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ANNUAL REPORT - 2013





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The game they play in heaven has been alive, well and flourishing in the Mosman Juniors during 2013.

In the reports following you'll see that the club has many different facets, and is thriving in all of them. From when players join us at U6, and often need to be taught which way the try line is, it is an all too short journey to the young men we have playing an incredible and attractive style of rugby in the U15's and U16's.

We continued to grow Girls Touch Rugby on a Tuesday night this year, and also for the first time played a competitive tournament against another club (Hunters Hill). We will be developing this further in the coming years and actively growing our girl's section and encouraging other clubs to do the same.

Our U6 – U9 boys play Mini's rugby, and **Tina Skidmore** has done a fantastic job of pulling this all together this year. For the second year in a row, we have taken out the **Dufficy Cup** (first competitive tournament for U9's) and are looking strong across all age groups.



The Juniors (U10 – U16) also had a strong season. Four teams made the Grand Finals (U10 Stingrays, U13 Whales and Dolphins and U15 Dolphins) with the U15 Dolphins winning their Grand Final. We struggled to put together an U16's team this year, but in a strong sign that we and our village clubs will do whatever it takes to get as many players a game of rugby as possible, we formed an U16 Barbarians side with Hunters Hill and Lane Cove. This team did incredibly well and only lost out on finals by points difference.

One of the great differentiators of rugby in my mind is tradition. This year we started another of those by having an opening season club vs club tournament with Newport. Together we are the two biggest clubs in NSW, and after a great day of rugby across all Junior ages, we very fittingly shared the Libbo Cup, named after **Steve Lidbury** who has spent many years at both Newport and Mosman. This will become an opening season fixture going forward.





Also, we tried to build on the tradition of Friday night games at Rawson. We started a BBQ and had the Clubhouse open every week. This was a great start, but we feel we haven't quite got the formula right and will work more on this next year. As for Balmoral, Steve from Balmoral Café continued with a great service on the BBQ, and again we will look at how we can improve on this next year.



Our U12's had another successful Cuda's tour to the south island of NZ, with increased numbers. Also, our U15's toured Samoa at Easter for the third year in a row, and just after some devastating hurricanes had decimated the area. Both of these tours are now firm parts of our tradition, and plans are well underway for both tours next year.

From U10's upwards, Mosman players combine with other village clubs in the Norths district to represent Norths in the NSW State Championship held over the Queen's Bank Holiday long weekend every June. Hunters Hill, Norths Pirates and Drummoyne are the other clubs. This year, 7 players from Mosman were in the U14 team that took out the State Champs.



After State Champs, a number of Rep sides are selected for Zone, Sydney and NSW. Congratulations to all those Mosman players selected for further honours.

In the U15's to **James Basha** and **Harry Todd** for being selected for **Northern Zone**; **Charlie Jeavons-Fellows**, **Josh Smith**, **Jake Hedge**, **Luke Rixon**, **Alec Sheldon** and **Charlie Smith** were selected for the U15 Barbarians. **Luke Rixon** and **Charlie Smith** were then selected for the **NSW U15**.

Daniel Botha, in the U12's was selected for the **NSW PSSA** team.



The season opener, **Jeans and Jersey Night** at Rawson was a great night. The **CUDA Lunch** was also a great success, and the season culminated with the **MJRC Annual Ball**, which this year we moved to the Hilton. This allowed for increased numbers and I think was a wonderful night. We have already booked the Hilton for next year, but will move the after party away from the Marble Bar for the safety of all concerned.



On becoming President, one of my major objectives was to improve our website. **Jason Franklin** has done a great job of this, and you should all use our home page as your default destination for all information relating to the club.

www.mosmanjrc.org.au

Hopefully, next year, we'll be able to make the next step of increasing use of social media for team communications. We are very keen to find someone who can help us do this, so if you have technology skills, and are keen to help use make the club more accessible for all, please let me know.

My two predecessors, **Tom Jeavons-Fellows** and **Dave Collard**, have continued in their incredible commitment to the club. We have started upgrades to the **WhaleHouse** at Rawson, as we now have agreement in place with the Seniors to share its use as long as we have a lease from Council. This was renewed last year for 10 years.



In addition, the Council voted in July to agree priority use for grounds and Mosman Rugby (JNRs and SNRs) have been granted priority use for Rawson. We are working out how to best manage the ground to maximize playing time in the winter, and also how we will start touch and 7's competitions in the summer.



There are ongoing discussions with Council, but as this progresses we will be proposing major changes to the maintenance of Rawson Oval to best optimize it for playing rugby. More and more we are working together with Seniors, and I think we are building a stronger, broader relationship than has existed for very many years. I must thank **Michael Flude** for all of his efforts and help in this.

Our sponsors have continued to give us fantastic support, and we are in the process of signing commitments for most for three years. This will give us options for how we manage gear for the club and give us a long term plan. **LJ Hooker**, **CBA Private**, **Mosman Vet**, **Holidays on Sale** and **Rethink Your Defence** have all been great supporters of the club. Next year **Olympus Sports** and **3-Corp** will become sponsors of the club, and we have a very exciting deal in the final stages of negotiation for both the Senior and Junior clubs.

These sponsors help us keep this club running so well. Please, whenever you can, and are thinking of any of their services, think about using them.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to everyone who has given time to the club. To make a successful rugby season for over 700 players takes a huge number of coaches, managers, touch assistants, ground marshals. Especially I would like to thank all of the Age Group Coordinators who help us split the load of managing the club.

Finally, the committee are the people who make the club tick. Thanks to **Cathy Hodgkinson** (Secretary) and **James Hodgkinson** (Tour Coordinator) who are stepping down this year. I am delighted to say that everyone else is staying on, and **Diane Kahui** has agreed to join the committee as Secretary, **Grant Whately** as Mini's Coordinator, and **Charlie Buchanan** to help manage the sponsorship deals. All of these people put an incredible effort into the club.

I truly love being part of Mosman Rugby, and truly believe that everyone who volunteers gets as much out as they put in. We always need more volunteers. Even if you aren't sure what you might do, please put your hand up.

Cheers,

Jerry

MJRC PRESIDENT 2013



REGISTRAR'S REPORT

MOSMAN
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2013 REGISTRATION DAY

9:00AM - 1:00PM SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9TH, 2013
AT LJ HOOKER MOSMAN - 102 GLOVER ST, MOSMAN

* BOYS U6-U16 AGE GROUPS : GIRLS COMP U10-U16
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Registration Day for 2013 occurred on February 9th at the LJ Hooker offices. (Mosman Daily advertisement)

The following Table [1] is the breakdown for the 2013 MJRC registrations by Age group:

Age	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	Other	Girls	Total
	44	62	62	89	81	81	88	41	51	47	22	37	43	748

Table 1

The 2013 season in relation to registrations held its consistently high number of registrations, and the totals reflect a similar level to the 2012 season. In fact, there is a discrepancy of only 3 registrations. This reflects the strength of the Mosman Junior Rugby Club in the Sydney Junior Rugby Union competition and the reputation as the largest Rugby club in Sydney, and NSW. The comparison of the highest ranking clubs in the SJRU competition can be seen in Table [2].

There were 71 Clubs competing in this competition for the 2013 season, with a total of approximately 13 571 registrations across the state. Mosman Registrations ranked again at number 1, and this is a commendable position for the club and the community, and the combined commitment to junior Rugby Union.



Club	Registrations 2013	Ranking
Mosman Junior Rugby Club	705	1
Newport	663	2
Lindfield	599	3
Wahroonga	521	4
Hunters Hill	487	5

Table 2

The breakdown of New Registrations for 2013 and Renewals to the Mosman Junior Rugby Club, are shown below in Table [3].

2013 Registrations	Total	Percentage
New	320	45.39
Renewals	375	53.19
Transfers	10	1.42
Total	705	100.00

Table 3

85% of all new registrations occurred in the MINI age groups (U6-U9). There is some consideration for a degree of error in these numbers due to replication of original players in submission of online registrations in the Buddha system. Therefore, renewals would be reflected more accurately as a higher percentage of total registrations.

The number of manual registrations diminished with an improved website and access to information and guidelines on how to register online made more available. The need to further reduce the manual administrative process with new registrations and the girl's competition will be reviewed for the 2014 season.

