the season. A number of factors contributed to this, including:

- Increased use of our training grids outside the field of play for high intensity drills (initiated last season);
- Careful load management between the grounds;
- In conjunction with the senior club, investing in two rye over-sows, firstly in March, and a second (and much more successful one) in June. This provided sufficient winter grass cover to get us through to the end of the season; and
- Ongoing care and maintenance from Mosman Council and Green Options - thank you.

Unlike recent seasons, we did not host SJRU semi-finals or grand finals, nor a round of the Girls' Sizzling Sevens, despite bidding to host. We hosted the older age groups in the annual pre-season Libbo Cup with Newport, but the Battle of the Bridge, in its second year, was once again hosted by Seaforth. Brothers Brisbane again toured.

Our ongoing challenge is to balance the management of our grounds with the demand, not only from our stakeholders, but also our local community, especially as the rugby season develops into a year-long calendar, particularly with the development of the sevens game, both in its non-contact and contact formats. The opportunity exists for Mosman to have a greater role in tackle sevens outside the winter season, but ground availability is the limiting factor.

REFEREES

Developing match officials is a duty which every club must undertake - without referees, we won't have a match. Therefore, it is important as a club and as a community that we not only develop match officials, but we support them, and provide a positive culture within our club that respects them. Rugby culture is one of the distinguishing factors of our game, so it is critical that we foster this facet of our wonderful game.

Our ongoing development program continued this year. We once again hosted a Refereeing Kids Rugby (RKR) course at The Whalehouse which included participants not just from our club, but across Sydney - a wonderful way to showcase the home of rugby in Mosman. From this, six debutants appeared throughout the 2018 season, starting their refereeing careers at Balmoral and Rawson with U8s and U9s Minis. Congratulations to:

- Willow Carter
- Tom Duffy
- Cal Forster

- Wilson McMullan
- Will Rohrsheim
- Jasper MacNevin

A number of 2017's RKR cohort also developed their game, with the following referees making the step up into the Junior ranks. Congratulations to:

- Louis McKay
- Charles Mulcahy
- Charlie Soutter

There were plenty of other highlights for our team during 2018, including the following:

- Joe Reynolds - A Rugby Australia School Student Scholarship (SSS) recipient - the second year in a row a Mosman referee has been a SSS winner;
- Scott Adam-Smith - Sydney North Rugby Referees - Referee Coaching Award (his fourth SNRR award in a row!);
- State Championships - Highlights included Jack Jones refereeing the U13s final, with Hamish McKay as AR;
- SJRU Grand Finals - seven Mosman referees in charge of Grand Finals (quite possibly a record); and
- NRC - one our our current cohort being part of the match official team (Sydney Rays v Fiji Drua)

The extent of our ongoing development program means we can provide home referees for all our Minis matches at home, and also provide a majority of the referees for the Junior matches we host, as well as enabling broader opportunities for our referees across Sydney and through the referee pathway into adult rugby.

A big thankyou to our entire team of match officials, whether our debutants, our rising starts, or those who have been doing it for years - you are all important to our wonderful game.

Next year? We will continue our development program, and we'd LOVE some of our club's women and girls to be involved. The female game is growing at a great pace, and we need female match officials, so don't be shy - come and join us!

2018 Debutant Referees





Rob McKay
REFEREES & GROUND COORDINATOR 2018

COACHING REPORT 2018

The year 2018 has now drawn to a close. It has been a year that has seen many great coaching developments throughout all age groups. The year began with a pre-season for our coaching team. All coaches were provided with the tools to help develop all players in their team or age group.

The vast majority of team were graded in a division that was certainly applicable to the standard that the kids were able to play, however we had a couple of teams that were a little out of their depth in their division. This will certainly need to be addressed in 2019.

This was the first time that coaches had to nominate for a coaching role at the club. This came with some problems, however it was felt across all teams this is a great approach and it allowed for teams to have a broader exposure to coaching styles.

It was the direct role of the Coaching Director to run the grading process for the U10 and U11, of which ran very smoothly, and will again be rolled out in 2019.

The team of coaches enjoyed many successes both on and off the field in 2018. The introduction of a manual and coaching template was rolled out, and although very simple to follow it was still problematic for all coaches to follow the plan. The implementation of the age group warm-ups across U9-U14 was very well received by all parties involved. It really helped a more age group centred approach rather than the individual teams going off to train separately. The training set up was changed this year, with the introduction of training boxes, especially for our minis. It helped the coaches to run their sessions in clear area and contain the kids at every session. The coaching team along with the Age Group Co-ordinators were in constant dialogue and found this to be very beneficial to address any issues /questions all stakeholders had throughout the season.

The overall results for the season were much improved from the previous years, a winning percentage increase from 22% in 2017 to 47% in 2018. A great result, and my thanks go put to all coaches for their hard work and outstanding effort throughout 2018.

Nick Bousie

DIRECTOR OF COACHING 2018



GIRLS TOUCH RUGBY 2018

This year we had a very energetic and enthusiastic group of Primary and Senior School Girls participate in Touch Rugby every Monday night through the Winter season. Over the season we worked on fitness, improving the skills of passing while running, drawing a player to create an overlap and paying the game at a fast pace. There was a big improvement in these skills over the season and the girls have definitely become better players and understand the fundamentals of the game.

