

Mosman Junior Rugby Club

Annual Report
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President	David Collard
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Secretary	Cathy Hodgkinson
Registrar	Katrina Oxenham
Rugby/Coaching Coordinator	Dave Duffy
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Presidents Report

Hi All

Well another season bites the dust. It was another great season with Mosman Junior Rugby Club becoming the largest Junior Rugby Club in Australia and, I like to say, the world.

We ended up with 751 registered players made up of 709 boys and 42 girls. We fielded a total of 52 teams made up of 6 girls' teams, 24 teams in the Minis from U6-9s and 22 teams from U10-16 playing in the SJRU competition. Of the 22 teams playing in the SJRU competition, 8 made the plate finals with 1 winning and 4 teams making the finals with 2 coming away premiers.

I was concerned that, with the growth we have had over the last couple of years, our standards would drop on and off the field. I am happy to say I believe as a club we have not only grown in numbers but we have grown in spirit to be one of the greatest rugby clubs in the world. This is due to all the hard work of those of you that have volunteered your time - whether you are a manager, coach, touch-judge, referee or in any other role. The club could not function without your help and it is much appreciated.



I would also like to say a special thanks to the Executive Committee of Cath Hodgkinson, Katrina Oxenham, Mark Rogers, Dave Duffy, Dave McCracken, Jim Buchanan, Trent Karoll the Minis Co-ordinator and all the AGC. Their hard work and the many hours they put in behind the scenes makes the club run as smoothly as it does. AGAIN I THANK YOU. I can't finish without mentioning Tom Jeavons-Fellows who was awarded Clubman of the year for his constant service to the club. Well done Tom and thanks for all your help.

Looking back I would like to point out a few of our highlights this year.

1. This year we had 71 boys become North's representative players which was a great achievement.
2. We sent two U9 teams to Hunters Hill Gala day with both teams making the final with one of them bringing home the Dufficy Cup.
3. We hosted Upper Clutha from NZ with a combined U12/13 team winning the Anzac Test against them up at Rawson.
4. For a 7th season in a row we sent our U12's on another great Cudas tour of NZ and they brought home the Cudas Cup.
5. We sent 2 U15 teams on a successful tour of Samoa winning the Aggie Gray Trophy for a second year in a row.
6. For the first time in 54 years we modernised our jersey to our new look.
7. U12's William McLennan made the NSW Schools team.
8. Angus Pulver made the Australian U18 Schoolboys team.
9. A total of 42 girls played touch this year and I suspect these numbers will grow dramatically next year.

I would also like to thank everyone who supported our functions this year. By all accounts they were a great success and a lot of fun. I would like to say thanks to Tina Skidmore and Katrina Oxenham for organising the Jeans and Jersey night, David McCracken and Rebecca Chenoweth for the Cudas Lunch and Lizzy Adams and her committee of Dayle Peacocke, Penny Sutton, Marco McCarthy and Kristeen Adam-Smith for our Rugby Ball.

For those who missed out on the Ball this year I have to apologise. Unfortunately we have to book these functions a year in advance and last year we had 260 attend. This year we did away with the band so we could sit 380 and still ended up with over 100 on a waitlist. We are negotiating with the Hilton for next year as it seats over 500. At this stage it looks likely to be 20th July so please pencil this in. We still have the Samoa lunch to go this year on 16th November and I am looking forward to this event at Mosman RSL Club.

We have finally acquired a clubhouse - sharing Rawson ("The Whale House") with the Seniors. I would like to thank Mike Fludey and Tim Martin from the Seniors for helping make this happen. We just secured a 10 year lease and moneys raised from the anniversary Ball Buy a Brick as well as other functions will be used to renovate Rawson. Just to make it clear, we will still be run as two separate clubs, Junior and Senior, but we will share Rawson Clubhouse and all the facilities and equipment, working together as one club.

We are still working hard on Council to try and get tenure of Rawson Grounds to make it our premier rugby ground without a cricket pitch. We will keep you posted but it would be great for rugby if we achieve this. Financially the club is in great shape. Some of this money will be used to renovate Rawson Clubhouse and for ground maintenance if we manage to get tenure of certain grounds.

Unfortunately our Website has been below par and the buck stops with me. We are working hard on a new website with much help from Jason Franklin and Larry Adler and with fingers crossed our state-of-the-art new technology website will be running by December.



At present we are negotiating with Newport Rugby Club to play a Gala Day Trial. Hopefully if it happens this will become an annual preseason event.

We are fortunate to have great sponsors supporting this club and their sponsorship is much appreciated so where possible please support them.

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Finally, after two seasons at the helm I am standing down and I would like to say that I feel privileged to be part of this great club. I have enjoyed meeting so many new and great lifelong friends. I will still be serving on the Executive Committee and I look forward to seeing everyone again next season.

Go the Mighty Whales

Dave Collard
President Mosman Junior Rugby Club

Honour Roll 2012

Team	First Name	Surname	Award
U12 Sharks	Timothy	Adler	100 games
U12 Whales	Oliver	Barnard	100 games
U12 Sharks	Jack	Chenoweth	100 games
U12 Sharks	Tom	Chenoweth	100 games
U12 Whales	William	Franklin	100 games
U12 Sharks	Jamie	Graham	100 games
U12 Whales	Max	Harrison	100 games
U12 Sharks	Joshua	Hodgkinson	100 games
U12 Whales	Oliver	Johnston	100 games
U12 Whales	William	McLennan	100 games
U12 Whales	Jamie	Reid	100 games
U12 Sharks	Joe	Reynolds	100 games
U12 Dolphins	Rory	Stanton	100 games
U12 Whales	Charles	Wallace	100 games
U13 Sharks	Blake	Fung	100 games
U14 Sharks	Harrison	Mackay	100 games

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U14 Whales	James	Nicholas	100 games
U15 Whales	Jock	Armstrong	100 games
U15 Whales	Joe	Brereton	100 games
U15 Dolphins	William	Collard	100 games
U15 Whales	Lachlan	Miller	100 games
U15 Whales	Archie	Pulver	100 games
U16 Whales	Thomas	Nicholas	100 games
U16 Whales	Andrew	Rickard	100 games

Seniors

2012 has seen a formal agreement put in place between Mosman Juniors and Mosman Seniors. This agreement brings the Seniors and Juniors closer together to share clubhouse facilities, training equipment and Rawson ground usage. It was also vital that the clubs work together to put forward one voice for rugby in the community and dealing with local council, state and federal governments.

A lot of work has been done in establishing this agreement and ensuring that both parties get maximum benefit from the arrangement. I would like to thank Dave Collard, Tom Fellows and Hugh Williams for all the work they have done in getting an agreement between the clubs formalized.

A special mention must go to Dave Collard who I have worked with closely this year in ensuring the Juniors and Seniors get a formal agreement in place. To thank David for his work this year, Mosman Seniors presented him with the SE Russell Junior Clubman of the year in 2012. This award has not been presented since 2006, and David is a much-deserved reciprocant in 2012.

Mosman Seniors look forward to a successful and strong relationship with Mosman Juniors for many years to come.

Go you whales

Michael Flude
President
Mosman Rugby Club

Coaching/Training

2012 was a successful season across all age groups for the MJRFC with many teams across all age groups participating in the Final series.

The season commenced with an emphasis on coach/manager education with record numbers attending “Coaching Kids Rugby/Smart Rugby”, “Assistant Referees” and the “Foundation Level 1 coaching/referees” sessions at Rawson during April.

These Courses will be offered again in April 2013.

David Duffy
Rugby Co-ordinator





Registrar's report -

The Registrar's Report (Katrina Oxenham) is attached as an Appendix to this Annual Report.

Sponsorship, Fundraising & Event Report

The Mosman Junior Rugby Club has been generously supported by its major sponsor LJ Hooker for the last 10 years. Geoff Smith and Richard Harding and their team at LJH Mosman have supported the club not only financially but have also taken an active role socially including being the Auctioneer at the main fundraiser and Cudas lunch. All members are encouraged to show Geoff, Richard and their team the same support he has shown our club over the years.

MJRC acknowledge and thank the continued sponsorship from Mosman Vet, Rethinkyourdefence, Holidays on Sale. We also thank Charter Hall for sponsoring the Cudas tour and Olympus Sports for their continuing support.

In addition, the club would also like to give special thanks to Commonwealth Private for their sponsorship of the ball.

Congratulations to Lizzy Adams and her team for organising a fabulous the Ball at Manly Pacific Hotel, with about \$30,000 dollars raised.

Our Community Role

Mosman Junior Rugby Club has been an integral part of the Mosman community for nearly 50 years. Our name **The Whales** is a derivative of Mosman's early history, our colours are instantly recognisable throughout Sydney and many long standing residents had their first sporting experiences at the club.

Being a village club and having the benefit of accessing local facilities, we also believe we have a responsibility back to the community.