The awards and trophies at the completion of the season were organised with a **Participation Trophy** awarded to all U6-U9 players (257), and a **MJRC Medal** for participation to all U10-U16 players (491). Each age group (Excluding U6, U7 & U16) also had a **Most Valuable Player** (MVP) and a **Most Improved Player** (MIP) awarded. These players are highlighted in Table [4].



Age	Team	MIP	MVP
U8	WHALES	Callum Forster	Cooper Short
U8	DOLPHINS	Andrew Chatfield	Knox O'Connor
U8	SHARKS	Oscar Everett	Benjamin Whatley
U8	STINGRAYS	Alex Spong	Edward Hooper
U8	MARLINS	Cillian Smythe	Lachlan McLeod
U8	MORAYS	Sam Codrington	Joshua Arahamian
U9	WHALES	Thomas Spellacy	Jake Elliott
U9	DOLPHINS	TBrandon-Cooper	Louis McKay
U9	SHARKS	Finn McCulloch	Jude Connolly
U9	STINGRAYS	Angus Greiner	James Miller
U9	MARLINS	Angus Clark	James Morgan
U9	MORAYS	Harry Scambler	Jack McLeod
U9	PIRAHNAS	Wilson McMullan	Henry Oxenham
U10	WHALES	Baxter Mutton	Ben Morton Henry O'Donnell
U10	DOLPHINS	Jordan Dickson	Josh Johnston
U10	SHARKS	Fergus Braham	Bailey Hughes
U10	STINGRAYS	Lachlan Bloore	Xavier Horton
U10	EELS	Jasper MacNevin	Toby Mackellar
U11	WHALES	Tom Hatzidis	Bill Delany
U11	DOLPHINS	Oliver Moore	Alex Ekstein
U11	SHARKS	Oliver Leslie	Oscar Drew
U12	WHALES	N/A	Charlie Adams
U12	DOLPHINS	Christina O'Donnell	Alex Morton
U12	SHARKS	Sebastian Hughes-Hallet	Hamish Sutherland
U12	STINGRAYS	Ashley Ow	Darcy Evans
U13	WHALES	Theo White	Jack Forbes
U13	DOLPHINS	Jamie Aleporos	Josh Bremner
U14	WHALES	Max Burrows	Jack Rector
U14	DOLPHINS	Lewis Rae-Carroll	Gus Powell
U15	WHALES	Oliver Schwartz	Charlie Smith
U15	DOLPHINS	Alexander Keddie	Ben Furby

Table 4



TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial year 2013 delivered a net surplus of \$75,212 the Club (\$78,998 – 2012) and at 30 September 2013 the club is in a strong financial position.

Our main Club sponsors continue to be **LJ Hooker**. This has been a longstanding relationship and is greatly valued by the Club and we would also like to thank **Holidays on Sale** and **Mosman Vet** for their sponsorship support in 2013.

The Annual Ball was a financial success sponsored by **Commonwealth Private**. This event is the key fundraiser for the Club and it is great to see its success again this year.

Two tours were conducted this year – the annual U12s tour to Queenstown and an U15s tour to Samoa – and information is disclosed as additional notes in the financial report.

The club is reviewing the opportunity to invest in the current facilities at Rawson Park and the accumulated surpluses as at 30 September 2013 are \$546,379. The surplus funds are invested in a BT Investment Fund and a primary deposit account with Westpac.

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

James Buchanan

MJRC TREASURER 2013

4 November 2013



REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Our Norths Junior Representative teams had another successful campaign at the 2013 NSWJRU State Championships held over the long weekend in June where some incredible rugby was played all over Sydney and many future Wallabies on display.

The highlight was our mighty U14's who were crowned State Champions after beating last year's winners the ACT 24-19 in the semifinal and then going on to beat Randwick 31-19 in the final. Well done lads.

Our other sides also performed very well with the U13's having a fine campaign, beating Gordon in the semifinal only to going down in the final to Illawarra 31-17.

The U15's had a heartbreaking 10-10 draw in their semi with Gordon, which meant that they failed to progress to the final (on tries) despite being undefeated throughout the tournament.

The U12's made it to the quarter finals but were bundled out by a strong ACT team 48-14.

The U16's and U11's had a number of close matches over the carnival but were unable to make it to the finals stage of the tournament.

Congratulations to everyone who made the reps side and to a fantastic weekend of rugby.

Thanks also to all the Mosman coaches and managers who gave up yet more time to give the boys the opportunity to play this level of rugby.

Mosman players in the Norths rep teams this year are as per table on following page.



U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
Henry O'Donnell	Ronan Braham	Charlie Adams	Ben Brownie	Ed Collard	Robin Allen	Sam Allan
Ben Morton	Charlie Cannon	Daniel Botha	Matthew Doorey	Luke Edwards	James Basha	Harry Azzopardi
Jake Buchanan	Bill Delany	Cassius Clinton	Max Lehman	Alex Meades	Jake Hedge	Will Collard
Will Martyr	Connor Garratt	Sam Duckworth	Liam Menzies	Jack Rector	Charlie Jeavons-Fellows	Gus Irons
Finlay Oxenham	Max Harper	Max Gregan	William McLennan	Blake Rixon	Harry Rees	Luke Griffin
Baxter Mutton	Calvin Lidbury	Miles Gugger	Luke Ryan	Hamish Southwell	Luke Rixon	Ben Maltman
Oliver Duthie	George Rector	George Kettleby		Mac Williams	Alec Sheldon	Archie Pulver
Liam Dempsey	Chifley Robinson-Brown	Rohan Mackellar			Oliver Smeallie	Ben Reader
Ben Hondros		Bobby Miller			Harry Todd	Dylan Santone
Dylan Garratt		Tom Morgan			Charlie Smith	Hamish Sinclair
Jordan Dickson		Callum Peacocke			Josh Smith	Ben Wickett
		Louis Phillips				
		Elliott Simpson				
		Luke Stammer				
		Benjamin Zucchiatti				
	Steve Lidbury (Coach)	Paul Adams (Coach)	Duncan McLennan (Manager)	Dave Collard (Coach)	Tom Jeavons-Fellows (Coach)	Gordon Irons (Coach)
	Chris Cannon (Manager)	John Peacocke (Manager)		Matt Le Roux (Coach)		Ian Maltman (Manager)



CLUBHOUSE, GROUNDS AND REFEREES REPORT

Grounds

Mosman Rugby (Seniors and Juniors) has, along with other winter and summer sports users, long registered its dissatisfaction with the condition of the playing surfaces, frequent closures due to rain and limited access to grounds.

Council commissioned Turfgrass Consulting and Research (TCR) to perform a study of sports fields and their maintenance in Mosman over a one-year period from September 2011.

The report “Mosman Sporting Fields – Use and Management Assessment” October 2012, made the following key points:

- “The damage to surface on all sports fields is severe and requires extensive repair and recovery. Even a more intensive maintenance program will not overcome the high hours of use on fine textured and poorly drained soils.”
- “It is recommended to resurface all sports fields, including levelling the surface and installing additional sand slit drainage” (cost \$84,000 to \$149,000/ha)
- “The sports fields in Mosman are overcommitted and at the current level of maintenance cannot cope with additional use. If Council and the user groups want improved playing surfaces it requires either an increase in expenditure or a reduction in the hours of use.”

With a reduction in hours being not an option, Council passed a motion at the July 2013 Council meeting allowing individual sports to have priority use at particular ovals –

- Cricket (539 members) – Allan Border Oval with additional use of Balmoral Oval and Georges Heights
- Soccer (1010 members) – Georges Heights and Balmoral East with use of Middle Head Oval (Saturday) and Allan Border Oval (for Juniors)
- AFL – (422 members) Middle Head Oval (Sunday) with additional use of Allan Border Oval and Gore Hill
- Rugby (1019 members) – Rawson and Balmoral West



Rugby conceded 16 hours of use per weekend at Balmoral East to soccer, so soccer now has twice as many of hours of ground allocation than rugby does at weekends.