The touch sessions on a Monday were always highlighted with bold laughter, screaming at the referee (me) and a willingness to "play on". We all had great fun and enjoyed the game for the pleasure of running and passing. We were helped every week by four skilful and willing girls - Lucy Collard, Molly Henry, Jessie Henry and Lily Schnitzler. They shared skills, tips and tactics every week and helped me when things got a little out of hand - which I really appreciated!!

The annual Cup Cake night was held in August with all girls bringing a host of Cakes, biscuits, muffins and lollies. It is always great fun and this year the girls made a big effort to bring along a range of colourful and chocolate filled delicacies.

It has been a great fun season and I have enjoyed seeing the girls develop their skills and become great players. This will be my last year managing the Girls Touch program so I would like to say Thank you to the Club, the Committee and all the parents who have supported the girls program.



Ben Miller
GIRLS PROGRAM COORDINATORS 2018

MINIS (U6 to U9) 2017 REPORT

INTRODUCTION

This report provides an overview of the MJRC Minis (Under 6 - Under 9) in 2018.

MJRC continues to have one of the larger player registrations in SJRU Minis notwithstanding lower numbers again in 2018. We had more than 150 children across the age groups, creating 18 teams, split as follows:

U6 3 teams (7-a-side games) – Age Group Coordinator – Katie Adamo
U7 5 teams (7-a-side games) – Age Group Coordinator – Katie O’Brien
U8 5 teams (7-a-side games) – Age Group Coordinator – Mandy Scammell
U9 4 teams (10-a-side games) – Age Group Coordinator – Ed Abbott

PLAYING SEASON

The Mosman Minis kicked off this year with strong registrations in February, although we again witnessed steep competition for players particularly in the U6s. As in previous years the Club provided a comprehensive welcome pack to all parents including all MJRC kit. This year many Minis families were involved in the optional pre-season training run on Sunday’s by our Director of Coaching, and by all reports the Mums & Dads had as much fun as the kids.

The Norths Village Trials hosted by Hunters Hill kicked off the season just prior to Easter. After just one training session for many it was encouraging to see the U6s giving it a go as well as the U8s attempting tackle for the first time. The U9s stepped up to the 10-person game.

Our Minis teams play the regular season in the Gordon Minis Competition, which this year comprised 14 regular Rounds. One upside of the dry weather is that there were very few wash outs so plenty of rugby for all. 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. We had some stand out team successes across the age groups while the standard of rugby played was generally admirable and the standard of behaviour from players, officials and parents was again excellent throughout the year.

The club participated in numerous gala days as has become customary. The older age groups really enjoy the extra rugby and competitive atmosphere of fighting for a trophy. 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: This year we participated in:

- MacDonald Cup vs Chatswood (U6-U9) - played as a regular round yet for a Cup named after a man who played and contributed heavily to both clubs. Chatswood retained the trophy in 2018.
- Battle of the Bridge v Seaforth (U8/U9) - Minis contribute teams across U8s and U9s. It is a great day out and sometimes the first experience for Gala days for our kids
- Dufficy Cup x3 (U8) - MJRC provides 1 team for each Friday evening throughout August. Our teams competed strongly with the Orcas coming away with the silverware
- Harbord Harlequins (U8/U9) - both U8 and U9 teams performed strongly against what is stiff competition. In a nod to the Wallabies, our U9 learnt the hard way that starting fast is important as they missed the Semis because a team they drew with scored first in their game.
- Tiger Cup at Wahroonga (U6/U7) - This is a gala day to close out the season and created with the aim of fun and participation. We provided a U7 team that performed strongly while our U6 cohort were a late withdrawal after a very long season for all

- Chatswood Challenge Cup (U8/U9) – Our 1 U8 team made the final, while one of the two U9 teams we provided came out with the Cup!

The conclusion of the Minis rugby season was marked by the Minis Presentation Day, held at Rawson Oval, where children are presented with trophies and team photos taken.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

MJRC hosted an SJRU inter-district Minis Gala Day at Balmoral welcoming 3 clubs from outside the Gordon area. This was new initiative from SJRU and an opportunity embraced by MJRC and highlighted how well the club and committee come together to deliver. There were 350+ players welcomed to Balmoral with entertainment, food and a great opportunity for our sponsors. Minis provided a strong contingent of the ~50 children that enjoyed participating in the #PartofMore march past in between the Wallaroos & Wallabies Bledisloe Cup games. A very memorable experience for all involved, particularly the Kiwi's.

OUTLOOK FOR 2019

There will always be refinements as the sport and club evolves which will create opportunities and challenges. Two particular areas of attention for next year will be:

- The draw - handed down through Gordon Minis it is a very manual process and full credit to those organisers for pulling it together as best possible. There have been some steps put in place for 2019 to attempt to minimise changes throughout the season which is an ongoing challenge for Minis (and probably most sport). MJRC teams use of App's to simplify team communication is well entrenched and to be encouraged. We will look to simplify this process again in 2019
- Volunteers – all clubs run on contribution from each and every one and I encourage parents to find ways to get involved. The club will endeavour to find opportunities but that is always easiest when people step forward. Please get involved, it benefits the club, your children and yourself.

There are numerous people who put a tremendous effort in throughout the season. Thanks to all parents that commit to run the Thursday (training) and Saturday (game day) madness and maintain their encouragement and sportsmanship on the sideline.

Special thanks to the Managers and Coaches for bringing such positive energy to training and game day. Our children all benefit and learn from the effort you made this year. Nick Bousie, our Director of Coaching, was very important in providing direction and support to coaches across age groups, his initiatives introduced this year simplified training nights considerably and was always around to help AGCs particularly in approach to Gala Days.