Balmoral Burn

The Balmoral Burn Fun Run is a 420 metre run up Awaba Street.

The Club continues to support the Humpty Dumpty Foundation by encouraging all players to participate in club colours.

This year again Mosman Junior Rugby was well represented at the event, with boys, girls, mums, dads, coaches, and managers ran up the hill providing much needed funds. This year's introduction of a "Clubs and Associations" category saw MJRC members dominating the field and a sea of blue striped jerseys running up the hill.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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The financial year 2012 delivered a net surplus of \$79,075 for club the Club and at 30 September 2012 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 2012.

In accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act 2009, an annual audit is required of the FY 11 and FY 12 numbers due to exceeding revenue threshold levels.

The Annual Ball was a financial success sponsored by Commonwealth Private. Net profit on the event was approximately \$30,256 with a very well supported auction and raffle. 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.

In financial year 2012 the Club changed how kit was supplied and a full set of kit is supplied as part of the registration fee. In light of this decision no additional inventory was purchased direct by the club in FY 12.

Additional expenditure in FY 12 included the sharing of Rawson Park facilities with the Mosman Senior Rugby Club, additional costs of playing kit and the annual audit fee.

The Club has approximately \$368,233 of funds available for operating expenditure (\$164,350 is included within a deposit account and includes the "Buy-a-brick" funds), as well as investment of \$122,375.

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. A copy will also be posted on the Mosman Junior website.

James Buchanan

Treasurer

Girls Rugby

The 2012 season welcomed the return of the girls to the club. 43 enrolled and averaged 36 on Tuesday evenings for an hour of skills and game time. The girls came from seven local schools with many new friendships established. The season concluded with six teams playing a round robin competition in front of family and friends on Father's day. Six dads assisted the coaching and were delighted with the progress made over ten weeks. The girls and a number of mums coordinated two very successful and noisy pie and cupcakes evenings. The majority of girls will return next season as we look to expand the training numbers to 60. Thanks to Sharna, Peter, Paul, David, Andrew, Justin, Tony and Boyd for a successful season and the return of girls to Rawson oval on Tuesday at 5.30pm

Kevin Neave

Age Group Reports

U16's Report - Steve Skalla

The U16's under coaches Ben Warnes and Nick Bradley had a mixed season with many players injured for long periods of the competition, this said they still made the quarter finals – only to be knocked out by the eventual winners.



All boys played with enthusiasm and courage and with a full team on the paddock they were hard to stop. If we could have fielded a full team throughout the competition I'm sure we could have gone even further. I think it's a lesson to remember next year if we are able to put a team together for the U18 Colts that we need a lot of players - say 25 minimum. If we don't get those numbers it becomes impossible to run a structured team as positions change each week and there is no continuity.

Mark Little, the manager, is keen to work on putting a team together for next year and he suggests we work with other local sides who will also be under-manned to come up with a good number of boys to work with.

Personally I will pass on my baton as age-coordinator which will be hard as it means that for the first time in 10 years I will have no official contact with the club as coach, manager or coordinator. Many thanks to the Club and the committee for all the joy I have received from being part of this great club and I can only see things getting better in the coming years.

Cheers
Steve Skalla

U15s report – Bill Pulver

The U15 season began well with over 50 boys signing up to play, despite this being an age group that normally sees support for club rugby start to drop off. It was clear that the strategy of organising a rugby tour to Samoa was going to pay off.

The Samoan tour was a huge success. A superb organising committee led by Mike Clifford and Andrew Groth lead a touring squad of 29 boys and 39 parents on a weeklong celebration of rugby, Samoan culture and great fun. The tour involved 7 games of which we won 3 drew 2 and had 2 losses but most importantly we came home with the Allan Gray Trophy after a gallant win in the final game. The boys behaved superbly and did the club proud. The parents had a fabulous time and survived to tell the stories. Those of us that had enjoyed the Cudas Tour went to Samoa expecting that it could not possibly be as much fun. We were wrong.

The season then started extremely well for the Whales who were playing in B division. Well coached by Mike Clifford with support from Steve Patrick, Anthony Poiner and others the team won their first four games impressively. As a consequence the inevitable move to A division came in round 5 and from that point the season was quite challenging. In reality it is a big jump in standard from B to A and our boys put up brave performances right through the season but rarely came away with a victory. Watching from the sideline we could tell this was nothing to be embarrassed about because the standard of play was truly exceptional. By the end of the season the Whales finished near the bottom of the ladder and as there is no plate final in the U15's the season finished fairly abruptly. The team manager Geoff Wickett was backing up for his second year and once again did a great job.

The Dolphins played in D division and were well coached by Duncan Adams and Craig Griffin. There was a great spirit in this team throughout the season and they played with great passion. They won a majority of their games and finished in fourth place on the ladder. Sadly they were beaten in their first semi-final to finish the season. In the case of the Dolphins they were well-graded and their rugby seemed to improve throughout what turned out to be a great year. The team was managed by Michelle Bennett, who was also backing up for her second year and did a great job.



Thinking about 2013 and U16's, the prevailing view is that we target one team playing in the lower grades. School U16's can be pretty taxing on the boys so a more relaxed approach to Sunday rugby is probably best suited to getting boys back to the club next year. We do have a number of outstanding players that will most likely look for a club entrenched in A division and we wish them well.

Finally, a big thank you to Dave Collard, Cathy Hodgkinson, Katrina Oxenham, Sandie Hogarth and all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Your efforts are most appreciated.

Bill Pulver

U14s report – Ian Leckie

	U14 Whales	U14 Dolphins	U13 Sharks
Head Coach	Dan Van Der Heide	Anthony Cowie	Ian Leckie
Asst Coach	Ben Dickinson	Scott Furby	
Manager	Richard Clarke	Todd Salter	David Gribble
MVP	Alec Sheldon	Nick Preece	Henry Mckewen
Most Improved	Harry Rees	Francois Visser	Luke Nickel
Season Result	7 th in A Competition	3rd in C Competition, Semi Finalist	5 th in E Comp runner up in Plate Final

As with all rugby seasons, it was a great season. This age group has remained strong over the years and again this year with 60 boys registering at the start of the season it allowed the fielding of 3 teams.

Unfortunately, this year there was a very high attrition rate through injuries that prejudiced the final team results. All three teams were at the top of their respective competitions until late in the season when the Whales and Sharks dropped off. The Dolphins maintained their winning position and were very unlucky to be defeated in the semi finals.

I would like to thank all the parents that assisted by either coaching, running the line, managing, setting up the fields and by helping run the boys to and from the games. Also, a special thanks to Dan, Ben and Anthony for coaching again this season, without having the compelling reason of a son playing in the age group.

U14 Whales End of season team report

2012 was a challenging season the Whales. After a good start to the season the team faced an injury crisis. At one point, nine players were unavailable which forced players to run out in unfamiliar positions and significant support from the Dolphins. While results went against us in a





very high standard competition, the courage and determination shown by the players on the field was commendable and the rate of development of a number of players was much faster than it would otherwise have been had there been a full squad. Thanks to those players that stepped up, with special mention for Chris Scott who captained the team admirably and led from the front.

Nine of the Whales were selected for Norths District who lost in the semis of the State Champs. Chris Scott, Alec Sheldon, Charlie Jeavons-Fellows and Rory Menzies have been selected to be part of the ARU Junior Gold Program.

The team benefitted from the coaching of Dan Van Der Heide throughout the season, with Ben Dickinson in support when he could make it. Alongside the coaching staff, seamless team management by Richard Clarke meant there were always willing and capable volunteers to run the touch and run the water - a great effort on the sidelines as well.

To the boys, well played - solid effort! Looking forward to bouncing back in 2013, starting with a pre-season tour to Samoa in April.

U14 Dolphins end of season report.

A resounding success would best describe our season this year. Coming runners up in the minor premiership and ending up in the Semis in retrospect was a good result but I feel the journey for all has been the reason to congratulate the team.

The boys came out of the starting blocks strong. They began most of their early games by conceding a couple of Tries but they showed great resolve and persistence by turning momentum and with good results against Forest and Dural at home gave the boys a real lift. The turning point for the lads mentally came on a waterlogged pitch at Bantry bay where they turned the screw on their nemesis, this gave the boys real self belief and a few life lessons learned in the process. I felt we were unlucky in our trip to Dural where the sheer physicality was a handful and compounded with a few dubious refereeing decisions, it was all a bit much. Their unlucky streak continued when we lost Sam Parker and Harry Waterworth for the remainder of the season and travelled to Easts without Charlie Joyce and Darcy Badgery. The nail on our coffin was playing a Semi-final at home with not only a depleted team but against a fully fit 1st team from Seaforth who deservedly went on to win the comp the next weekend against Dural. The boys really played for each other throughout the season. The camaraderie was cemented in our runs and sausage sizzles at Manly Dam.