Priority use grants a particular sport priority over the use of that oval in Mosman – allowing sports to invest in the grounds such that soil construction, turfgrass, ground maintenance and capital works can be implemented specifically for the sport concerned, aiming to:

1. Address the ground safety, playing surface quality and field durability problems identified;
2. Satisfactorily deal with the access and tenure issues raised by the clubs;
3. Move the responsibility and accountability for managing the balance between usage, surface quality and maintenance to the clubs;
4. Encourage clubs to contribute to the cost of capital works;
5. Allow timing of major maintenance activities in cooperation with the sports; and
6. Allow central storage of equipment to prevent unnecessary duplication of spends and logistical problems for club organisers.

Rugby is planning refurbishment works of the clubhouse at Rawson Park by committing \$120,000 to the project.

In addition (based on costing's included in TCR Report) Mosman Rugby's contribution to Rawson Oval improvements is expected to be greater than \$130,000. These funds are in the bank now with, further scope for fund raising if required.

The intention is for the works to be completed from October to December 2014.



Referees

The Sydney Referees appointments process, whereby referees are considered available to officiate unless they opt out, continued to be unreliable leaving a number of matches assigned 'club to appoint'.

Thanks to our qualified referees **Peter Brownie, Rob McKay, James Rohrsheim, James Hodgkinson, Ben and Charlie Jeavons-Fellows, Gordon Irons and John Peacocke** for stepping in when needed.

The Club has raised its dissatisfaction with current approach with both Sydney Juniors Rugby Union and NSW Referees.

We strongly encourage fathers, brothers and players over aged 14 to sign up for the referee courses and pass the exam so that the load can be spread among more volunteers.





MINIS (U6 to U9) – 2013 REPORT

END OF SEASON REPORT

INTRODUCTION

This report provides an overview of the Mosman JRC Minis (Under 6-Under 9) 2013 season, including events, issues, and recommendations for 2014.



This report has been compiled from comments and experiences over the season from Age Group Coordinators (AGCs), Team Managers, coaches, and parents.

Age Group Coordinators for 2013 are:

U6: Michael Betts

U7: Karen Keogh

U8: Grant Whatley

U9: Fiona Sorrenson

Many thanks are extended to the AGC's who performed above and beyond their duties to ensure not only that all games ran smoothly week to week, but that the Club participated in many extra events throughout the season.

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I would also like to thank the coaches and managers of each team for their unwavering commitment this season.



We rely constantly on these volunteers - they ensure our Minis are trained up to play, as well as carting around gear, setting up fields, distributing the draw, and managing rosters for minis and parents.

A massive job which was well done by all.

The Team Managers and Coaches for 2013 were:

Age Group	Age Group Coordinator	Team	Manager	Coach
U6	Michael Betts	Whales	Kate Jackson	John Duncan Charlie Stoneman
		Dolphins	Wally Graham	Stew Bailey Bradley Brown
		Sharks	Kristen Lark	John Cassidy Alex Youroukeus
		Stingrays	Scott Moseley	Simon Breakwell Paul Dearlove
U7	Karen Keogh	Whales	Sean Wiles	Warwick Adlam
		Dolphins	Alysia de Saxe	Geoff Souter
		Sharks	Daniel Brown	Bill Segaert
		Stingrays	Karen Nicholson	Anthony Hunt
		Marlins	Suzie Packham	Warren McAuley Jason Scott
U8	Grant Whatley	Seadragons	Felicity Sheehan	Adrian Walding
		Whales	Catriona Crookes	David Singer
		Dolphins	Vicky Melbourne	Rob Jewell
		Sharks	Grant Whatley	Jeremy Balding
		Stingrays	Katherine Hogg	Adam Smith



		Marlins	Rebecca Moore	David Zubani
		Morays		Rufus Harding
U9	Fiona Sorrenson	Whales	Tracy Tanner	Wayne Spice
		Dolphins	Alan Saywell	David Cooper
		Sharks	Michael Connolly	Ben Dunstan
		Stingrays	Andrew Grover	James Sturrock
		Marlins	Hamish Hartley	Andrzej Masztak
		Morays	Dianna Lloyd	Andrew Lloyd
		Pirahnas	Nicole Grimmond	Justin Grimmond

MINIS EVENTS 2013

Lindfield Gala Day

The Minis Gala Day on Saturday 6 April 2013 saw around 120 teams and close to 1,300 players participate in friendly competition across two playing sites in Lindfield and Killara.

For all the Mosman JRC Teams, the wet weather was no deterrent, with everyone playing their games and having fun in the mud!

It was encouraging to see the U6's giving it a go with no prior training, as well as the U8's attempting tackle for the first time.

The U7's were able to build on their skills learned the previous year, and it was really terrific seeing U9 players help out and make up numbers where needed across all teams – some U9's played 4 games each! Outstanding Mosman JRC spirit!



Hong Kong Football Club Visit – U7's

On June 5th, Mosman JRC had the pleasure of hosting a visiting team of U11's from the Hong Kong Football Club for a friendly game at Rawson Oval.

As they brought their siblings with them, the U7's were also able to play a game against an international side!

We were fairly and squarely beaten, but the boys really enjoyed the experience, took away some new skills, and perhaps even made a new friend.

Many thanks to Karen Keogh, U7 AGC, for her assistance in organising, as well as Anthony Hunt and Dan Brown who acted as coaches/referees, and to the Club for making the visitors feel so welcome.

Sydney JRC – Junior March Past

The Annual Sydney JRC Junior March Past took place on Saturday 31 July at ANZ Stadium prior to the Waratahs v Queensland Reds match.

It was a fantastic turnout by Mosman JRC with 80 minis participating- the most of any other club. The boys made their way into the Stadium via the tunnel, and were surprised and awed when they saw themselves on the big screen – their reactions were priceless! A thoroughly enjoyable event!

Many thanks to all the wonderful parents and coaches who assisted in the holding pen and guiding the boys through the tunnel – a very noisy affair!

Harbord Harlequins Gala Day – U8's and U9's

The Harbord Harlequins Gala Day was held on Sunday 4 August.

The U8's had their first venture into competitive rugby outside the Gordon competition against teams from the Hills and Northern Beaches.



Although there were some close and competitive games - rugby was the winner on the day despite the boys being unable to notch up the most tries in any 1 game.

All the boys were exhausted and played their hearts out - given the team was a mix of boys from different teams they gelled together well and had a great day out.

A passionate but fun loving U9 Mosman team braved the might of the North Shore and Northern Beaches representative squads and gave them a huge run for their money - winning one game, closely losing another. A great result for Mosman!

The day was well organised by the Harlequins and ran smoothly. Mosman JRC should be proud of their passion and sportsmanship.

Many thanks to Dave Singer who coached the U8's and Wayne Spice who coached the U9's.

Dufficy Cup – U9's

On Friday 23 August, a group of U9's represented Mosman JRC in the annual Dufficy Cup – an U9 only Gala Day hosted by Hunters Hill JRC.

The boys were put through a thorough training regime in anticipation of the high standard of the competition, and their performance did not disappoint – becoming winners of the Cup! That's three years in a row for Mosman!

A fantastic effort by the boys and their coach, – Andrzej Masztak.

Minis Trophy Presentation Day

The conclusion of the Minis rugby season was marked by the Minis Trophy presentation Day, held at Rawson Oval. And what an awesome day it was – the Adrenaline Rush ride was a huge hit as well as the Father/Son games.



After a speech by President, Jerry Meades, nearly 300 trophies were presented in an orderly fashion, with the players climbing up to the Grandstand, shaking Tah Man's hand and receiving their trophy.

Congratulations to all the minis and their parents for a fantastic season.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Jeans and Jersey Night

On Friday 5 May, the U8's hosted the annual Jeans and Jersey Night in the Rawson Clubhouse.

Sheree Hardy and Anna Higgs did an amazing job of organising the event, which included ticket sales, catering, decoration and music.

Great food by Chargrill Charlies, ambient music and delicious desserts made it a very classy affair culminating in a very important Committee member drinking from the boot.

He has lived to tell the tale. A new tradition perhaps??





MINI'S ISSUES RAISED DURING THE 2013 SEASON

ISSUE 1: U6's – GENERAL

The U6's are generally the entry level for a player and parent into Mosman JRC. The Club has a responsibility therefore to ensure that coaches, managers, players and parents are provided every assistance necessary to ensure them a successful and enjoyable season, and increase the likelihood of their return the following year.

