



MOSMAN JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB



2014 ANNUAL REPORT



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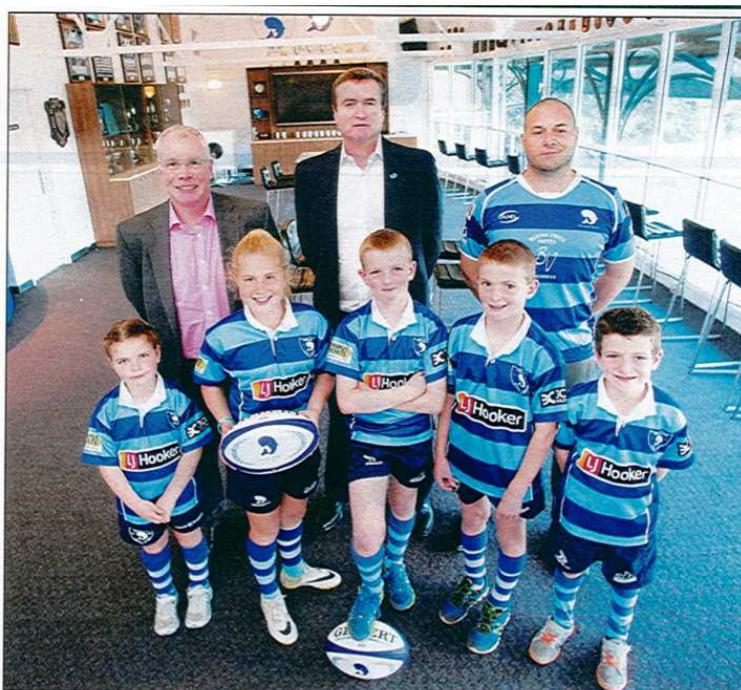
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014

What a year it's been for Mosman Rugby! Many great traditions have been kept up, and some new ones started.

If you're new to Mosman rugby, take the time to read this report. If you're in the U6s or U7s or just started playing summer touch or with the girls on a Tuesday night, this report will give you some insight into the myriad of fantastic sections and activities we have across all ages, and what's in store in the many years at Mosman Junior Rugby Club we hope you all have ahead of you.



Junior players Mabel Oxenham, Lucy Collard, Henry Oxenham, Finlay Oxenham and Everett Oxenham with Jerry Meades, Michael Flude and Mark Dixon at the clubhouse. Picture: ADAM WARD

This year we finally realised what has been a dream and aspiration for many at the club for many years. We refurbished Rawson Clubhouse and The Whalehouse was born, being opened by the Hon. Gillian Skinner, MP and the Mayor of Mosman, Peter Abelson, in August this year. We also contributed to the upgrade of the pitch at Rawson Oval, which means that the Club now use it for Friday night and Sunday morning Juniors (U10 – U16s) and Saturday morning Minis (U6 – U9s).

Additionally we now have use of Rawson Oval in the summer and have kicked off a Summer Non-Contact Sevens Tournament - the first of its kind in Sydney. The Girls on a Tuesday night also had a record year.

The Juniors (U10 – U16) had a strong season. The U10E Sharks, U12F Dolphins, U14D Dolphins and U15C Whales all won their Grand Finals. It is the most Grand Final winners we have had for a number of years. We also formed Joint Venture teams in the U13s and U16s, working particularly well in this age group.

Our season again kicked off with the Libbo Cup in which we narrowly lost by 1 game to Newport. This tradition looks like a firm fixture on the calendar, and now with increased access to Rawson Oval, we will hopefully be able to host some pre-season competitions of our own.

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From U10 upwards, we are a part of Norths District (along with Hunters Hill, Norths and Drummoyne) and we again had numerous representatives from Mosman in the NSW State Championships that take place over the Queens Birthday Holiday weekend every year. For the third year in a row, the Norths U15 team became State Champions. Congratulations to Ed Collard, Luke Edwards, Hamish Southwell and Mac Williams. Luke also went on to represent NSW.