My intention all along was to make sure the boys enjoyed their rugby; win, lose or draw. It is an incredible sport which can give you so much if you choose to take the lessons. 15 boys stepped onto the field at the start of the season all wanting to score a try and one team stepped off it at the end. I have the world's most understanding wife and she knows what my rugby means to me but moreover what the Dolphins meant to me. I am grateful for the opportunity to have assisted this season and am immensely proud of all the lads and their efforts. Hope to see you all next season.

U14 Sharks end of season team report.

A great season by the boys with some stirring wins.

For most of the season we were in the top four and in the end only missed out on making the finals on points for and against. Several of the teams that we played were far stronger than ours but the boys played strongly and always managed to score in the last minutes of the game, even when they were a long way behind. They just never stopped trying; truly it was inspirational group of boys.



Unfortunately, we went down in the plate final, we were unable to field a full team and ran into a Wahroonga team playing above the skills they showed in the two previous encounters where we had solidly beaten them. My thanks go to many of the boys that played as reserves for the Dolphins on many occasions and to those Dolphins that assisted when we were short.

Special thanks go to Matt Grant (Sharks Captain) , Connor Bennett and François Visser, who not only played up when required for the Dolphins but also who played up two grades in the Whales when they were short.

Great season boys and I hope to see you back next year.

U13 Report - Jerry Meades

U13 Year Report AGC

	U13 Whales	U13 Dolphins	U13 Sharks
Head Coach	Hugh Williams	Terry Down	Matt Le Roux
Asst Coach	Nick Bousie	Ian Collins	
Manager	Jerry Meades	Ian Collins	Jennifer Bradley
MVP	Mac Williams	Will Yeaman	Liam Connelly
Most Improved	Luke Edwards	Tom Hodgson	Jasper Stockley
Season Result	Runner Up in A Comp Plate	Runner Up in C Comp Grand Final	7 th in E Comp

Great year of rugby, and fantastic to get three teams in the year when the boys transition to high school, and often the additional demands of high school rugby. We welcomed boarders to the club and now have Cooma and Scone as feeders for Mosman. Teams all worked well together, and injuries and strains on players time necessitated quite a lot of movement between teams, all of which was handled very well by the coaches.

Thanks to all the coaches, managers, and parents who helped with ground marshall and asst ref duties. Particular thanks go to Terry Down, Matt Le Roux and Nick Bousie who all coached without having sons in their teams. Your contributions are much appreciated. Especially Matt who coached the Sharks, and frankly I'm disappointed by the lack of parents stepping up to help manage the team. As a result Jennifer managed a team in which her son wasn't playing for most of the season, and many thanks to her. Thanks though to Jeremy Sharp and Billy Connelly for their help with the team. Look forward to seeing you all back next year.

U13 Whales End of season team report

The 2012 season has been a huge year for the Whales. The team lost a few players from last year's line up, however were more than adequately compensated with the new players who joined. We had a huge contingent of Boarders from Kings and Shore, looking for extra game time and they really fitted in well. Welcome boys and families to the Mosman Whales, you were great additions to the Club, and we hope you will be back in 2013.

Many of the boys commenced Year 7 this year and with the transition , for many the first year of Weekend school sport, some boys played and trained 10 times a week... it was tough initially to fit it all in but we came through.





The Norths Rep Season was again a great success for the Whales, with 10 players making the side again this year finishing 3rd in the State, well done boys it is a great credit those who made it.

With all of this extra sport there were many crucial injuries through the season which provided a lucky draw for who we were going to get each Sunday, but every week there was plenty of heart on display and plenty of enthusiasm to play together, which was very pleasing. We ultimately finished the season in 6th place, which considering the standard of the competition we were very proud of. The top 7 sides finished within 6 points of each other in the regular season, which provided a very tight finish. We did make it through to the plate grand final which was tremendous, not quite getting there in the end, a great effort nonetheless. The boys can hold their heads high.

A special highlight for me was a weekend towards the end, we lined up against Hunters Hill, and the boys against a much bigger side put in a massive effort, and despite going down the boys really put their bodies on the line and showed the grit we had aimed for all year. They played themselves to a standstill, but then had to line up for a makeup match 2 hours later. We played the 2nd game with only 14 players and the boys fought to the end coming away with a victory on the bell. The coaches and parents were so proud of the effort put in, well done boys, it was credit to you for sticking by your mates and never giving in, it made my year really.

I want to thank the coaching team and management for all their efforts throughout the year. Particularly I want to thank Nick Bousie who put in a huge effort this year for our boys, not his, and he taught and led the boys extremely well. This was as well him coaching his own son in the U6's, so thank you Nicko you served the Club very well. Jerry was tireless as usual, thanks for your support it was great, good luck with the vote for Presidency, we'll have you back if you don't get there...I hear he is shoe in, so we will likely need a manager next year. And finally thanks to all of the parents for their support, running touchlines, running water, picking up and dropping off and being great supporters of the team, it makes life a lot easier with the back up along the way

To the boys, well done and thank you, and I hope to see you all back in 2013.

U13 Dolphins End of season team report

2012 has been a great season for the boys culminating in a Grand Final against Forest. While we didn't end up victorious we were particularly pleased with the way the team played, their commitment and their character to come back strongly in the 2nd half of the game.

The year was won punctured by some injuries – Ben Hodgkinson out for the season with a shoulder injury after just a few games, Max Lane and Jack Duffy both out for a number of weeks with fractures and Harry Allen and Xavier O'Keefe missing for a few weeks with knee problems. These injuries, while disappointing for those boys, provided the opportunity for other players to step up.

We were fortunate to have a strong platform up front all year with the front row of Nick Bradley, Callum Groth and Will Darling. These guys provided a very solid set piece and were also very mobile around the paddock – a coach can ask for no more from his front row! Seb Galetto and Harry Allen also need an honourable mention here as they both stepped into the front row when we needed them to. This demonstrates a high level of skill and commitment from players when they are able to play different positions in the team.

It is not too often that a prop forward is a team's leading try scorer for the season but Nick achieved this honour. Nick, Callum and Will were all contenders for most improved in 2012. We look forward to building on their success in 2013.



Seb Galetto in the 2nd row instilled fear in many an opposition forward with his rampaging runs and clearing out. Even the coaches had to be wary of Seb at training when they were holding the pads as he can hit with some force! James Collins, Xavier O'Keefe and Max Lane also worked well in the 2nd row supporting Seb. James has developed into a great number 2 jumper and together with Gus, jumping at 4, helped the Dolphins dominate all teams in the lineout. Again, we look forward to working on some new line out moves in 2013 and continuing to dominate in this important area. It was also very pleasing to note Callum's improvement over the season in his lineout throwing and the support provided by the lifters – Nick, Seb, Will and Xavier.

The back-row was a potent weapon this year with Ollie Smith, Gus Powell, Xavier O'Keefe and Harry Allen developing into great loose forwards (again with cameo appearances by Max Lane). Ollie was a particularly strong ball runner (and ball pilferer) and scored a number of tries, including 1 in the Grand final.

In the forwards we also had some cameo appearances from Luke Edwards and Simon Rahme from the Whales and Jack Solomon and Ed Smith from the Sharks. Their support to the team was greatly appreciated. Ben Hodgkinson was also a very welcome team member until he was injured.

The team's halfback and Captain, Will Yeaman, led by example in attack and defence for the whole season and was deservedly the 'MVP' for 2012. Despite getting a bit battered and bruised [generally from school rather than club rugby we would like to note!] he was fearless, often chopping the legs from under rampaging opposition forwards or darting into the smallest of gaps around the fringes. He also provided excellent quick ball to Tom Hodgson at 10 to let the back line run. When Will Y was unavailable (or injured) Will Jones and Jack Duffy also did a great job for the team at 9.

The most improved player for 2012 was our fly half, Tom Hodgson. His decision-making belied his age - It was outstanding. He mixed up his game like an old pro being able to run, kick or pass at will. This led to many people on the sidelines comparing his running and decision making to one of the games legends, Stephen Larkham. He took the ball to the line time and time again, putting doubt in the opposition defence and demonstrating some outstanding passing skills to set-up the outside backs.

Through injuries and unavailability we were forced into multiple combinations with our backs. I don't think we had the luxury of the same back combinations from one week to the next.

We had a number of combinations in the centres with Ralph Mitchell, Daniel Delprado, Will Jones, Liam Connolly, Seb Cameron and Jeremy Foster all having a go. All these boys brought different skill-sets to the inside backs and adapted very well.

On the wings we also had a number of different combinations with Jeremy Foster in particular standing out. His open field running was great to watch and culminated in a number of tries. Tashi Struk played a number of games for the Dolphins contributing significantly to our attack with evasive running before he became a permanent member of the Whales team. Oscar White and Max Cannon also contributed with pace but were not available the whole season. Max Rodgers filled the role of fullback together with Seb Cameron who was promoted from the Sharks team. Both demonstrated good hands and solid defence.