The AGC's worked tirelessly and deserve full recognition for running Minis so successfully this year. Katie Adamo (U6), Katie O'Brien (U7), Mandy Scammell (U8) and Ed Abbott (U9) all provided a huge service to the community.

Thank-you to Minis Registrar, Mark Whittingham, and Gear Steward, Nik Ruparel, for all their efforts. We had players joining 2/3rds through the season that were welcomed in smoothly.

Finally, I thank Anthony Hunt for handing over the role of Minis Coordinator with a strong framework in place and sharing all his insights.

Andrew Brown

MINIS COORDINATOR 2018

U6 Whales



U6 Dolphins



U6 Sharks



U7 Whales



U7 Dolphins



U7 Sharks



U7 Stingrays



U7 Marlins



U8 Whales



U8 Dolphins



U8 Sharks



U8 Marlins



U8 Stingrays



U9 Whales



U9 Dolphins



U9 Sharks



U9 Stingrays



U10s REPORT 2017

The 2018 Rugby season kicked off for the U10s with their first taste of grading and adjusting to new rules and format of the game. U10s saw a large number of players and families return from the U9s, as well as some new families joining the MJRC community. We had 48 players at the start of the season, and 51 by the end - a testament to the Club and the way in which rugby and mateship was fostered across the teams.

The majority of the boys have been with the club since U6s so they enjoy playing together and you could sense the enthusiasm as they laced up their boots and adjusted their mouthguards on day one. The players participated in the grading process for the first time and seemed to enjoy this change to the start of their rugby season. Both parents and players transitioned well from their time in the Minis. We were fortunate enough to have Nick Bousie, Director of Coaching, manage the grading process and ensure we enforced an independent grading process. A huge thanks to Nick, Damien Martyr and all those that helped out through the process. The grading process consisted of skills sessions, internal contested trials and an external gala day which ensured the boys were given every opportunity to be placed in the correct team. The result of the grading process was we ended up with three teams (Whales, Dolphins and Sharks) representing Mosman in the A, C and F Sydney Junior Rugby competition.

In the early parts of the season, it was clear that the Under 10s was a step up for our players. The development in the skills and teamwork of the players across the season was fantastic and this translated into pleasing results with the Dolphins making the semi-finals. At all times, the spirit, sportsmanship and attitude of the players was evident. 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 the MJRC players who were selected in the Norths Representative development squads.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our very committed coaches Marc Von Arnim and Nick Durrant (Whales), Dave Scammell (Dolphins) and Simon Pearce and Peter Carter (Sharks). Thanks also to the U10 team managers Simone Burrows, Brad McCarthy and Anna Mencio for supporting the coaches, boys and parents throughout the season.

I know the boys are looking forward to an even more enjoyable U11s season.

Nikki Warburton

U10s AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2018

U10 Whales



U10 Dolphins



U10 Sharks



U11s REPORT 2018

Summary

The 2018 Under 11s enjoyed a season of competitive rugby and mateship, where the development of the boys and step up in skills across the year saw them deliver some great results. Thanks to the commitment of the boys and parents we were able to field three small squads that relied heavily on the transferable players to ensure we fielded full teams every week, which along with a focus on training as one unit on Wednesdays, meant that we had a close knit group of boys and a team of coaches and managers that worked well together.

In terms of final standings, the Whales (Division B) finished 5th with seven wins, the Dolphins (Division G) finished 4th with eight wins and a draw, and the Sharks (Division H) finished 7th with three wins. The Whales fell one point short of a finals birth, whilst the Dolphins won six of their last seven games to make the semi-finals where they knocked off the minor premiers (with a conversion after the full-time siren) before going down gallantly in the Grand Final.

A big thank you should be given to the coaches and managers of the three teams for their efforts and support throughout 2018 – Simon Breakwell, Paul Dearlove, Kylie Mosely and Scott Mosely (Whales), Gavin Wright, Dave Albert and John Duncan (Dolphins), and Peter O’Meagher and Peter Tebbutt (Sharks). The hard work of Nick Bousie also meant the boys had a great pre-season and the coaches were well drilled. Finally, a special mention to a handful of boys who displayed the true Mosman spirit and played games for all three teams during the season – Archie Breakwell, Alexander Ramsay, Charlie Mott, and Daniel Wright.

Looking forward already to Under 12s in 2019!

Sean Wiles

U11 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2018

U11 Whales



U11 Dolphins



U11 Sharks



U12s REPORT 2018

A busy year for the U12s with a lot of changes across the age group resulting in highs and lows throughout the season. Brilliant coaching by Ed Fox and Phil Rogers delivered a season that was enjoyed by all and saw the boys develop their skills.

The year included hosting the visiting Brothers tour and the Cudas tour to New Zealand.

This year we welcomed a number of new players to the club some of whom were new to rugby. It was fantastic to see the step up into the 15 a side game. Training as a squad created greater bond throughout the age group, healthy competition and enabled coaches to give boys better realistic game situations in training to improve skills.

The addition of an external coach brought Improved structure to training and we saw an overall greater turnout at training that was maintained throughout the season. The squad set up also developed the 'clubmen' attitude with many boys supporting the other games and boys backing up in either Whales or Dolphins when needed.

Grading created a challenge but post the regrading in round 9 boys able to compete in all remaining fixtures managing a couple of hard fought wins as a payoff for their hard work through the season. Despite struggling in their division the boys' commitment was amazing, they never stopped putting the effort in the whole game and in training.