The Club received complaints regarding conduct and behavior, field set-up (inadequate number of cones), coaching and refereeing standards specifically during U6 games.

While these matters were resolved quickly, it has become clear that it is not a reflection on the individuals, but that the Club needs to provide a more thorough briefing and introduction into Minis Rugby to the U6's at the start of the season.

This is supported by season feedback from U6 AGC, which included:

- Ready Rugby is more appropriate for U8's (tackling etc);
- Ready Rugby Accreditations were not received;
- Coaches unsure of how first training and game would function, therefore would be helpful to have had some practical assistance in the first weeks;
- Registration cut-off – late registrations caused much extra work and created teams that were too large;
- Constant battle to locate cones for games at Balmoral;

There were also two U7 teams new to Mosman JRC who would have benefited from extra assistance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A more intensive information program for U6 Coaches and Managers comprising a separate U6 Coaches and Managers Briefing which includes
 - **theory** (U6 Pathways and Handbook – including Code of Conduct); and
 - **practical** component (field set up at Balmoral; coaching tips – suggest use of Nick Bousie and/or Junior coaches for a one-off briefing).



- Revise the Coaches and Managers Handbook 2013 to include field set up diagrams- <http://www.rugby.com.au/tryrugby/KidsRugby/KidsPathway/KidsPathwayGameModifications.aspx>) for U6's.
- U6 AGC be responsible for cones – set up and pack away for U6 home games – and be able to order any extra cones from the Gear Steward when necessary.
- Greater access to Coaching Coordinator in case of questions/issues.

ISSUE 2: COACHING ASSISTANCE

As raised in the U6's, greater access to coaching resources for teams across all age groups was identified as being beneficial.

Rather than receiving written coaching instruction, it has been requested that a "Coaching Consultant" walk around to teams on a Thursday night at training and be able to provide tips on skills, drills etc.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Delegate a "Coaching Consultant ie, Nick Bousie/ 10+ coach/Junior players to volunteer 30 mins-1 hour on a Thursday night – particularly at the beginning of season.
- To resource this, it is suggested that 5-6 coaches from the upper age groups could volunteer over a 15 week period, thus committing to 2-3 x 1 hour sessions over the whole season. If this is started in 2014, our current minis coaches/parents may be inclined to give back when their boys are in 10+. Coaching Coordinator to be responsible for sourcing "coaches".

ISSUE 3: INADEQUATE TRAINING SPACE AT BALMORAL OVAL

This year, Mosman JRC had a record number of minis teams – 23 teams comprising: 4 x U6; 6 x U7; 6 x U8; 7 x U9, leading to a very crowded training at Balmoral Oval.

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Norths Pirates currently run their U6 training 30 mins prior to a game, which frees their grounds up for the older age groups who require more space.



This has been a successful initiative, not only in terms of space, but in addressing the short concentration span of 5-6 year olds.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That U6 training be moved on a **trial basis** in 2014 to 20-30 mins prior to their games with the following benefits:
 - No U6's training at Balmoral will allow more space for the older age groups;
 - Training just prior to a game will harness their concentration and ability to apply their skills immediately.

OR

- That U6 training be changed on a **trial basis** in 2014 to 20-30 mins only on Thursday nights at Balmoral (ie: 5.30-6pm).
 - Whilst this does not address the space issue, the shorter time frame is more appropriate for U6's.

ISSUE 4: FIELD SET UP/CHANGEVER

Mosman JRC received 2 complaints regarding inappropriate field setup and changeover before U6 and U8 games.

This incorporated insufficient cones, and late starts/changeovers that impeded games the whole morning. For example, several teams kept playing until the next team arrived (despite being asked to finish), resulting in inefficient changeover and a delayed start. Visiting teams do not appreciate delays as they have had to travel some distance, and also have to pay for parking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Purchase 2 sets of game day cones to be kept at Balmoral/somewhere secure.
- Minis Coordinator to delegate persons to set up/changeover and pack away.



- Provide a “Field Setup Information pack” to each team (<http://www.rugby.com.au/tryrugby/KidsRugby/KidsPathway/KidsPathwayGameModifications.aspx> showing how to set up fields for each age group, and keep a copy of this with the cones at Balmoral (Lindfield have a laminated copy which stays with the cones at Tantallon Oval). Include this information in the Coaches and Managers Handbook.
- Purchase mini corner goal posts as per Roseville, which are small and safe (<https://www.hartsport.com.au/documents/catalogue/075.pdf> set of 4 for \$39).
- Allocate/delegate a Ground Marshall at Balmoral for minis games to supervise changeover.
- Use of a horn/bell to signal end/start of match (similar to netball). This would be particularly useful when Balmoral hosts 19 games back to back.

ISSUE 5: INADEQUATE SIGNAGE/DIRECTION AT BALMORAL OVAL

Balmoral Oval has the capacity to hold 19 minis games in a Saturday morning – with 8 potential U6/U7 games followed by 4 U8/U9 games. This is by far the most of any Club.

The Balmoral Game day Map is located in the glass cabinet next to the canteen at Balmoral Oval. Also, each Minis Coordinator from visiting clubs is sent a game day map via email that can be distributed to their teams.

Clearly this is not enough, as complaints were received regarding inadequate signage for visiting teams.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Purchase 3 A Frame stands which can be used at Balmoral for field maps and draw (www.slimlinewarehouse.com.au).
- Allocate/delegate a Ground Marshall at Balmoral for minis games to assist visitors to appropriate fields.



ISSUE 6: REFEREES/GROUND MARSHALLS

Most Clubs are using official/Junior referees, particularly in their U9 matches.

Mosman JRC received complaints about referees being biased and too stern with the children, as well, Mosman referees have received verbal abuse during the game from visiting parents on the sidelines.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Employ official/Junior coaches for U9 games.
- Allocate/delegate a Ground Marshall at Balmoral for minis games to provide a safety net for referees and/or have two parents from each team be responsible for their supporters only for the particular game they are there to watch ie: self-policing, similar to practice in U10's +.
- Amend Coaches and Managers Handbook – Code of Conduct, Complaints and Spectators along the following lines (taken from FFA):

LIABILITY FOR SUPPORTER AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT

3.1 A Club is responsible, and liable, for the conduct and behaviour of its supporters, whether at home or away Matches.

3.2 Each patron at a Match must comply with the Spectator Code of Behaviour. It is the host Club's responsibility to ensure this Spectator Code of Behaviour is implemented and enforced against all spectators.

3.3 A guest Club is liable for improper conduct among its own group of supporters. Supporters occupying the guest sector of a stadium are regarded as the guest Club's supporters, unless proven to the contrary.

- Ensure that at Coaches and Managers Briefing, they are made aware of their own conduct and behaviour, how it reflects on the club, and how it is perceived by others.



ISSUE 7: TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS/BRIEFINGS

Traditionally, the teams are announced at the Kit Handout evening at Balmoral. From this, Coaches and Managers volunteer to assist their teams. They then attend a specific Coaches and Managers Briefing.

This year, the Kit Handout occurred after the Coaches and Managers Briefing which made it difficult to secure coaches and managers without knowing which team they were in.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ensure Team Announcement/Kit Handout occurs prior to Coaches and Managers Briefing in 2014.

ISSUE 8: BBQ

Mosman JRC received complaints that the BBQ is too slow.

Currently, the BBQ at Balmoral home games is run by the Balmoral Café.

There is one person on one barbeque that at times must cater for 19 games in a 2 hour period. To obtain a sausage sandwich, you must first pay at the canteen, which is staffed by one person, who is also trying to manage the canteen.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide a second BBQ; **OR**
- Roster parents on in 1 hour shifts to help with bread/napkins/sauce; **OR**
- Roster parents to assist with money collection for BBQ only.



ISSUE 9: WET WEATHER/GROUND CLOSURES

While it was infrequent this season, a couple of wet weather days caused confusion where grounds were declared open on the Wet Weather Line and the Mosman JRC Groundsperson declared them closed.