It was a great season and the end result speaks volumes. We enjoyed coaching you in 2012 and we hope you will all return to go one better next year!

U13 Sharks Report



I want to thank each and every player involved with the Sharks this year for being part of a great team. I would also like to thank the parents for assisting during training sessions and matches.

The players showed great character during our games. They fought their way back when trailing some games to win in the dying seconds. Even though we lost the last game of the season, we left the best for last and played some great running rugby. Well done guys!

Individually and as a team we improved throughout the season. At times, players were played out of position to make sure we had 15 players on the field, which showed great team spirit.

I look forward to see each and every player back at Mosman Junior Rugby club next year

U12 Age group Report – Age Group Coordinator – David McCracken

2012 dawned with over 70 players registered in the U12 Age Group – an enthusiastic and encouraging endorsement of Mosman Junior Rugby. Early season trials had us arrive at the decision to run 4 teams in the Age group this year – a decision made to ensure all boys had maximum involvement in their Rugby season but a stretch on resources across the season to ensure injuries and absence would not affect the overall age group performance.

Significantly we welcomed over 15 players to the club including some had not played Rugby before. The engagement across the year to have these boys and their families quickly become part of the Mosman family, is what makes our club unique, and with this we benefited from many new faces and characters – including Big Dave, Little Josh, Steve, Joe, Ollie, Dan Tom and Tom among others as well as a number of boys returning to the club after a period away.

Once again the talent and enthusiasm of the collective year group underlines the potential in the teams to compete across the various grades of the competition. The framework provided by the club is what brings out the best in the boys and benefits the experience they have. This year each of our teams competed around the middle of their comps – each having significant highlights, memorable moments and memories of those opportunities that got away.

In the frontline I would thank the Managers who toil away throughout the season managing boys, families, calendars, holidays, coaches, absences, illnesses and weather to provide the backbone of a successful season – so to Kristina, Libby and Margs, Leanne and Jason – thanks for your everlasting commitment, endeavours and support.

The coaches of each of our teams, shapes the boys rugby year and I appreciate the commitment of all who helped out, as you commit your time, and enthusiasm to the development of the boys – thanks. In particular, thanks to Jacko (Dolphins) and Rowan (Stingrays) both new to the club and bringing their skills, commitment and time to their teams.

But beyond that I would acknowledge all across the age group who help, contribute and assist in running the club across the age group and who this year developed a stronger club spirit across the year group. This was greatly appreciated across the group and seen as a positive advancement for the club.

A special acknowledgement to Will McLennan selected in the U12 NSW Schools team – fantastic effort from real team contributor who by the end of the season had I believe played over 45 games of rugby – most in the front row! Well done Will.



Finally thanks to Dave C, Dave D, Sandie, Katrina, Cath and Tom all who give so much behind the scenes at Mosman and so much support the age groups collectively and individually – you are much appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you all around the grounds in 2013.

	U12 Whales	U12 Dolphins	U11 Sharks	U11 Stingrays
Head Coach	Simon Jones	Tony Duthie	James Hodgkinson	Rowan Cranney
Asst Coach	Peter Brownie Shane Richardson	Ian Collins	David McCracken	
Manager	Jason Franklin	Leanne Smealie	Libby Adler Margie Reynolds	Kristina Miller
MVP	Max Lehmann	Max Brennan	Jamie Graham	Josh Bremner
Most Improved	Harrison Hertz	Jack Hondros	Steve Mathieson-Bong	Joe Anderson
Season Result	Runner Up in A Comp Plate	3 rd in the C Comp	Plate Champions E Comp	6 th in F Comp

U11 - Age Group Report - Age Group Coordinator – Paul Adams

Results

- U11 Whales - Made the plate final
- U11 Dolphins - Made the Qualifying finals
- U11 Sharks - Made the Grand Final
- U11 Stingrays - Made the Qualifying finals
- U11 Morays - Made the Grand Final

Wrap up for U11's 2012

It has been a very successful year for the U11 at Mosman Junior Rugby on many levels. Firstly we had record registrations and fielded 5 teams in the U11 competition - the largest number of players in any age group at the club for MNZ competition.

A special mention and big thank you to the coaches and managers this year who were fantastic and through their efforts we had fantastic results.

Whales - finished equal 4th on points narrowly missing the major semi finals on points difference. Went on to make the plate final going down in a tough encounter to East McCauley. A very successful year and the boys showed real improvement to compete strongly with the top teams in the comp.

Dolphins - Finished 3rd on the ladder and won 1st semi final to make the qualifying final. Went down in the qualifying final in another bruising encounter. A fantastic result and a great year for the Dolphins.

Sharks - Blitzing them all year. A massive result and Grand Finalists. The Sharks have played consistently played great rugby all year, trained hard and reaped the rewards of their effort. Congratulations to all the Sharks on their success.





Stingrays - 2 U16 boys - Will Adams and Ben Jeavons-Fellows have been great role models and coaches for this fantastic group of boys who have really developed as a rugby team this year. Finishing 2nd on the ladder they played exceptionally well in the finals going down bravely in the Qualifying final. Excellent result boys and well done.

Morays - The stars of the U11's in 2012. Minor Premiers and grand finalist. Rufus and this team of mostly news boys to the sport have been sensational all year. They have embodied all that rugby is about, tough, team and having a great time with mates. Well done to the Morays for a standout season.

Under 10 Age group Report – Age Group Coordinator – Lyn O’Neil

U10 Rugby

	Whales	Dolphins	Sharks	Stingrays
Coaches	Daniel Brown	Jason Guildea	Peter Wiggs	David Richardson
	Warren Garrat			
Assistant Coach	Wade Harper	Steve Lidbury		
	Tony Brahms	Rob Ell		
Manager	Chris Cannon	Tessa Gree	James Garret	Paul Hoff

A great season for the U10's with 63 boys registered to play this year, fielding 4 teams. Well done and thank you to the Coaches and Managers who did a fantastic job throughout the season with the boys. Through their efforts significant progress was made across all teams in developing skills, playing a more structured game and with the players stepping up a considerable notch. This was most obvious towards the end of the season and all teams ended the season on a high.

All teams had a strong season and, though not necessarily reflected in positions on the league table, there was plenty of success, achievements and highlights throughout the season.

The Whales played solidly in A division and finished the season very strongly. All players stepped up with their commitment and effort and the spirit amongst the team not to be faulted. The Dolphins initially graded B division were soundly beaten for the first four weeks and as a result lost a lot of confidence which resulted in a slow start to the D comp when moved down, though they ended the season strongly, making the plate final.

The Sharks had an excellent season, and were ably shaped into a strong little team. They started in the F division but were re-graded to E, played well all season and made the final. Narrowly losing on the whistle, after playing a superb game that really demonstrated how the players had developed throughout the season and importantly how they played as a team. The Stingrays in G division started the season well, mid season experienced some losses, however refocused towards the end of season and made the plate final. It was a great close game that could have gone either way, with Newport scoring in the dying minutes of the game. All enjoyed a great season.

The trials and selection process under the circumstances went smoothly, however we were extremely hampered by weather and access to grounds. Despite this the Club process was followed and the coaches and selectors implemented with rigour. Considerable time was given to this process to ensure the best result for every player. Overall the grading resulted in majority





being matched to appropriate team, there was some movement of players throughout the season and a couple that we did not get right. (one player new to rugby). Thank you to all involved with this.

Ground access pre-season is a known issue, however this year it was compounded by wet weather which unfortunately played havoc with getting the boys out on the ovals. During the trial time we lost two crucial Sundays and two week training sessions with ovals closed. Though we did run training on the beach it was far from ideal. This needs to be given consideration for next year.

Seven Mosman players were selected for the Norths Representative team an indication of strength within the age group. Well done to those players and also thank you to Daniel Brown who was the U10 Representative Coach. (Daniel whose son started this year in the U6's has coached within our age group for the last three years, thank you for your commitment and sharing your experience.)

Further comments

- Better access to grounds pre season
- It would be great to have a couple of 'at home' days throughout the season where the U10 teams all play same venue and consecutive games, to strengthen club spirit and connection across the teams within the age group. Friday night games at Rawson are great for building team spirit, however Stingrays only had one Friday night game.
- Great coaching experience within the club how can this be shared more, and a coaching process followed to ensure all players in an age group are learning the key skills / techniques for the positions they play

I would like to finish by again thanking all the Coaches and managers, 2012 was a milestone year for the boys and you ensured all players enjoyed the season. To the managers there was a lot more required of you in regards to the admin and set up each week, thank you. Lastly thank you to all the parents who commit to the season, who help throughout as required and for your ongoing support of the Club and the players.