The Brothers tour was a fantastic experience for the boys. Our boys excelled as hosts and we have to thank all parents for their generosity as hosts. Many created new friendships that we hope to develop with a return tour to Brisbane in the U13 season.



Cudas Tour provided for many their first taste of touring and the boys represented the club superbly. While not returning with the Cuda cup the boys returned stronger for the experience, having played with 'heart' and will have memories and lessons that will remain with them. A fantastic tour - well organised by Ross

Edwards and team, coached by Bill Segear and team.

Some of the highs....

- Whales wins in Norths Gala Day (great start)
- Second half come-back against the Western Raptor's at Blacktown
- Incredible night game win over the Wahroonga Blacks (29-17)
- Big win over Bays (34- 12)
- Best game of the season Whales beat Forest (21-19)
- Dolphins win over Collaroy (39-28) a big turning point in round 10
- Dolphins win over Seaforth 3 (29-17)
- Dress up night (playing in onesies)

Lows

- The grading and regrading process
- Losing a couple of players early on in the season as not enjoying their rugby

Thoughts 2019

- Retain Phill Rogers
- Offer pre-season sessions to the squad to work on core skills and fitness and hopefully keep the boys interested and playing for Mosman rather than just school
- Early registration so we can see what the squad make up is and if we need to be more active regarding grading
- In addition to general training more work on specific positions
- U13 tour to Brothers

Our thanks to Vicki Aifantis and Sangeeta Leach who managed the teams this year.

Mark Goddard

U12 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2018

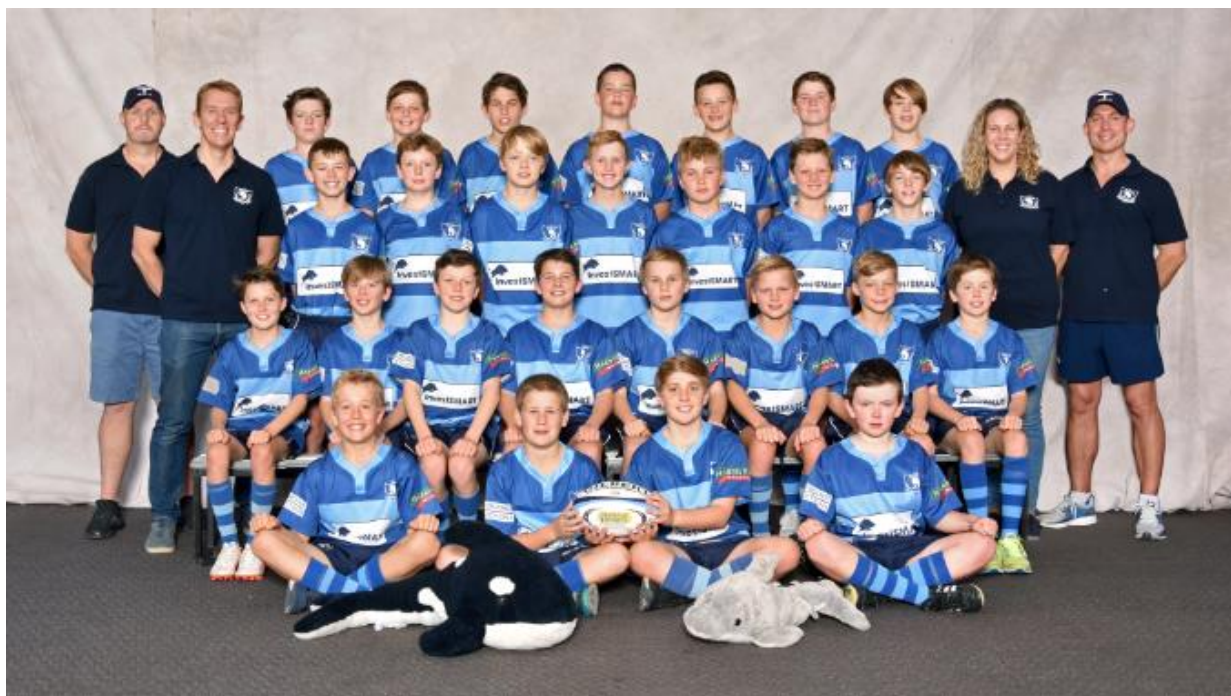
U12 Whales



U12 Dolphins



U12 Squad



U13s REPORT 2018

2018 has been a busy year for the Under 13s. After a big year in the under 12s and a lot of the boys moving into high school, it was pleasing to see we had 33 boys register in 2018. Given the numbers we formed 1 squad of Whales and entered the boys in the C Division competition.

Despite the challenge with a large squad the boys performed well each week and managed to obtain 4 competition wins. One of the benefits of having an enlarged squad this year was that it enabled the boys to rotate when injury and school commitments emerged. It was also pleasing to see that many of the boys that played in different teams in previous years came together for the Whales in 2018. Tim O'Connor and Andrew Fox-Smith coached the Whales this year with Murray Chatfield who managed.

The Whales awarded its Most Improved (Back) to Angus Bendall Player and Most Improved (Forward) to Hamish Long. The Most Valuable Player (Back) was award to Will Fox-Smith and The Most Valuable Player (Forward) went to Jack Mulder.