It would be useful to open a line of communication with other clubs in the event of wet weather/ground closures.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mosman JRC website be updated to include Team Managers details; AND/OR
- Minis Coordinators be able to distribute Team Managers details to other Clubs (possibly just per age group).
- Minis Coordinators to have Team Managers lists for other clubs.
- Amend Coaches/Managers Handbook to include “Wet Weather Protocol” and references to other Club’s websites.

Tina Skidmore

MINIS COORDINATOR 2013



GIRLS TOUCH RUGBY – 2013 REPORT

This year there were 46 girls involved in the program. The majority of the girls were 11 to 12 years old. For many of the girls this was the second year that they had been involved in the touch football program.

The girls were graded into 6 reasonably even teams whom then competed against each other on a weekly basis. The team concept ensured that a good rivalry developed and this in turn made the games more meaningful and led to a better standard of play.

The competition was interspersed with regular cupcake evenings and this proved to be a winning format with the girls.

18 girls participated in the first interclub girls touch football match against Hunters Hill, competing for the [David Collard Cup]. The standard of touch football was high. The Mosman girls were thrilled to come away with the victory.

The season culminated with a successful gala day at Rawson where teams competed for the John and Sarah Wilson Cup, which was won by the Dolphins.

Thanks must go to all the coaches and our highly efficient manager, **Sharna Hinchliff**.

Peter and Joe Brereton, our family of super coaches **Libby, Larry and Tim Adler, David Wrench and Kevin Neave**.

Lastly, Hunters Hill ran a successful combined women's and girls' touch football program.

The concept of introducing women into the club through touch football is something that the committee should consider.

Regards

Andrew Boustred
GIRLS RUGBY COORDINATOR 2013



U10's – 2013 REPORT

The year started with much excitement and angst as we entered our first year of a graded competition. With a core of about 10 parents and the previous year's coaches and managers we developed a grading process which revolved around assessing the boy's skill level in performing certain drills and then internal and external trials.



After undergoing 4 weeks of this grading process we managed to grade 83 boys into 5 teams with very little, if any grumblings from the parent group.

We did lose a couple of players through the season to injury and family relocation however we were also fortunate enough to gain a couple as well. We were very fortunate to have at least a coach and manager for each team and in 4 of the 5 teams an assistant coach as well.

The As, Bs, Ds and Es all made the finals in their respective competitions with the Ds unfortunately losing their Grand Final.

Team	Season Result	MVP	MIP	Head Coach	Assist Coach	Manager
Whales	4 th A comp	Ben Morton- MVP , Henry O'Donnell- Best and Fairest.	Baxter Mutton	Warren Garrat	Tony Duthie	Damian Martyr
Dolphins	3 rd C comp	Joshua Johnston	Jordan Dickson	Trent Karrol	Tim Mcgowen	Liz Brownie
Sharks	7 th D comp	Bailey Hughes	Fergus Braham	Tony Braham	-	Diana Kahui
Stingrays	2 nd F comp	Xavier Horton	Lachlan Bloore	Chris Savage	John Grooms	Jo Grooms
Eels	4 th G Comp	Toby Mackellar	Jasper MacNevin	John Hetherton	Rohan Kerr	Nicky Kerr



Mosman provided 10 of the 18 players selected to represent Norths at the state carnival, the team being coached by **Tony Duthie** our Whales coach. The boys had a fantastically successful carnival winning all their games scoring 197 points for and 19 against. I think all those who played benefitted from the experience as rugby players. The feedback generally was that all enjoyed themselves and will be returning next year to Mosman Rugby.

As AGC I thoroughly enjoyed my time and was grateful for the support of those on the committee as the difference in rules, organisation, obligations, etc as you move from U9s to U10s is massive.

U10 WHALES

Report by Tony Duthie, Coach

The U10 whales had an outstanding first season in graded completion, winning 70% of their games and making the finals. They missed out on making the major finals after an agonising draw in the first round which saw them knocked out on points difference.

They are a wonderful group of boys who supported each other exceptionally well as a team and trained and played with great passion, skills and sportsmanship. It was pleasing to see them perform so strongly.

13 of the players were selected in the Norths rep side which went undefeated at the State U10s carnival. All of us are looking forward to next year.

U10 DOLPHINS

Report by Trent Karoll, Coach.

The Under 10 Dolphins had a great season this year making the semi-finals in their first year of graded rugby.

The highlight of the year definitely being their victory over the Blue Mountains and eventual premiers, who hadn't lost a game in over three years.



Throughout the year the boys played good entertaining rugby, they were unselfish with the ball and dedicated in defence, scoring (and converting) many tries that involved sweeping backline movements. The team developed over the season into one centred on team spirit rather than individual brilliance and we encouraged them to believe that a good team can always overcome individual brilliance from the opposition.

In the end what we lacked was size rather than commitment. A long hard season of club rugby combined with weekend school rugby, meant that come semi-final time the boys had peaked too early to eventually once again knock off the big boys from the Blue Mountains in the qualifying final. What the boys did love was the competitiveness of the season and their own small victories. The team won 12 of their 14 games throughout the regular season, in a 12 team competition. It was a very enjoyable season for all involved and we look forward to next year with great anticipation.

U10 STINGRAYS

Report By Chris Savage, Coach.

An enthusiastic Stingrays squad enjoyed a season of skill development, team work and fun.



We focused on simple, basic skills of possession, tackling and passing, and the team's effort was rewarded with a grand final spot.

While well beaten by Forest in the final, the determined and gritty performance from the Stingers summed up their season: worked hard, never gave up, grew skills and had heaps of fun.

Great group of eager players, and supportive parents. Huge fun for the coaches and manager. Well managed year and club. Junior rugby at its best. Thanks to all.



U11's – 2013 REPORT

This year Mosman Rugby fielded three teams in the U11 age group, a total of 58 players.

The vast majority of players returning from last season, and 5 new players and families were welcomed to the club.

The boys continued this year to build on their rugby skills due to the ongoing support and direction of the coaches, and there were many highlights throughout the season where these skills were demonstrated.

Overall and importantly the boys continued to exhibit sportsmanship and commitment to playing as members of a team and as part of Mosman Rugby Club.

Throughout the season there many great games of Rugby played and all U11 teams showed vast development by the end of season. All coaches, deservedly so, were proud of the efforts of their teams and all individual players.

TEAM	RESULT	MVP	MIP	HEAD COACH	ASST COACH	MANAGER
Whales	10th	Bill Delaney	Tom Hazidis	Steve Lidbury	Wade Harper	Chris Cannon
Dolphins	8th	Alex Eikstein	Oliver Moore	Peter Wiggs	Sion Griffiths	James Garrat
Sharks	4th	Oscar Drew	Oliver Leslie	David Richardson		Leslie Wait

WHALES

A tough year in the A comp, however despite this the boys maintained their spirit and gave every game their best. Six players were selected for Norths Reps – **Charlie Cannon, Bill Delaney, Max Harper, Calvin Lidbury, Connor Garratt** and **Ronan Braham** with **Steve Lidbury** as Head Coach for the U11 Norths rep team.



DOLPHINS

Finished the season playing some very strong Rugby and overall had a great season. They gelled well as a team and all stepped up to the increased levels of competition.

The Dolphins started in the C comp but moved to the D where they finished 8th.



SHARKS

Won more than lost, had a ball along the way and come season-end when the dust settled finished 4th and therefore qualified for the semi's. Unfortunately though the Sharks then fell at the first hurdle and progressed no further in which case roll on next season (+ the Cuda tour of course!) David Richardson (Coach)





A highlight was the Hong Kong Football Club visit in July. A night game was held at Rawson between HK and a team of our U11 Mosman players; despite a convincing loss our boys enjoyed the game.

Following the game U11 players and families extended hospitality with a BBQ and drinks in the Clubhouse. Our boys certainly enjoyed their first taste of touring sides.

U11 had the responsibility of organising the **Mosman Juniors 2013 Rugby Club Ball**.



Big thanks to **Electra Wiggs** for her leadership and the committee **Tessa Green, Emma Delaney, Annabel Rector, Jemma Pruscino** and **Cathy Easton** for ensuring a very successful night, both plenty of fun and funds were raised to support junior rugby. Thanks to all the U11 families for generosity in securing donations and ensuring the success of the evening.