Lyn O'Neill

Minis Report – Trent Karoll



Well the full time whistle has been blown on season 2012 and what a season it has been!! A record number of Mosman teams were entered in the minis competition, a staggering 24 in



total, which was an increase of 3 teams on 2011. By all accounts, each and every Minis team made tremendous improvements throughout the season in the key areas of skills, fitness, game sense and most importantly, teamwork.

2012 also marked the second year of the TryRugby Kids Pathways coaching framework under which the Minis programs are run. The ARU & its member unions who developed this, have done so with the key priorities being maximum player participation and enjoyment, whilst meeting the developmental needs of young Rugby players in line with the safety focus of the modern game. More specifically, numbers of players on the field coupled with Law applications that promote safety, attacking play and age appropriate skill building, have hopefully allowed every player to have the maximum chance to run with the ball, support team mates and yes....score those all important tries !

To our fantastic coaches and managers, who give so much of their time and support to the boys and their respective teams this year, a wholehearted THANK YOU.

A large part of what makes MJRC such a great club, is due to the efforts of these terrific volunteers. We appreciate all the hours you dedicate to ensuring that the kids are entertained, educated and organized during the season. I'd also like to sincerely thank the Mini AGC's for their support and for the great job they did during season 2012. Special thanks however must go to the U6 AGC, Patrick Abrahams, who, despite being new to the club, did an absolutely wonderful job.

To all the U6's....well done on a fabulous first season. We look forward to welcoming you back next year for your final year of tag games.

To the U7's...top season guys and there's no doubting that you are all well and truly ready for tackles !!! Bring on 2013 !

To our huge contingent of U8's, congratulations on a wonderful season of rugby. Longer games, more players on the field and gala day invitationals await you in 2013. Thank you also to those parents in the U8 age group who helped make J&J night, another huge success.

And finally to all of our U9's, (25 of which started in 2009 in the U6's), congratulations also, on another great season. Two additional players on the field, a bigger ball, kicking in play, contested lineouts & scrums, an official competition table, stricter adherence to the rules and of course graded teams, are just some of the big changes you will notice next year in the U10's. Best of luck to every player in 2013 !

Special mention must be made of the 30 boys from the U9 age group, which proudly represented MJRC at the Hunter's Hill Invitational Gala Night. This event was played using U10 rules, to give the boys a taste of what next year is all about. Our teams played some exciting rugby during the 3 qualifying rounds and both teams qualified to set up a Mosman v Mosman final. Mosman White (jerseys turned inside out !) defeated Mosman Blue in the final and won the "2012 Dufficy Cup". Mosman White actually went through the tournament, without conceding a single point. Well done to both Mosman teams.

The season came to a fitting end with the Minis Gala Presentation day which followed the final competition round on Saturday the 25th of August. The gala day games were played in the best of spirits and by all accounts the boys really enjoyed their big moment "in the grandstands", in front of the 800+ crowd, to receive their awards. I would also like to say a big thank you to Katrina Oxenham for her untiring assistance and wonderful effort in helping make it a great day.

Following the success of the 2012 Minis Gala Presentation Day @ Rawson Oval we hope that this format, provides the basis for a lasting legacy for future Minis presentation days. Enjoy the off season and see you all next year.



Cheers

Trent Karoll - Minis Coordinator 2012

Under 9 Report – Mike Boyd

Coaches and Managers

	Dolphins	Morays	Sea Dragons	Sharks	Stingrays	Whales
Manager	Liz Brownie	Kate Reilly	Damian Martyr	Mike Boyd	Prue Kenny	Katrina Savage
Coach(es)	Dianna Kahui	Andrew O'Donnell	Tony Braham	Trent Karoll	Greg Bowrey Greig Boreham Martin Johnston	Chris Savage David Duffy Jim Buchanan Robert Nugan Tim McGowen

Age Group Co-ordinator Summary/Report

For most teams this was the fourth year that they had been playing together and as such the overall co-ordination of the U9 teams was relatively smooth. It was extremely encouraging to see the number of new players joining each team in the U9s – word of mouth is clearly a strong marketing component for the club and should be drawn upon for future recruitment plans. Each team started the 2012 season with up to 14 players and on reflection this was the right decision to make. A seventh team could have been created in the U9s, however this would have resulted in teams not being able to field 10 players on a number of weeks. As it was, some teams found the going tough in the latter parts of the season with school commitments for some of the boys overlapping with Saturday rugby for the Club.

A better year in terms of cancellations due to the weather helped on both the game and training front. Balmoral Oval was a little crowded on a Thursday evening, but for the most part all teams found their patch and were able to train without too much bother.

The end of season invitational Gala night at Hunters Hill was a tremendous hit with all but one of the Mosman teams taking part. The final between two Mosman teams was unfortunate for HHJRFC, but means Mosman will be back in 2013 to defend its title. Everyone would agree it was a great night.

The end-of-season Mosman Gala Day was much improved in 2012 – being held at Rawson Oval. The flow and structure of the day as well as the catering and organisation was excellent.





Planning For Next Season

- Ensure that each team has a minimum of 14 players.
- Communications is always important – encourage Managers to adopt the MJRC email system if they want to use a separate system to communicate with teams.
- Have a back-up plan for training when Balmoral Oval is closed, but the weather is “playable”.
- Try to limit the number of Coaches allocated to one team. Time is a critical factor for every team, however, identifying a primary Coach is key to consistency with the players.
- Ensure the 2012 Coaches and Managers briefing pack is retained. A lot of effort went into this from Trent Karoll and it set every team up very well.

What Could be Done Better?

- Use the ARU more for Coaching assistance. On a number of occasions, some of the teams enlisted the help from the regional ARU teams for training. This is great for the players and helpful for the Coaches to develop their skills.
- Field maps are still in dire need of being updated and clarified.
- Visibility of First Aid facilities at Balmoral Oval needs to be improved. Suggest St John’s Ambulance Service be enlisted to run First Aid course for the Coaches and Managers – possibly make mandatory.

Under 8 Report – Ben Miller

The season started very successfully with a record number of kids enrolling. The under 8’s fielded 9 teams. From the very early gala day at Narrabeen the U8 teams participated with great enthusiasm every week and brought that great energy every week to training. The coaches and Managers did an exceptional job in co-ordinating all the teams and making sure kids were on time each week. The draw proved a challenge at times but did not stop the games going ahead. With tackling being introduced this year all the kids took to the challenge very well. The energy and wiliness to learn tackling skills was very encouraging

The season highlight was definitely the end of season gala day at Rawson with all the teams engaging in multiple games and being awarded with their end of season medals.

Planning for next season

Coaching – the parents need some more structured coaching drills for the teams

Training – The use of training aids such as tackle bags, pads and a scrum machine would certainly help the kids learn the right technique.

Grounds – a better way to lay out the training pitch for all the teams would help

Draw – if the draw could be set at the start of the season, for the whole season, the planning would be easier.



Mini Co-ordinator	Trent	Karrol
Age Co-ordinator	Ben	Miller
Manager	Dolphins	Natasha Benari
Manager	Marlins	Andrzej Masztak
Manager	Morays	Dianna Lbyd
Manager	Sea Dragons	Curtis Davies
Manager	Sharks	Justine Morton
Manager	Stingrays	Andrew Grover
Manager	Whales	Fiona Sorrenson
Manager	Piranahs	Juls Jackson
Manager	Eels	Tania Hall Johnson

Under 7 Age Group Report – Age Group Coordinator – Sandie Hogarth-Scott

We had 47 boys registered in the age group this year, an increase of 14 over the previous year. We split them into 5 teams, Whales, Dolphins, Sharks and the 2 new teams, Marlins and Stingrays.

Co-ordinating the teams from Perth was obviously not the ideal situation but as I had managed the age group in the previous year in Sydney and all of the Coaches and Managers knew me we managed to make it work. Trent was also fantastic keeping me in the loop. Grant Whatley who has managed the Sharks in U6 2011 and U7 2012 has kindly offered to take on the role and he will be a great Committee member and AGC.

All of the coaches and managers are returning for 2013 except for Gary Forster and Kevin Powell who have done a fantastic job over the past 2 years coaching the U6 & U7 Whales and need to be thanked for the dedication, hard work and great sense of humour. They have found a replacement.

Please refer to the individual team reports prepared by Managers and/or coaches below.

The main themes from the reports are:

1. Everyone, parents and boys had a great time and love playing rugby with MJRC.
2. They feel the club is well organized and information is provided clearly and timely.
3. Balmoral Oval on a Thursday evening for training is so overcrowded. Trent and I spent quite a lot of time working on the training field layout prior to the start of the season and we knew it was tight. An alternative will need to be provided for 2013.
4. The presentation day was great fun and well organized. Great finish to the season. Should be set for a date when external games aren't played so there is not a rush to get back and everyone can play the games against the other MJRC teams.