Also, the following boys chalked up and were recognized for playing over 100 games for Mosman Junior Rugby Club during the course of 2018:

- Sam Codrington
- Oscar Cornwell
- Lachie McLeod
- Tom Beverley-Smith
- Daniel Zubani
- Caleb Strawbridge
- Christian Melbourne

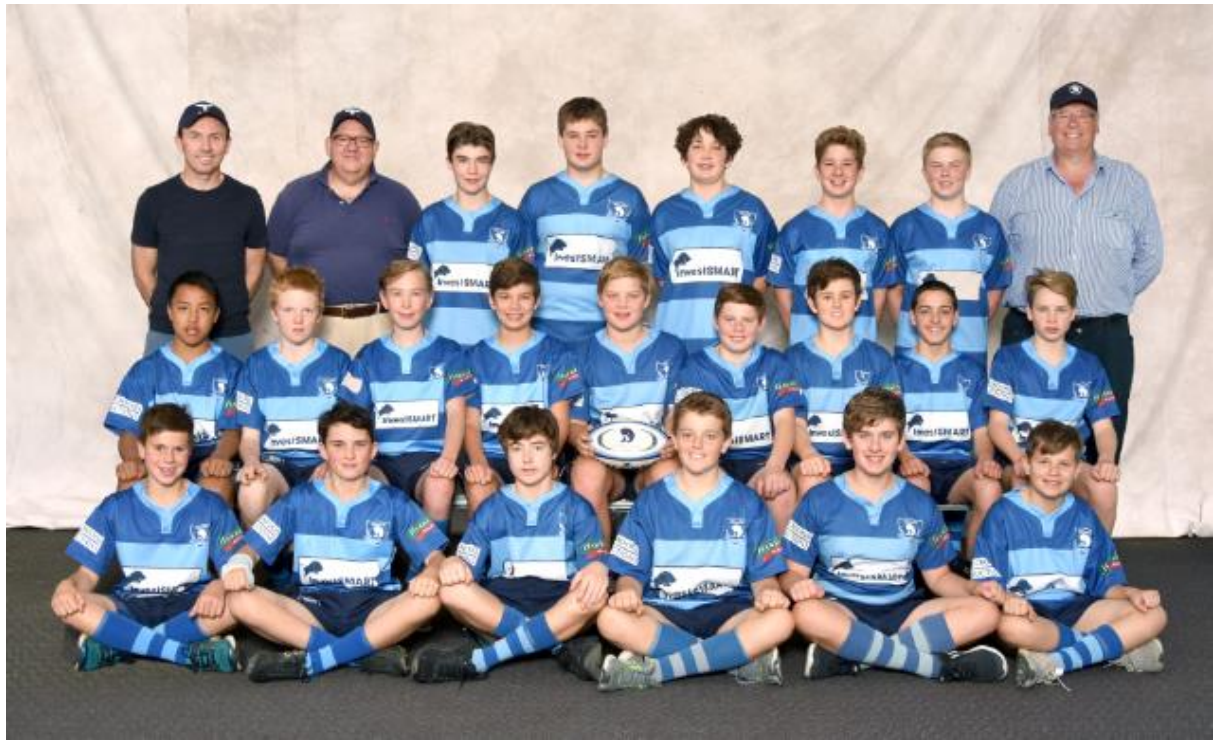
Finally, 2018 also saw a lot of the U13 Mosman boys represent Northern Suburbs at the New South Wales State Championships at Port Stephens. It was an honour to coach these boys again this year and they put in some strong and mature performances to run away with some strong wins against Warringah and Eastwood. Each of the Mosman boys grew through the experience and it was pleasing to see that a lot of them brought that back to club rugby post the State Championships. The boys also formed some enduring bonds with others that play for different clubs and schools in the district that was also pleasing. Congratulations to Andrew Chatfield, Jack Mulder, Charlie Bowditch, Harry Stiel, Oscar Cornwall, Harrison Brown, Hugo Orpin, Ben Whatley, Will Fox-Smith, Daniel Zubani, Milo Hogarth-Scott and Angus Bendall. Well done boys - you were a real credit to your club, region and families.

I hope to see a lot of the boys return to Mosman Rugby for 2019.

Grant Whatley

U13 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2018

U13 Whales



U14s REPORT 2018

What a great season our boys have had following on the form the great year in 2017.

With a whopping 29 boys registered in 2018; so it was obvious that our real challenge was always going to be equitable game time and fitting in to the right competition grade given the diversity of merging our Dolphins who played in F grade in 2017 and our Whales who played in B/C grade in 2017.

So we got lucky being graded in D grade initially but after 4 games SJRU bumped us up to C grade given the lopsided results in our favour. While this proved to be a far more balanced and contestable games and a great challenge it was shame for us that these first 4 wins didn't really translate to our final ladder position, and we were a bit flat and fatigued in our last few games.

It was really pleasing to see some of the boys really step up to a more physical and skilled age group in C grade. However, I guess our season was cruelled with some key injuries, especially a season ender to our talisman skipper Ed in round 6. However, I do think we accomplished our goal as best we could to give everyone equal time for all.

So in the end you could describe it as a season of what might have been; with tight player numbers for the two key games over the holiday breaks being the key difference to us making finals. More so as our congrats to Hunter Hill for taking out the U14 C grade honours; a team we were more than competitive with our full team available. We finished up 7th in the end we won 7 competition games of the season's 14, one more than our Dolphins last year, and had we won one more we would have been in the finals.