Ultimately the success of the season and the player's continual enjoyment and love of rugby is thanks to the efforts from the Coaching team. **Steve, Peter, David, Sion** and **Wade** our thanks are extended to you for your commitment and tireless energy. Thank you to the managers for all that you do throughout the season to ensure everything runs to plan.

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Lastly thank you to all the U11 parents for willingness to step in and assist as required, your support of the coaching team ensures the U11 age group is cohesive and enjoyable.



Under 12's – 2013 REPORT

U12 WHALES

A mixed year of results. We started strongly with 3 wins on the trot, then comp reverted to zero and a poor run mid-season saw some losses against typically bottom on the table teams that made it hard to come back from there.

The team proved they had what it takes to be a final 4 team with losses to the top teams by a try or less.



So a competitive team that had a few injury issues but will be stronger in 2014.

U12 SHARKS

Coming into the 2013 season as reigning U11E premiers, but being promoted a grade to the U12D competition, the Sharks anticipated a big year. And big it was, with practically all opposing teams fielding a majority of boys who comfortably outsized the Sharks.

However, to the boys' credit they fought hard all year, securing 1 win and a draw from the 9 competition games, as well as coming close on a number of occasions. The strong opposition proved a greater builder of the boy's character and skills, the former always on display and the latter improving steadily throughout the year - so much so the boys gave the competition leaders a fright for much of the last game.

The boys showed fine spirit throughout, remaining positive and always encouraging one another to dig deeper, leaving the coaches and parents rightly proud of the boys' efforts for the season.



U12 DOLPHINS

A tough year for the U12 Dolphins, who were rightly promoted to the B competition after comprehensive 50 point wins in the grading games.

We were competitive against clubs that had their A team playing in the A competition, but the boys were outclassed and outmuscled by clubs playing their A team in our B competition.

Playing in the B competition certainly improved the boys' general skills and toughness, and there were a number of games where the Dolphins stood up to much larger opposition for much of the game before the size differential became too great.

Notwithstanding the poor win/loss ratio, the boys kept a positive attitude and showed great individual character and team spirit right through the season, which was a source of great pride for the coaching staff and parents.



U12 STINGRAYS

After a successful U11 season, our playing roster was picked over by the stronger teams and we took on the vast majority of the new comers to the club. Most of the 8 or so new boys we took on had not played rugby before.

We ended up with a squad of 25 players, way too many in our opinion. We did have some issues during the season with parents not being happy at the amount of game time given to boys.

That said, this was an excellent group of lads who all trained strongly and who represented a number of different schools. We had next to no issues with the boys or the parent group through the season and saw substantial improvement in the skills of the whole team as the season progressed. Despite the ordinary position on the table it was a great season.



TEAM	SEASON RESULT	MVP	MIP – 3 TEAMS [WHALES MVP FORWARD]	HEAD COACH	ASST COACH	MANAGER
Whales	10 th U12 A	Charlie Adams	Sam Duckworth	Paul Adams	Will Adams	John Peacocke
Dolphins	10 th U12 B	Alex Morton	Christian ODonnell	Craig Gribble	Sam Turnbull	Mark McCarthy
Sharks	12 th U12 D	Hamish Sutherland	Sebastian Hughes Hallet	Matt Adam Smith	Stuart Towers	Adrian Blake
Stingrays	6 th U12 F	Darcy Evans	Ashley Ow	Rufus Harding	Mark Evans	Gordon Livingston





U13's – 2013 REPORT

As the U13 age group transitioned to high school years, and playing numbers fluctuated - season 2013 was approached with the concerted effort to ensure the boys focused on their enjoyment of the game with the group taking a squad approach from coaching and management staff.

47 registered players led to 2 full squads playing in the B and E Comps.

Both the Whales and the Dolphins had successful years, progressing through to their respective grand finals, though unfortunately each being beaten on the day. With large numbers there was some fine tuning around numbers and qualifications for finals and the grand finals, but with the squad approach and good spirit this was accepted positively by all involved.

The balancing of the team numbers and the need for four fit, qualified front rowers for the finals proved challenging, however many thanks to **Jimmy Harding, Rory Stanton, Tom Roberts, Harley Lord** and **Blake Poole** and their families for making this possible.

U13 WHALES

The Whales rugby year kicked off in Pennant Hills with a strong 32-10 win over BEECROFT. Under the guidance of newly appointed coach, **James "Jacko" Jackson**, the win set the tone for a successful season to come, inside what would turn out to be a very evenly matched SJRU U13-B Division.

After five wins on the trot, the Whales met COOGEE in RND6. Depleted by injury and illness, and only able to field 14 players we incurred our first loss, 31-10, with **Theo White** getting out of his sick bed to play and **Campbell Richardson** playing on when obviously hurting bad.





Most pleasing thing was the team stayed positive when under enormous pressure, creating a stronger group that could physically and mentally withstand the toughest of play even when the scoreboard was against us.

Rain, a forfeit, and school holidays then played havoc with our mid-season rounds, robbing us of momentum and much needed bounce back from the season's first defeat. The most pivotal game of the season for the Whales was the RND 11 rematch against COOGEE. The boys weren't switched on, paying the price to be down 19-0 at half-time. Showing character and belief to fight back when they could have thrown in the towel, they turned it around to eventually win by 1 point.

In the closing rounds the Whales team was growing in confidence and really coming together as a team, while other results showed DURAL's dominance was fading, and it was fitting these teams would go on to meet on Grand Final Day.

In the end it wasn't to be our year, going down to a DURAL team who went through their entire season undefeated. Dural started strongly, with great focus and made few errors. The Whales were never far off the pace, and save for a couple of crucial moments in the game, could have turned the tables on what was the comps most consistent team.

Led all season by stalwart front rower and captain, **James Harding**, every single Whale player did themselves and their club proud not only on Grand Final day, but for the entire 2013 season. Well done boys - and heading into next year - you without a doubt have the skills, the player camaraderie and the team spirit to go one result better in 2014.





U13 DOLPHINS

The Dolphins had a great season. With the Dolphins was made up of players from the 2012 Dolphins, Sharks and Stingrays together with a couple of boys who were new to the game, the boys jelled quickly and benefited greatly from our joint sessions with the Whales.

We built our game around a committed clean out at the breakdown, first up tackles and trusting your mates to secure the ball when tackled - translating to plenty of running rugby and some fantastic tries.

Captain **Josh Hodgkinson** led from the front with plenty of support from **Tim Adler** and **Jamie Graham** who both captained the team during the season. All players improved through the season with two boys from last year's Stingrays **Josh Bremner** and **Jamie Aleporus** earned the MVP, and MIP awards respectively.

A good combination of size and skill which enabled the team to always be competitive, but the difference this year was the never say die attitude of the team and their belief that if they did their best opportunities would arise - best reflected in defeating Beecroft after being down 10 points with 7 minutes to play.

The Dolphins were deserving Minor premiers ending up as Runners-up to Drummoyne, going down 36-38 in a fantastic game of rugby in Grand Final.

Thank you boys for a great season.

Special mention to the parents who helped out on the sideline duties - along with **Dave**

McCracken and **Jarrod Bowditch**, and to **Kede Carboni** who managed the team (as well as Hodge) with such Italian style.





U13 WRAP UP

A successful year is reflective of the commitment of the boys and the efforts of the coaches and managers to work positively together.

This year Jacko and Hodge were great leaders of the two teams, training often as a squad and also as individual teams. Thanks to the guys and their assistants, **Shane Richardson** and **Jarrold Bowditch**. Big thanks to two extremely capable managers, **Jason Franklin** and **Kede Carboni**, who made the season so successful and enjoyable for all concerned.

And to all who help out through the season with all duties – thank you.

TEAM	SEASON RESULT	MVP	MIP	HEAD COACH	ASST COACH	MANAGER
Whales	2 nd B Comp	Jack Forbes	Theo White	James Jackson	Shane Richardson	Jason Franklin
Dolphins	2 nd E Comp	Josh Bremner	Jamie Aleporus	James Hodgkinson	Jarrold Bowditch	Kede Carboni





U14's – 2013 REPORT

This year Mosman had a total of 47 players in the U14's, which allowed us to put in 2 teams. The Whales played in the A comp and the Dolphins in the D comp.