U7 Dolphins

Manager – Vicki Melbourne – returning for 2013

Coach – Rob Jewell – returning for 2013

The team had a good mix of boys that had played in previous seasons and boys that were playing rugby for the first time. This helped enormously to lift the overall skill and player development over the course of the winter with the more “senior” players showing the way forward. By the end of the season a lot of the boys showed great potential. Although we didn’t keep scores, hard pressed to think of a team that had our measure. Our improvement in passing and team work as well as some great ball running and natural pace will hold us in great form for next year when the field size increases and we go to tackling, rucks and mauls.

A great sense of team developed amongst the boys with plenty of team celebration for each and every try scored. Training was a lot of fun – not sure whether the fathers enjoyed the run around more than the boys themselves!

Standard of refereeing was very mixed through out the year where some teams enforced the rules religiously while others were very lax. At times this brought about confusion and frustration amongst the boys – ie why was a shove in the back or one handed touch countered as a tag while in others it was play on; some refs enforced off side in open play with play allowed to continue if a player didn’t retreat while in other games there was no offside.

At times, the club appeared to be un prepared – we had the occasion where we were asked to move off our field mid game by the U8 due to a mix up in field allocations; while the programme change to the Gala Day saw us only play one game (the other team was a no show due to confusion with the start time following release of the revised programme).

Rob Jewell & Vicky Melbourne

U7 Whales

Manager – Catriona Crookes – returning

Coach – Gary Forster & Kevin Powell – not returning

new coach for 2013 – David Singer & Phil Waugh

All in all the U7 Mosman Whales 2012 season was fantastic. The boys had a great time which from our point of view is the most important aspect.

Well done to the Junior Rugby Club as from an administration point of view it, it too was all positive. Our coaches and manager had great support and organisation from the club with respect to coaching courses, gear and information flows. The new uniforms looked great and are definitely worthwhile including in the cost in the registration fee.

With regards to logistics, we believe that Balmoral oval is at bursting point on Thursday evenings. Our coach has suggested staggering the start times if team numbers continue to rise. Whilst it is not too much of a concern for the U6s and U7s being crammed in, the U8s and U9s really need to more space to play given there are more players in these teams. There were also a couple of instances during the season where ground allocation on Saturday mornings overlapped but nothing that wasn’t fixed on the day. Invariably there is a bit of wandering around so perhaps better signage would help all concerned to know where and who



they are playing. We also did have one other challenge worth mentioning. This was the getting and returning of the storeroom key. Perhaps a simple solution would be for the guys running the tuck shop be responsible for this alone, rather than having a separate key being passed around depending on who is playing at Balmoral at 8am.

The presentation day is a worthwhile exercise; although it was a rush back to Rawson after our game in Tunks and then a long wait for the presentations. However the day was great and enjoyed by both the boys and parents and the concept is worth continuing. We think it's a good way to get the Minis together to round off the season. It is our preference to play a game and then have the presentation day on the same day, rather than to come back another day just for trophies.

U7 Marlins

Manager – Michelle O'Donnell

Coach – David Zubani

A couple of things that probably need to be reinforced, to the parents in particular is non attendance at games and training.

Parents of Player must notify the coach or Manager if they are not going to turn up. Maybe more emphasis on this should be made to the parents at registration time. Parents need to also mention to the coach and Manager if they are not staying at training. It's concerning when the end of a training sessions ends kids are left looking around for parents. This of course means coaches or Managers have to hang around until parents return to collect their children. Not a huge problem but still...

For the most part we had no problems with ground allocations on our game days at Balmoral. However there was one occasion when our nominated ground was in use by another team and we were forced to play on a small scrap of ground between two other games. Our side lines were the try lines for another team. This only happened once but slightly dangerous. The other team was getting frustrated so we just had to push on and get the game going.

The gala/presentation day was really well run and our team had a great time. It was a lovely way to end the season. The only downside some of the boy's trophies fell from their bases. They were poorly stuck together. There is nothing worse than a broken trophy after all that hard work during the season.

Thank you Sandie for all your hard work.

Cheers

Michelle & David

Manager & Coach U7 Marlins.



U7 Stingrays

Manager – Katherine Hogg
Coach – Soames Trefry &

We had a fantastic first year together as a team and the boys have completed the year on a high note, full of enthusiasm for the many rugby playing years ahead!

Information received from the club has been helpful and well organised.

3 additional comments below -

- Training fields – there needs to be some formal layouts of practice areas on Thursday nights. It's a ramshackle land grab in it's current form akin to the wild west gold rush. If we are to get an area of decent size for the kids you have to be there very early or make yourself unpopular by shifting others cones to at least be reasonable.
- Refereeing – we had 2 kid referees this year at Hunters Hill and Killara. They were terrific. It's a nice idea and one we would endorse
- The only drama this year was with the coach consistently from one club. It was really uncomfortable listening to him abusing his own kids, he had scant regard for the rules and rushed the play the ball. He was a bit of a nut and some of his kids were rotten with a distinct lack of sportsmanship. An understanding of how "the club" would like to us to proceed with matters such as this would be great. It's disappointing as every other club was terrific.

All in all a privilege to be involved. It's a well-run club by reputation and we have experienced that first hand.

Thanks,

Katherine

U7 Mosman Sharks

Manager – Grant Whatley – definitely returning & as U8 AGC
Coach - Matt Brooks - unsure

The transition at the commencement of the season from under 6 to under 7 occurred smoothly. A large proportion of the team from last year continued on and those new to the team quickly assimilated. As a result, the boys kicked off the season in good spirits with the Gala Day at Killara. The boys as a whole have continued to improve over the season. They have built on their ability to step around opposition players (albeit with a bit of backwards running as well) and in the most part, follow the ball holder around the park and pass the ball backwards. Towards the end of the season we found that in a game scenario if the boys were penalised by handing the ball to the opposition team for continually passing the ball forward, the boys no longer continued to pass the ball forward!

It is likely that most of the team will continue on next year to the under 8's and the boys have already shown an eagerness to explore the contact elements of the game. Grant will continue to



manage the team and Matt may coach again but he will confirm closer to the commencement of the season.

In terms of recommendations/issues, we highlight the following:

1. the supply of the kit bags, equipment and branded balls was well received by the boys and of great assistance to the coaches; although our personal view is that the new lighter playing shirts are great, some parents remain of the view that the shirts are too light for the younger children to be wearing in the winter. We just raise it because it was an issue that arose throughout the season.
2. to compliment and assist the role of managers/coaches, can gala day/presentation day schedules be placed on the club's website to ensure that all information is known to all parents? This is particularly relevant when understandable changes and amendments are made to schedules/timings after the original information has been distributed to managers/coaches. This suggestion is not designed to reduce the role of the manager but to ensure that all information is known
3. Query the effectiveness of communication through the Buddha system. Our experience this year has been that some information comes through to some people but not others. Subject to IT support and capability should we be centralising important communications and weekly match details through sub-team pages on the website (if at all possible).

Regards

Grant Whatley and Matthew Brooks

Under 6 Age group Report – Age Group Coordinator – Patrick Abrahams

<u>Team</u>	<u>Manager</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Sharks	Daniel Brown	Bill Segært
Dolphins	Alysia de Saxe	Patrick Abrahams
Stingrays	Karen Nicholson	Anthony Hunt
Stingrays		Peter Wilson
Stingrays		Michelle Tomsic
Whales	Darren Keogh	Warwick Adlam

Overall a great year for all the teams – 42 boys across 4 teams. First time players for most boys and all picked up the game well having a great time at training, game days and the gala days through the season. Focused skills training around running in the right direction and staying infield soon turned into side steps and sprints down the line for many tries.

Thanks to all the mums and dads who coached and managed the teams and look forward to their continued support next year going in to the U7's and also a special thanks to Trent Karoll's support as minis coordinator.

Sharks

The Mosman under 6 Sharks were a very mixed group of new rugby players and each brought their own skills to the side. As the season went on their knowledge, passion and efforts grew enormously. Come the close of the season each player and their parents were unequivocally satisfied and a genuine mateship had formed! Since then many of the kids and parents have kept in touch and really looking forward to 2013.





Dolphins

What a fabulous season for the U6 Dolphins. Each week all the boys brought real excitement and enthusiasm to learn new skills to both the training sessions and the Saturday games. All the boys progressed their rugby skills throughout the season with better ball handling and improved footwork (including some impressive steps!). The boys' sportsmanship and team spirit was a pleasant surprise for the parents ruggged up on the side line. We look forward to the 2013 season.

Stingrays

Under 6 Stingrays started off somewhat very tentative in their first games. All the players through the joint effort of our 2 coaches evolved into enthusiastic and motivated players who ran well in a line and passed well. Our attacking players made many a try and the defensive players stopped many a try. We can see them developing into their future older Rugby position already.