Great work from our coach Nick and his lieutenant Max in getting our boys skills whole to a new level and their support and interest in the boys. It really showed as the season wore on not only at our club games but in the Reps tournament they also coached and at school games.

Other highlights for our boys this year included those 10 boys who made reps in the Norths Squad and getting 4th place in the State champs in Orange. Congratulations go to two of our boys in Henry Murray and Will Rohrsheim making the Sydney (City) representative team to play Country, beating them emphatically in Tamworth and finally for our Will who went on to represent us and be selected in the NSW Squad.

Congratulations to:

- Most Valuable Player - Henry Murry for a great season
- Most Improved Player - Will Rohrsheim for a great season
- Best Team Man - Henry Oxenham for his team work ethic and leadership

Finally, thanks to all the U14 families for getting their boys to our games and training; and to everyone for helping out!



Peter Rizzo
U14 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2018

U15s REPORT 2018

Coaches: Damian Martyr & Scott Bowen

AGC & Manager: Diana Kahui

The U15 age group comprised 31 boys in 2018 and were graded in A/B Grade. During the first 4 weeks of grading, due to strong wins in B Grade, the top 4 teams were combined with a 4 team A Grade to comprise an A/B Grade. The bottom 4 teams in B Grade were relegated to C Grade.

13 of the U15 MJRC players were successful in making up the largest proportion of players to the U15s Norths Representative team:

Liam Dempsey, Ben Morton, Max Blackley, Dyllan Garratt, Oliver Duthie, Henry O'Donnell, Teddy Wilson, Jack Matthews, Jack Bowen, Harrison Monie, Charlie Bruton and Will Granger.

The U15s Norths Reps team was successful in winning the 2018 State Championships. Jack Bowen, Henry O'Donnell, Will Granger and Jack Matthews went on to be selected for the Sydney Junior squad and Jack Bowen, Henry O'Donnell, Will Granger, Jack Matthews and Liam Dempsey have successfully been recruited for the NSW Junior Gold competition in Sept/Oct 2018.

The U15 Club team started the season well with all their Reps available for games. However, post the Rep Long Weekend in June, injury and absence took its toll on the team with non-rep players left to play at a high A/B level with most of their backs out of contention. At one point in the 3rd to last game of the season, there were 16 injuries out of a squad of 31 players.

The team finished with a 6 win & 8 loss record but did manage to almost beat the number 1 team 31-33 in the B grade semi-final and also managed a 31-28 win against the eventual A Grade winner, Lindfield Tartans. This was a particular high-point during the season for the team and a good indication of its potential when at full strength.

The 2018 Most Valuable Player was Hamish Ball and the Most Improved Player was Noah Stevenson. The team also voted the Players' Player to be Henry O'Donnell.

Mosman Barbarians U15 Tour to Samoa 2018

The MJRC U15s have toured Samoa annually since 2010. The Tour was created in 2009 by Geoff Pritchard, a Mosman Rugby Club member since his childhood, as a way to give back to the Samoan Community through rugby after the devastation of 2009 tsunami that struck the Western Samoan island of Upolu. Geoff has business and personal ties to Samoa through his coconut plantation and visits the islands regularly.

Each year Mosman sends a group of U15s and each year the team and supporters take on a slightly different configuration and visit different villages and schools along the way. The 2018 Samoa Tour was changed to October 2018, from its normal April timing, as an end of season reward to the U15s in the hopes that it would not clash with other representative tournaments. Through a combination of injury and unexpected representative rugby clashes, notably the NSW Junior Gold extended program, Mosman U15s were only able to field a smaller team of players to send to Samoa. However, these players were focused and excited about representing Mosman and getting to know Samoa and their style of rugby.

A huge bonus to the tour was that a valuable contact was made with Rugby Academy Samoa (RAS). RAS were generously able to find an additional 10 players to supplement the Mosman team and were even able to find a coach for the team – an ex-Fijian national player – Semi Seruvakula. The Mosman and RAS players were therefore christened ‘The Mosman Barbarians’.

Although originally planned as a 10-day tour, the tour was reduced by 2 days due to Samoa Air cancelling the original flight and only being able to schedule a replacement flight 2 days later. Undeterred by the delay, the Mosman Barbarians commenced an action packed 8-day tour:

Day 1 - Sat Oct 6 - Arrive very late into Samoa's Faleolo Airport and pick up our special Samoan wooden bus plus driver, Setu. Music on full doof-doof blast till we get to Sheraton Aggie Grey's for the night.

Day 2 – Sun Oct 7 - Breakfast at Aggie Grey's and meet the first of our local teammates - Abiel from Fiji and Caleb from Samoa. Plus meet our local coach - Semi Seruvakula from Rugby Academy Samoa. Travel by wooden bus to Taufua Beach fales and enjoy the afternoon on a pristine white sandy beach with the waves lapping under our fales. Players enjoy their first training session in the water.

Day 3 – Mon Oct 8 - Our remaining teammates from Robert Louis Stevenson School and Rugby Academy Samoa arrive bright and early. We travel by our trusty wooden bus to Aleipata College to train on their ground and are welcomed by their Principal. Mosman boys get the first taste of Samoa heat and humidity. All remedied by lunch and an aqua therapy session in the sea at Taufua after a bruising first training. The whole party heads back in the bus in the late afternoon to Apia with much singing and laughing on the way back to Pasefika Inn. Wonderful harbourside dinner at The Edge at the Marina Wharf. Boys vote for their game day captain - Cooper Kahui-Chee.