The Whales performed very creditably given the very strong competition in the A comp but didn't feature in the finals. It is noteworthy that a number of boys played in the Norths rep team, which won the U14 state championship defeating Randwick in the final.

The Mosman players in the rep side were **Ed Collard, Luke Edwards, Alex Meades, Jack Rector, Blake Rixon, Hamish Southwell, and Mac Williams.**

The Dolphins team included a number of boys from Mosman High School who had not previously played rugby, which was very pleasing for the club.

The highlight of the season was a 21-15 win over Dural in the 2nd round. This followed a 70-nil loss in the 1st round and demonstrated how the team improved over the year.

TEAM	SEASON RESULT	MVP	MIP	HEAD COACH	ASST COACH	MANAGER
Whales	8 th A comp	Jack Rector	Max Burrows	Matt le Roux	Hugh Williams	Annabel Rector
Dolphins	7 th D comp	Gus Powell	Lewis Rae-Carroll	Terry Down	Ian Collins	Ian Collins



U15's – 2013 REPORT

WHALES

TEAM	SEASON RESULT	MVP	MIP	HEAD COACH	ASST COACH	MANAGER
Whales	A 3rd	Charlie Smith	Ollie Schwartz	Ben Warnes	Tom Jeavons- Fellows Robert Sheldon	Peter Feros

With a number of new faces in the team the Whales team soon gelled to play some impressive rugby, executing a game plan based on enthusiastic defense, building an attacking platform through forward hit ups and then expansive back play.

The team finished second on the table after suffering one loss to lowly placed Lane Cove on a the day that the Sydney Junior Representatives (**Luke Rixon**, **Charlie Smith** and **Jake Hedge**) were unavailable due to playing against NSW Country.

Congratulations to Luke and Charlie who were subsequently selected for NSW U15.

Overall the disruptions of Glengarry, holidays, wet weather cancellations, injuries and representative conflicts were managed through a playing group willing to play in a variety of positions so that each week we fielded a competitive team.

Attendance at training proved more difficult such that the team did not train on Thursdays for most of the season, but met early on match days to prepare.

Ultimately these disruptions probably contributed to being knocked out of the competition in the semi-finals.

Despite this, we can reflect on a successful season that saw the playing group develop their individual position and core skills.



DOLPHINS

TEAM	SEASON RESULT	MVP	MIP	HEAD COACH	ASST COACH	MANAGER
Dolphins	C 1st	Ben Furby	Alexander Keddie	Anthony Cowie	Ian Leckie	David Gribble

The Dolphins had a great year winning the Grand Final against Hunters Hill 41 points to 12.

After the finalization of the competition teams, the team had an undefeated run and led the competition. At the back end of the season they faced the 3 other teams in line for the finals. Unfortunately, we lost all 3 games. The team began its rebuild through moving the training to Friday nights so that the Boarders could attend and the team could share pizza in the clubhouse.

Thanks must go to many parents that assisted greatly in the Friday nights, especially **Scott Furby** catering and transport and **Phil Kearns** in defeating the rolling maul. Immediately on losing to Lane Cove in the last season match, we played them in the quarter-finals.

The team came back and showed great fortitude and passion to reverse the result and move to the Semifinals against Lindfield.

Again the boys played a determined passionate game to win and face Hunters Hill in the finals.

On finals day the boys were very focused against a team they had never beaten, they were led and motivated exceptionally by Coach **Anthony Cowie** and team Captain **Ben Furby**.

Team spirit was at a passionate level that exploded when the boys were lead onto the field by manager Gribble playing the bagpipes.

The game was never in doubt from the first ruck where the Dolphins totally dominated a bigger team.



CONGRATULATIONS U15 DOLPHINS – PREMIERS 2013

RUGBY

Dolphins triumph in club's only title

Emma Page

MAYBE it was the pre-match bagpipes inciting The Mosman Dolphins to 'do or die' in their grand final rugby match or maybe it was sheer determination with a dash of luck. Whatever the inspiration, it worked.

The Dolphins under-15s capped off a top rugby season, becoming the only Mosman Junior Rugby Club team to win a premiership this year.

The team, which includes ex-Wallaby skipper Phil Kearns' son Wilson Kearns,

overcame undefeated minor premiers Hunters Hill 41-12 in the final on September 1.

The Dolphins had lost three games in a row against Hunters Hill, Lindfield and Lane Cove, then fought back to win against the same teams each week leading into the grand final.

"With great commitment from the boys they were able to overturn these defeats and win through," the club's under-15 age co-ordinator Ian Leckie said.

Linda Bolton, mother of Dolphins player Zane Bolton, put the success down to

team unity and a feverish atmosphere before the game.

"David Gribble, one of the boy's fathers, played a tune called *Send Them Homeward* on the bagpipes – which rallied the team to go out and get the cup," Ms Bolton said.

"They played with a lot of heart and guts."

Mosman Junior Rugby is the largest in NSW with 705 boys and 45 girls.

Four teams made the grand finals including the under-11s and two under 13s teams as well as the under-15s.



Mosman Junior Rugby Club's under-15s team - The Dolphins - won this year's premiership.

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U16'S BARBARIANS – 2013 REPORT

The Barbarians finished equal **first** on 28 points but 5th on for and against.

This team was a combined team with Norths/Lane Cove and Hunters Hill and enabled the boys to get club rugby in a year when none of these clubs could quite get the numbers for a team.

Each of the 4 teams that finished above the Barbarians had a forfeited victory over Easts Wallaroos and got 28 for and 0 against points for that game.

The Barbarians didn't get the forfeit win but had a bye instead (nil for and against points) – a disappointing outcome to a very successful season.

The boys all combined really well together and most preferred playing for the Barbas than school. The concept should be continued next year for the U16 as it allowed several boys to play rugby that did not get any rugby at school (High School boys) or limited game time at school.

In true Barbarian style many boys need to cover more than just their preferred position and although we started with 30 registered player by the end of the season we were down to 18-20 regulars due primarily to injuries and 2 dropping out after the rep season.

All up it was a fantastic year, the boys enjoyed their season and played a running and entertaining brand of rugby.

Duncan Adams

BARBARIANS COACH

TEAM	SEASON RESULT	HEAD COACH	ASST COACH	MANAGER
Barbarians	5th	Duncan Adams	Craig Griffin	Craig Wells (HH)



INTERNATIONAL TOUR: U12'S CUDA – 2013 REPORT

Every year the MJRC U12 age group comes together for the CUDA TOUR – a culmination of over 8 months of hard work and effort – which climaxes in a week-long stay in Queenstown, NZ where the boys play against their Kiwi counterparts.

The 2013 CUDA TOUR consisted of 30 players this year, which formed two floating squads to take on 6 teams across the Queenstown – Cromwell – Wanaka areas.

To earn the right to play, each boy had to raise funds, attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Georges Heights, participate in the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, compete in the Balmoral Burn and attend a weekly training session from early May - all under the watchful eyes of Tour Coaches **George Gregan**, **Rick Miller** and **Will Adams**.

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Barracudas players Darcey Evans, Oliver Franklin, Harry Roberts, Jimmy Greenslade and Jack Woods with coach George Gregan.

Picture: Adam Ward

Gregan back on deck to tackle old foes across the ditch

FORMER Wallabies captain George Gregan has accepted his first international coaching role, signing on as the head coach of the under-12 Mosman Barracudas rugby team which will tour

New Zealand next month. After eight months of training and fundraising, the squad will head to the South Island with Gregan to play against local teams for the Wakitipu Cup. Australia's most capped-

international player admitted the pressure was on to retain the silverware after a win last year.

"But I just want the boys to enjoy it and try as hard as they can," he said.

To go on tour, the boys

had to raise two-thirds of the costs and demonstrate a significant contribution to the Mosman community.

Gregan, whose son Max plays in the team, said the boys washed cars, walked dogs and did whatever jobs

they could around the community to raise funds.

"There were a lot of cookies baked and sold, a lot of lemonade stands. The boys were pretty entrepreneurial," he said.

Gregan said the experi-

ence would give the boys a valuable life lesson.

"We want every player to end of this tour knowing what it really means to be much more community-minded," he said.