The team parents and siblings were very supportive and other parents stepped in to coach when our joint coaches were away on family holidays. The Under 6 Stingrays enjoyed a great year of rugby and making new friends. While training was pretty chaotic at time the boys got it together on game day. Their ability to actually demonstrate some genuine rugby skills never ceased to amaze their coach! A highlight of the season was meeting Tah Man at the Lindfield Gala day. (See attached picture)

Whales

The Under 6 Whales had an extremely successful and enjoyable season. So much so the team remained undefeated for the season and remarkably all of their games resulted in a draw. The boys finally figured out which way the try line was and that you had to stay inside the white markers we call the side line. Their willingness to get the ball and just run was great to see. They also looked forward to the snakes at the end of every game.

Good news is they are all keen as mustard for next season so look out for the might under 7 Whales next year.





MOSMAN JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB (MJRC) REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2012 - Katrina Oxenham

The 2012 Rugby season boasted the highest registration numbers to date. A total of 708 registrations, from the U6-U16 age groups, comprising 46 teams in total. In addition, the girls competition, spread over several age groups, had 43 registrations. (Table 1)

Table 1
Breakdown of MJRC Registrations for 2012 by Age Group

AGE	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total	Girls	Total
MJRC	43	46	80	79	100	64	75	65	65	51	40	708	43	751

Mosman Junior Rugby Club (MJRC) is the largest rugby club in the Sydney Junior Rugby Union competition (see Table 2). This reputation as the highest participation club in the Sydney metropolitan competition is commendable and would ideally like to be replicated for 2013.

The breakdown of New registrations to the club and Renewals can be seen in Table 3. 59% of all registrations are renewals. This figure should hopefully improve as we aim to retain more players, however will inevitably experience a drop off following the U16 age groups, amongst other unavoidable exit reasons.

Table 2
Ranking in Sydney Junior Rugby Union (SJRU) Competition
By Total Registrations 2012

<i>Club</i>	<i>2012 Registrations</i>	<i>Ranking</i>
Mosman	708	1
Newport	679	2
Lindfield	531	3
Wahroonga	522	4
Hunters Hill	516	5
Harbord	410	6
Manly Roos	406	7



Table 3
Breakdown of Registration Type

<i>Type of Registration</i>	<i>Total Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
New	267	37.71
Renewal	418	59.04
Transfer	23	3.25
Total	708	100

The 2012 Registration form can be seen in Appendix 1. Online registrations will be encouraged for the 2013 season.

Other Involvement:

Trophies - The awards listings for the respective presentation days are seen in Appendix 2. Most Valuable Players and Most Improved Players were awarded trophies. U6-U9 participation trophies were awarded, and U10-U16, participation medals were awarded. It is proposed to keep this system of awards consistent for the 2013 season.

Events - The MJRC Jeans and Jersey night was held on May 4. This year, 210 people attended at Rawson clubhouse and \$7350 was taken from ticket sales alone. This is a social night, welcoming members to MJRC. U8 parents are responsible for the management of the event. (Appendix 3)

Presentation -The Minis Presentation Day was a new format and proved very successful. The Invitation and details for the event and the associated draw for the Gala Day are found in Appendix 4. It is recommended to promote this presentation day format improving the assimilation of Mini's and Juniors by locating it at Rawson Oval. Aim to replicate and improve on it for 2013.



In summary, MJRC had a successful year in terms of an unsurpassed volume of registrations. This forms the benchmark and expectation for 2013.

Some minor amendments to the registration process are suggested:

- ~ Online registrations encouraged (aim for 100% in 2014)
- ~ U10 Age Group Co-ordinator(AGC), to be present at registration day to take required passport photos of all players for immediate lodgement.
- ~ Any photograph of a player in the system for more than 2 years will require updating. The relevant AGC is responsible for the timely submission of these.
- ~ MJRC Girls Registrations to be added to MJRC total registrations by the SJRU in the Buddha system.
- ~ Non-Transferrable Players (NT) to be submitted before the due date for recording purposes and Form 60 completed without delay.
- ~ Policy on the absolute discretion of allocation of Mini teams (U6-U9) formalised to club members and parents.
- ~ Improvement on the 59% renewal of registrations, to retain our players and keep them playing Rugby Union and for Mosman.

Appendices

- 1. MJRC Blank Registration Form 2012**
- 2. MJRC MVP and MIP Awards 2012**
- 3. MJRC Jeans and Jersey Night Flyer**
- 4. MJRC Minis Presentation and Gala Day information**



Player's Details

Given names:				Last name:			
Address:							
Suburb:					State:		Postcode:
Home phone:		Fax:		Mobile:			
Email:							
Date of Birth:							
School:							
Do you consent to the provision of medical treatment in your absence?:							
Doctor's name:					Doctor's contact:		
Medicare no:		Health fund:		Fund no:			
Allergies:				Medications:			

Mother's Contact Details

Name:							
Address:							
Suburb:					State:		Postcode:
Home phone:		Work:		Mobile:			
Email:							

Father's Contact Details

Name:							
Address:							
Suburb:					State:		Postcode:
Home phone:		Work:		Mobile:			
Email:							

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO HELP!

Coach	<input type="checkbox"/>	Team Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	First Aid	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rugby Admin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/>	BBQ	<input type="checkbox"/>
Referee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recruitment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Touch Judge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify)					

Payment Details

Registration costs		Discount		Payment type		Credit card details	
U7 & less	\$140.00	2nd player	\$20.00	Cash	Card number		
U8-U9	\$140.00	3rd player	\$20.00	Cheque			
U10-U12	\$140.00	4th player	\$140.00	Visa	Expiry date		
U13-U16	\$140.00			Mastercard	Amex ID		
U17-U18	\$140.00			Name on Card			
				Signature			
				Total			

Consent

I give my consent to the registration of the above person to play rugby for Mosman Junior Rugby in 2012. I agree to abide by the team selection and grading processes and the parental involvement and behaviour guidelines as outlined on the MJRC website. Further I agree to abide by the rules and directions of MJRC, SJRU and ARU.

NOTE: SIGN REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAGE FOR ARU MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE COVER

Signed				Date		
Print name				Please circle	Parent	Guardian

Acceptance

Signed		Position		Date	
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ARU membership form

Country of Origin		Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?	Yes	No		
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Preferences

The ARU, your Member Union and your Club may use your information to send you rugby related materials they consider may interest you (including newsletters, priority ticketing and season pass offers). In addition, if you agree, the ARU, your Member Union and your Club may use your information to send you materials, offers and promotions from sponsors. If you would like to receive these offers, please indicate as outlined below.

I wish to receive information from sponsors or licensees	Yes	No		
My preferred method of delivery is	Mail	Email	SMS	

Release & Waiver

In consideration of the Australian Rugby Union Limited ("ARU") agreeing to accept and register you as a participant, you (or if the participant is under 18 years of age, that participant's parent or legal guardian on behalf of the participant): (i) undertake to be bound by the IRB Laws of the Game and Regulations (www.irb.com), ARU Code of Conduct By-Law, and Policies (including ARU Anti-Doping Code and Member Protection Policy) (www.rugby.com.au/policies); (ii) warrant that you have fully disclosed any suspension you may be serving imposed by any sporting body, and will disclose any suspension imposed in the future; (iii) undertake to pay all fees; (iv) agree that ARU, your Member Union or Club may use your name or image in any form or medium for marketing, promotional and research activities; (v) acknowledge that ARU may de-register you at any time by notice; (vi) acknowledge that the Game is a hazardous sport and that incidents may happen, and to the extent permitted by law, you waive all claims for liability against any participant and release every participant from all liability, provided that such liability arises while you are participating in any rugby activity. You agree that ARU will hold the benefit of this release and waiver on trust for all participants. ARU makes no warranties regarding services associated with the Game or the fitness for purpose of materials provided. For the purpose of this document: the "Game" means the game of Rugby, which includes Mini-Rugby, Midi-Rugby, Walla Rugby and games played under the Australian under-19 Laws; "participants" mean ARU and any other rugby union, rugby club or referees' association in Australia and any member, officer, official, administrator, coach, manager, selector, match official, physiotherapist, trainer, ball person or unqualified first aid officer associated with such body; "liability" means liability in tort or contract for any death, personal injury or damage to property including vicarious liability for assault but excluding other liability for assault; "rugby activity" means playing the Game or engaging in training for the Game or other activities directed or recommended by a participant.

Anti-Doping

The ARU condemns the use of performance enhancing substances in Rugby Football as both dangerous to health and contrary to the ethics of sport, and prohibits the taking or use of drugs or stimulants or involvement in other doping methods prohibited by World Anti Doping Code. Refusal to provide a sample for testing also incurs sanctions. A copy of the ARU's Anti-Doping By-Laws is available on both ARU's website and on request from the ARU. You agree to observe the ARU's Anti-Doping By-Laws, to provide samples for testing wherever requested by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority or the ARU (both in and out of season), and to observe the protocols for taking and verifying samples and for providing whereabouts notifications. You also agree to the publication of the results of any sample tested and of any findings of fact by an ARU judicial committee or Board and its decision whether or not to impose a sanction and release the ARU and the members of the judicial committee and Board from liability as a result of, and waive all claims you may have as a result of or in relation to, the publication of their findings of fact and decisions as to sanctions.