Day 4 – Tues Oct 9 - Game day - Mosman Barbarians vs Aleipata College U15s (take this with a grain of salt as there are two 17 year olds on the field for Aleipata). Mosman play well and lead most of the game considering they have only had one training session as the Barbarians. Mosman leads 17-7 at 60 min time. Ref decides in his wisdom to keep the game going for 100 mins until Aleipata leads 17-20 - that's Samoa rules for you! Aleipata shows they are gracious hosts with presentations of small gifts and an amazing painting. Mosman present reciprocal rugby gear, balls and boots. All head off for a refreshing swim at To Sua Trench. Back to Apia for BBQ dinner at Pasefika Inn

Day 5 – Wed Oct 10 - Barbarians head off for our second training session at Piula Theological College and cement some more structured plays and moves in preparation for our second game. Recovery session and pool jumping in the Piula Cave Pool with morning tea of 50 donuts. Then back to Apia for an amazingly authentic pizza lunch at Italiano's pizza. An afternoon of shopping at the Apia Markets and then boys are honoured to meet an ex-Manu Samoa player, Tanner Villi, at Taumeasina who shares wisdom about playing rugby the Samoan way. He also shows the boys his traditional pe'a (tattoo). Dinner is at Taumeasina Bar & Grill where the team enjoy an amazing buffet and vote for their Game 2 Captain - Sensei Bling Boy aka Noah Stevenson.

Day 6 – Thurs Oct 11 - Game 2 vs Lefaga College U15. A touching and humbling visit to Lefaga College. The whole school greeted us with songs and leis and had their ground beautifully prepared with a marquee and PA system, music and commentary. The game itself was another very close affair with Mosman leading 20-18 with 2 mins to go. Unfortunately, a kick for touch went astray gifting Lefaga the ball. Although there was a knock on in a ruck close to the line and the ball was knocked on when a Lefaga player reached over to score the try, the ref awarded the winning try to Lefaga. The after match celebration included many dances and songs plus a presentation of many paintings and ornaments from Lefaga to Mosman. The Barbarians in return donated 3 full sets of jerseys, sports uniforms, rugby boots and balls. The Barbarians retired to Paradise Beach Resort for

their end of campaign lunch, swim and prize giving. Dinner and show for the evening were at Le Manumea Resort where all the Mosman boys got into the spirit of the dance.

Day 7 – Fri Oct 12 - Boys pack their bags at Pasefika and head to Taumeasina Resort for our final day and night. Boys finally realise the parents & siblings have been staying in 5 star luxury for the week! The day is planned to be relatively quiet but turns out to be very eventful. First a small delegation visits the Minister for Tourism, the Honourable Afioga Sale Pata Risati Pinati. Then a visit to the Senese School of the Deaf. We are honoured with a dance show from the students who are, in some cases, profoundly deaf but amazing dancers. The boys and parents are so emotionally impressed by the performance that the boys gift their Mosman branded gear and the parents make a very generous cash donation to the Principal. The Minister for Tourism then treats the boys to a local Samoan lunch at Pinatis - his family restaurant. Then Cooper, Lucas and Noah have the great honour of meeting Samoa's Prime Minister in the afternoon - the Honourable Tuilaepa Malielegaoi. While the rest of the team returned to Taumeasina and conducted a newspaper interview with the Samoa Observer. In the evening Taumeasina Resort puts on a fantastic final buffet dinner under the stars for the boys and there was even a spot of karaoke.

Day 8 – Sat Oct 12 - Sadly the tour has come to an end. The general feeling amongst all is that we don't want to go. In an incredibly short period of time, the Samoan and Mosman boys have forged strong friendship bonds having joined as teammates. There are tears and man-hugs and many exchanges of phone numbers and Instas as we say our farewells to our Samoan family and friends.

Although the original intent of the MJRC Samoa Tour had been to bring donations and supplies to Samoan villages damaged in the 2009 tsunami, it became apparent that what was important in 2010 was not as pressing in 2018 and that the focus of the tour has shifted. The MJRC Samoa Tour is an incredible, humbling and eye-opening experience for our boys and as a tour it has real value in continuing. A few changes to the logistics and itinerary are suggested as follows:

Develop the relationship with Rugby Academy Samoa – they are a fledgling group run by ex-Manu Samoa Captain Mulrohni Schwalger and are a valuable rugby contact.

Vary the village teams played year-on-year – some village teams are becoming jaded at having played Mosman each year. Villages like Lefaga still have the right spirit and camaraderie.

Choose an airline that has more than one plane – to minimise the effect of flight disruptions.

Pasefika Inn and Taufua Beach Fales are excellent team accommodations – but organise group meals way in advance.

Take more control of the on-ground accommodation and itinerary bookings – a better deal and forward arrangements can be made direct with hotels and attractions than via a travel agent based in Sydney.

Vary the local host arrangements – Samoa is not as remote or hard to organise activities than it might have been in 2010. The local host normally used by the MJRC Tour could probably be executed better using a Rugby Academy contact.

Change the tour time to June/July – the clash with NSW Junior Gold and end of season injuries had a big impact on the 2018 tour which could have been avoided if the tour were earlier in the season.