The 2013 tour departed Sydney on the 29th of June, where 30 very excited players assembled as a touring team for the very first time. They were joined by almost 70 **Whale Watchers** – equally excited friends and family along to support the boys.



After a 3-hour flight, the group touched down in Queenstown. A short bus ride to **Pinewood Lodge** followed, where the boys were then allocated their dorm rooms for the week. The afternoon was rounded out with a light training run on the local school oval, in a positively balmy 3 degree temperature.

After the training session the boys headed back to their dorms to warm up and shower, before enjoying a Maori hangi meal. They then stayed up late to watch the Wallabies v Lions game, and had the privilege of seeing our team win a nail-biter, 16 points to 15.

The following morning it was tourist time with a trip to AJ Hackett Bungy ... where many a brave CUDA and Whale Watcher did the leap of elasticized faith.



After lunch at Speight's Ale House (watching a game of rugby of course) it was then off to the equally adrenalin pumping Queenstown Paintball for an afternoon of mate against mate, in a do-or-die game to capture the flag. Meanwhile, a handful of Whale Watchers took the opportunity to get in some tractor driving lessons at Amisfield Winery.



The next day it was down to serious rugby business. After a 90-minute bus trip from Queenstown heading north-east, the boys arrived in Wanaka to take on the local Upper Clutha team, and the previously unseen Roxborough / Maniatoto combined squad. And after 2 days of relatively calm and sunny weather, all of the tourists got a taste of how unforgiving the NZ weather can become, as the skies turned a shade of grey and were accompanied by a howling cold wind that ripped of the lake and across the Upper Clutha field.





Despite the weather, two great games of rugby unfolded that afternoon. In GAME 1, the CUDAs prevailed 24 points to 17 over the UPPER CLUTHA team, in a tough match that showed great skills from both teams.

In GAME 2 however, it would prove to be a much tougher game against the combined pairing, with the CUDAs, 14 points, going down to Roxborough / Maniatoto, 55.



In true Upper Clutha style, the Wanaka hospitality post-match was exceptional, as all 3 teams enjoyed a meal and drink to look back on the games. CUDA Coach **George Gregan** then thanked our hosts and further extended the welcome hand of rugby across the ditch once more.

The Upper Clutha Club President proudly announced that their team will once again be touring to Sydney in 2014, and we all look forward to extending them a similar welcome when they arrive on our shores in April next year.



The next day it was off to Cromwell to play the Otago Rep sides. And if the boys hadn't received a taste of how NZ rugby is really played the day before, they certainly got it today.

GAME 1: MJRC CUDAs 0 defeated by OTAGO REPS (U38kgs) 58

GAME 2: MJRC CUDAs 5 defeated by OTAGO REPS (U48kgs) 40

A tough day at the office - but all boys did the MJRC proud.

After the tough rep games, Wednesday was supposed to be a fun "rest" day where the boys could get their mojo back playing tourist around Queenstown. But unfortunately, the weather didn't play ball. Unseasonal high temps and rain meant the **High 5 Combo** was washed out – and it also took away much of the snow on Coronet Peak.

So after careful consideration – and in the pursuit of safety – it was decided that we wouldn't be skiing this year on Friday, and would do the Combo then instead.

And when it's wet outside in NZ this time of year, the best thing to be is inside ... so the boys instead went cross training in the **Queenstown Sport & Recreation Centre** ... and got their ball skills in peak condition for the pending BARRA & CUDA Cup games, with an impromptu game of basketball and indoor soccer – followed by a few hours in the indoor swimming pool.





The next day, Thursday, was the big CUP DAY... and the weather Gods were finally watching over our CUDA tourists, with the skies going from grey early morning to a brilliant MJRC blue for our boys by mid-morning.



CUP DAY turned out to be an absolute cracker ... but again we lost one - and we won one. The best part though was that every single boy played their hearts out, and did the MJRC proud.

Game 1: BARRA CUP MJRC CUDA 60 def ALEXANDRIA 17

Game 2: CUDA CUP MJRC CUDA 5 def by WAKITIPU BASIN COMBINED 35





Thanks very much to our Queenstown hosts for putting on a day of champagne rugby conditions – and we look forward to sending over another CUDA Tour next year!

Finally, the sponsors for this year's tour were:

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Thanks to all 3 companies for their support – it was much appreciated and helped us to deliver yet another hugely successful tour.

The tour was a wonderful experience for the boys – one that will be remembered for many years to come – and one we are sure many boys will continue to enjoy in the U12's well into the club's future.

David Duffy & John Peacocke

U12 CUDA TOUR LEADERS - 2013



INTERNATIONAL TOUR: U15'S SAMOA – 2013 REPORT

The 2013 Samoa Tour was a resounding success - perhaps not from a rugby results point of view but certainly from the experience it provided to our 28 boys both on and off the pitch.

In total 74 MJRC boys and family members travelled to Samoa for the 8 day tour back in April 2013.

The tour involved a mixture of both 15 and 7 a side rugby matches and although we didn't retain the Aggie Grey trophy in the final game all the boys had a great experience playing at the national stadium in Apia.



MJRC U 15 TOUR - Pre game photo at Apia Stadium - 23 April 2013

The team did however win two of the three 15 a side games in the lead up to the main game and despite limited training fared well in the 7 a side games against local schools.

Off the pitch the tour party was able to positively impact the local community by taking significant quantities of donated sports gear and using surplus funds raised to help out a local schools and churches devastated from the December 2012 cyclone.



Presentation of the MJRC donated kit to the Samoan Schools Rugby Union.
From left to right – Scott Furby – Tour leader, President of the Samoan School Rugby, Graeme Wilson Tour Manager.

Major donors of the kit were:

- Cahills Footwear – Forbes – 50 + pairs of new boots
- Rebel Sports – 60 Balls and 300 mouthguards
- Macquarie Sports Foundation – 50 Netballs and 150 rugby gift packs
- Mosman Net Ball Club – 6 Netball kits and Bags
- Shore School – 10 Rugby Balls
- Scotts school – Rugby Kits
- Easts JRC – Rugby kit
- Southern Highlands Rugby Club – Rugby shirts and shorts
- MJRC – 60 Rugby balls
- MJRC friends and families providing funds to buy 2 PC's & printer for Siumu school



Team off to help in Samoa

PLAYERS WILL DONATE GEAR

Simone Roberts

FOUR months after a devastating cyclone ripped through Samoa, the Mosman Rugby Club is playing a major role in rebuilding communities.

The Mosman Whales under-15s team was due to arrive in Samoa on a four-match tour today with the aim of lifting the spirits of those affected by the tragedy.

A squad of 28 boys and their families will donate rugby kits to schools that lost sporting equipment during the tropical storm in December.

The schools, many of them still recovering from a tsunami in 2009, will also

receive netball gear.

Tour leader Scott Furby said the boys were inspired to "help out a mate in trouble".

"They have been very focused and raised thousands of dollars through fundraising activities which we will donate to community projects in Samoa," Furby said.

The team will also donate \$1000 in prize money after winning the *Mosman Daily Junior Sports Star Team Spirit* award last year.

Furby said the trip would be a valuable learning experience for the boys.

The Whales will play matches and seven-a-side games against schools in Fao Fao and Apia.



Members of the Mosman Rugby Club who are travelling to Samoa.

Picture: ANNIKA ENDERBORG

Other learning experiences varied from:



Beach Fale's at Fao Fao

Sleeping in local accommodation without hot and cold running water...



Ben Furby has a close shave in Apia

... to not letting a fellow player near you with hair clippers!

Despite this everyone had a great time and returned back in one piece with a raft of life defining memories which will undoubtedly live on for many years to come.

Scott Furby

2013 SAMOA TOUR MANAGER



A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS



Richard Harding and **Geoff Smith** and the team at LJ Hooker Mosman have now been the club's major sponsor for almost 13 years. Passionate rugby men with young children of their own, they share our club's desire to see as many young players get every chance possible to evolve into the best they can be.

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Every year the Mosman Rugby Ball is a must-attend event, and in numerous ways that is made possible by **Adrian Hondros** and the team at Commonwealth Private. Adrian has been a "MJRC Dad" for many years now and along with his wife **Emma** has made a significant contribution to the club both on and off the field.

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