Minors

In the case of the participant being a minor, a Parent or Guardian is requested to read and complete this form. In executing this document, the Parent or Guardian of the above minor (the "Minor"), agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified all participants in respect of any claims for the liability arising while the Minor is participating in any rugby football activity and acknowledges that the ARU will hold the benefit of this indemnity on trust for all participants.

Privacy Statement

The ARU respects the privacy of the individuals on whom the ARU collects, uses and discloses personal information. The ARU is bound by the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and has a Privacy Policy that safeguards your privacy. For full details of the ARU Privacy Policy please see our website www.rugby.com.au or contact the Privacy Officer, Australian Rugby Union, Level 6, 29-55 Christie Street, St. Leonards NSW 2065 or via email at privacy@rugby.com.au.

Signature

I hereby warrant that the above details are true and correct.				Accepted for & on behalf of the ARU by Club Secretary/ Registrar and verified proof of identity and age (if required).			
Signature		Date		Signature		Date	
(Parent/Guardian to sign if member is less than 18 years of age).							
(Full Name of Parent/Guardian (please print)).				(Full Name and Position (please print)).			

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**Appendix 2 MVP & MIP Awards**

Team	Age Group	MVP	MIP	Team	Age Group	MVP	MIP
Whales	U6	N/A	N/A	Whales	U12	Max Lehmann	Harrison Hertz
Dolphins				Dolphins		Max Brennan	Jack Hondros
Sharks				Sharks		Jamie Graham	Steven Mathieson-Bong
Stingrays				Stingrays		Josh Bremner	Joe Anderson
Whales	U7	N/A	N/A	Whales	U13	Mac Williams	Luke Edwards
Dolphins				Dolphins		Will Yeaman	Tom Hodgson
Sharks				Sharks		Liam Connolly	Jasper Stockley
Stingrays							
Marlins				Whales	U14	Alec Sheldon	Harry Rees
				Dolphins		Nicholas Preece	Francois Visser
Whales	U8	Will Hammett	Joshua Watts	Sharks		Henry McKewen	Luke Nickel
Dolphins		Louis McKay	Ewan Benari				
Sharks		Oscar Evens	James Starling	Whales	U15	Campbell Clifford	Archie Pulver
Stingrays		Jackson Stiel	James Miller	Dolphins		Jake Hedge	Ben Nuttal
SeaDragon		William Rohrsheim	Jack Baker				
Marlins		Sam Tildesley	Jack Foster	Whales	U16	Max Mansfield	Tim Davis
Piranhas		Henry Oxenham	Tom Grimmond				
Morays		Alexander Zucchiatti	Evan Lloyd				
Eels		Rory Kehoe	Tom Spellacy				
Whales	U9	Liam Dempsey	Ben Savage				
Dolphins		Ben Hondros	Benjamin Bootes				
Sharks		Lachlan Reynolds	Oliver Duthie				
Stingrays		Ronan Carroll	Conrad Boreham				
Morays		Henry O'Donnell	Luke Thomas				
SeaDragon		Dyllan Garratt	Austin Clarke				
Whales	U10	Max Harper	Connor Garratt				
Dolphins		Calvin Lidbury	Jonathan Woodcock				
Sharks		Garrett Ball	Harry Martens				



Stingrays		Alex Ekstein	Aidan O'Brien				
Whales	U11	Daniel Botha	Cassius Clinton				
Dolphins		William McCarthy	Louis Phillips				
		Players' Player	Harry Roberts				
Sharks		Christian O'Donnell	Beau Saywell				
Stingrays		Ashley Ow					
		Coaches Award	Players Player				
Morays		Jack Towers	Evan Lekopoulos				





MJRC Jeans and Jersey Night

WHAT: MJRC Jeans and Jersey Night

WHY: Kick off the 2012 Junior Rugby Season

WHO: MJRC Supporters and Parents

WHEN: Friday 4th May 2012 7.00pm - 10:00pm

WHERE: Rawson Oval Clubhouse
Rawson Oval
Cross Street
Mosman, NSW 2088

\$35 pp includes drink on arrival and Light finger foods by Chargrill Charlies

CONTACT DETAILS:

Tina Skidmore tinaskidmorehome@gmail.com or
Katrina Oxenham theoxenhams@me.com

TRANSPORT:

Please email the above address for post function transport to a nominated local venue

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MOSMAN JUNIOR RUGBY

Gala Presentation Day U6 -U9

SATURDAY, 25 AUGUST 2012

RAWSON OVAL

9.00am - 3.00pm

Following the completion of the final round of matches for 2012, a gala day and presentation ceremony for all players will take place at Rawson Oval.

Trophy Presentation Timetable:

11.30am- 12.00 - U6's
Whales, Dolphins, Sharks, Stingrays

12.00pm -12.30pm - U7's
Whales, Dolphins, Sharks, Stingrays, Marlins

12.30pm -1.30pm - U8's
Whales, Dolphins, Sharks, Stingrays, Eels, Morays, Marlins, Piranhas, Sea Dragons
Most Valuable Player & Most Improved Player trophies awarded to nominated players from each team

1.30pm - 2.15pm - U9's
Whales, Dolphins, Sharks, Stingrays, Morays, Sea Dragons
Most Valuable Player & Most Improved Player trophies awarded to nominated players from each team

The gala day match draw is attached below.

The Rawson Canteen will be open from 9am & will be offering a "\$5 Minis Meal Deal" ... for a Sausage Sanger and a Can of Drink.



Minis Coordinator, Trent Karoll will MC the presentation ceremonies, during the day. The coach of each team will present trophies to their players in front of their other teams in their age group. In the event that wet weather forces the the closure of Rawson Oval and the cancellation of the gala day matches, it is proposed that the presentation ceremonies will still take place at the scheduled times, at the Rawson Oval clubhouse.



We look forward to a great presentation day and to giving all MJRC players a memorable end to the 2012 season.



MJRC MINIS 2012 - GALA DAY DRAW

U6	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	FIELD	START	FINISH
U6	Singrays	v	Dolphins	Field 1	9:45 - 10:00
U6	Dolphins	v	Whales	Field 4	10:10 - 10:25
U6	Sharks	v	Singrays	Field X OR Field 1	11:00 - 11:15 10:15 - 10:30

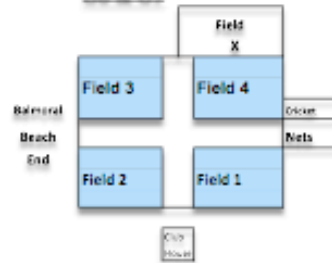
U7	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	FIELD	START	FINISH
U7	Dolphins	v	Marlins	Field 3	10:10 - 10:25
U7	Singrays	v	Whales	Field 2	10:10 - 10:25
U7	Sharks	v	Dolphins	Field 4	9:50 - 10:05
U7	Marlins	v	Sharks	Field 3	9:30 - 9:45

U8	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	FIELD	START	FINISH
U8	Sea Dragons	v	Eels	Field 5	10:30 - 10:45
U8	Whales	v	Marlins	Field 5	10:50 - 11:05
U8	Dolphins	v	Morays	Field 5	11:10 - 11:25
U8	Sharks	v	Sea Dragons	Field 5	11:25 - 11:40
U8	Singrays	v	Dolphins	Field 6	10:30 - 10:45
U8	Piranhas	v	Eels	Field 6	10:50 - 11:05
U8	Singrays	v	Piranhas	Field 6	11:10 - 11:25
U8	Whales	v	Morays	Field 6	11:30 - 11:45
U8	Marlins	v	Sharks	Field 6	11:45 - 12:00

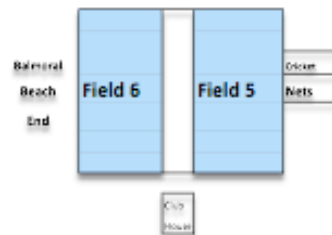
U9	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	FIELD	START	FINISH
U9	Morays	v	Dolphins	Field 5	12:05 - 12:20
U9	Sea Dragons	v	Whales	Field 6	12:05 - 12:20
U9	Sharks	v	Whales	Field 5	12:30 - 12:50
U9	Morays	v	Singrays	Field 6	12:30 - 12:50
U9	Dolphins	v	Sea Dragons	Field 5	1:00 - 1:20
U9	Sharks	v	Singrays	Field 6	1:00 - 1:20

Official Time, will be the time displayed on the external Clubhouse Clock
Home Teams to provide match referee & play in Mosman Jerseys,
Away Teams to play in coloured training bibs
NO HALF TIME BREAKS

U6 & U7



U8 & U9





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