Mosman Barbarian Players 2018:

Hamish Ball
Adam Fine
Cooper Kahui-Chee
Hugo Kerr
Pieter Marais
Lucas Novel-Catin
Noah Stevenson
Ethan Strawbridge
Valentine Parker
Leia Matamu
Toaalii Hughes
Nicky Ah Kuoi
Monicholas Chu Shing
Julius Netzler
Connorcruise Bourke

Rugby Academy Samoa players:

Chris, Tile, Jonny, Ali, Ina, Chris and Ravu







Diana Kahui
U15 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2018

EVENTS REPORT 2018

Event: Try Rugby Day
Venue: Rawson Park
Date: Sunday 11th Feb from 3pm
Host: Minis – Mandy Scammell

The first event of the year was a new event for MJRC and was kicked off by Mandy Scammell and her team of Mini's Parents. The great tag line of "our grass is greener" worked well with the marketing strategy to get numbers on the day. They had approximately 148 RSVPs online and 150 people tried to register on the day. Total number of people at the event was closer to 500. All food was donated by our sponsors; Harris Farm gave sausages, onions, watermelon, oranges. Charcoal Charlie's donated 3 big salads and Bakers Delight donated 501 loaves of bread.

The bar was open serving beer, wine, champagne and lemonade with 300 waters donated by Vision Mosman.

What worked well; Kombi DJ, Free Jumping Castle, Free Face painting, Gelato, Bar, Free BBQ, Having MJRC kit stall. The time 3-5pm on a Sunday worked well. Nick Bousie having the games stations with Waratah players and the Vision team.

To do better - People need to be able to register on the day, we needed a mic for speeches and we did need to borrow an extra BBQ. Would definitely recommend continuing in 2019.

Event: 2018 Welcome Drinks
Venue: Buena Vista Hotel
Date: Saturday 10th March
Host: U8's – Mandy Scammell

The beer is colder at our welcome drinks! Hosted by the 2018 U8's, MJRC welcomes parents old and new to welcome drinks in order to kick off the 60th year. Lucky door prizes and a few other surprises, DJ, few nibbles were used to entice parents to come along and have some fun. Guest list used to get approximate numbers with 207 guests registered.

It was great to hold this event off site and away from the Jeans and Jersey theme.

Event: Jeans and Jersey
Venue: Whale House, Rawson Park
Date: Friday 18th May 6pm
Host: U12's Mark Goddard and Emma Soutter

The welcome drinks moved away from Rawson and the Jean and Jersey format, however there were requests amongst the parents to bring back Jeans and Jersey and also to showcase games under lights on a Friday night. It is also a great atmosphere then when the visiting Brothers Team arrive. Jeans and Jersey was then very casual, cash bar and catering was provided by a Taste of India at \$15 a head which included a choice of curry, poppadum, 2 x samosas pre booking was set up for the Brothers through try booking. U12 parents ran the BBQ for the U12 boys and visiting Brothers Boys and raised over 2k towards supporting the Brothers Tour.

Event: CUDAS Lunch
Venue: Dockside Cockle bay Wharf
Date: 6 April from 12.30pm
Host: U12 CUDAS Emma Soutter & Sangeeta Leach
"Our lunches are longer"



230 people attended with ticket sales at \$36,800, 25 sponsors were Free of Charge. The lunch was a great success and worked well at the venue where there was some margin placed on seat price and set a great tone for the Tourists and their guests. There was a raffle, heads and tails and stubby holders which also helped boost donations. The CUDAS balls which are traditionally raffled did not arrive in time so MJRC balls were used and then the balls were distributed to the boys as part of their kit. Extra balls were ordered and used as gifts for one of the teams. Buses were arranged to transport those who still wished to party on back at the Buena. Live auction raised over 10k and event raised a profit of 78k.

Event: SAMOA Lunch
Venue: Sergeant's Mess
Date: Friday 29th June
Host: U15 SAMOA Touring Party – Di Kahui
Please see U15 Tour Report

Event: 60th Anniversary Cocktail Party
Venue: Sergeant's Mess
Date: Saturday 10th March
Host: U11 Parents – Fiona Ward, Angela Duncan, Lucinda Rich

221 tickets sold with \$20,760 in ticket sales, it was hoped that we would sell more tickets. Canapes work well and we upgraded the drinks package due to negative feedback from the previous year. Great band and entertainment this year from Holly and also the dancers from the Birdcage. Due to the large amount of donations there was a small silent auction as well as some live auction items and a raffle.

Emma Soutter
Events Coordinator 2018

SPONSORS REPORT 2018

We extend our sincere appreciation to our sponsorship partners for 2018. MJRC relies on the generosity of our sponsors, and without their input, time and support (both financially and emotionally) we would not have the level of rugby, the coaching nor facilities that are enjoyed today.

These businesses and organisations are such an important part of our community club, and we encourage all players, supporters, parents and coaches to support our sponsors and their fantastic, local businesses.



Richard Harding, Geoff Smith and their team at **Ray White Lower North**

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Maon Sher, and his team at **Chargrill Charlies** once again supplied prizes for the Best and Fairest players after each game.



Joe Sprange and his team at **Vision Fitness** who ran fitness sessions for pre-season training, and kept us adults fit by running training sessions for parents of players.



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Andrew Ullo and his team at **Absolute Health Solutions** whose company generously provided medical support and assistance at every home game.



Jimil Desai and his team at **Taste of India** (another new Sponsor for 2018) for providing onsite catering, discounts to club members and vouchers to players for the Best Defence Awards.

We would like to thank all of the club sponsors who tirelessly and generously giving yet again to support the club to develop the rugby skills and characters of our young players.

Thanks again to all the sponsors for their support in 2018, we look forward to partnering again in 2019!

Luke Hartman
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