The U12's had another successful Barracudas (Cudas) tour to the South Island of New Zealand, with increased numbers. Also, our U15s toured Samoa at Easter for the fourth year in a row. Having had the most incredible trip to NZ with Cudas a few years ago, I can confirm that Samoa is yet more incredible, with a great time being had by our 15 year-old boys as they become men in Samoa. This year we regained the Aggie Gray Trophy, now sitting proudly in The Whalehouse.



The Cudas Lunch was moved to the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) where a wonderful fundraiser was had in May 2014. Our new partnership deal with Allianz Stadium has enabled us not only to complete the renovations of The Whalehouse and the ground itself, but also to build stronger links between Mosman and rugby played by the Waratahs and Wallabies out at Allianz Stadium.

Our sponsors have continued to give us fantastic support, and we now have just completed the first year of a three-year arrangement with all of our major sponsors. Many thanks to Allianz Stadium, LJ Hooker, Olympus Sports, CBA Private and 3-Corp for their support. As I say every year, these sponsors help us keep this club running so well. Please, whenever you can, and are thinking of any of their services, please 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, referees, assistant referees (touch judges) and 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 Mosman Junior Rugby Club Committee are the people who make the club tick. Huge thanks go to our 2014 Clubman of the Year, Dave McCracken. Also, many thanks to Jason Franklin and Charlie Buchanan, who are also stepping down this year. I am delighted to say that everyone else is staying on and that Katrina Oxenham has agreed to stand for President.



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Thanks to the many who contribute to the club, and as all of us who do know, we get far more pleasure out of it than the effort we put in. Please think about volunteering to continue to keep the club strong and vibrant.

I too am stepping down after two years as President. I have been involved in the club for 10 years now, and am looking forward to still being very involved going forward, but know the club is in great hands.

I have been privileged to be able to contribute to a truly wonderful community that plays the greatest game in the world.

Cheers,

Jerry Meades
MJRC PRESIDENT 2014



REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2014

2014 REGISTRATION DAY
9:00AM - 12:00PM SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH, 2014
AT LJ HOOKER MOSMAN - 102 GLOVER ST. MOSMAN
** With special guests the NSW Waratahs * Autographs * Giveaways **

BOYS U6-U16 AGE GROUPS : GIRLS COMP U9-U13
TRAINING AT BALMORAL OVAL & RAWSON PARK
JOIN THE LARGEST JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB IN NSW

MJRC PLATINUM SPONSOR **LJ Hooker** ONLINE REGISTRATIONS - WWW.MOSMANJRC.ORG.AU
Celebrating 15 Years of community support for Mosman Junior Rugby

Registration Day for 2014 occurred again at the offices of our Platinum Sponsor, LJ Hooker at LJ Hooker House in Mosman. Thank you again to Richard Harding and Geoff Smith and their team for assisting in the set up and having the venue available for us each year to launch the Rugby season.

In attendance to assist was one of our other loyal and committed sponsors, Adrian Hondros on behalf of Commonwealth Bank Private, who again this year stayed for the duration of the morning and signed our new and renewing players up to the Mosman Junior Rugby Club (MJRC).

Our new Minis Co-ordinator, Grant Whatley and our U9 Age Group Co-ordinator (AGC), Bindi Codrington, were also on hand assisting in the registration process, along with other valued supporters of the club.

Thank you to Russell from Olympus Sports, and Nathan from Australian Sports Apparel who both attended, introducing themselves and providing gear and assistance to our 2014 players.

Following the MJRC Registration Day, the online registration period was this year restricted to provide a deadline for the registrations enabling the team allocations for the Minis (U6-U9) and the grading process for the U10-U16 age groups to commence in a timely manner. As the club has evolved and grown to often over 700 registrations, the online registration process will be encouraged to be the preferred means of registration, with an aim of 90-100% online in 2015, and the registration period will again be restricted to a strict deadline.



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Table [1] shows the breakdown for the 2013 MJRC registrations by Age group:

	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	Girls	Total
2013	44	62	62	89	81	81	88	41	51	47	22	43	748
2014	43	44	76	59	80	64	47	71	62	32	63	57	698

698 players registered for the 2014 season ensuring that Mosman remained the largest junior rugby club in New South Wales. 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. Mosman fielded 40 teams across the various age groups that also included four Joint Venture teams (two combined Mosman/Norths teams in the U13s and two combined Mosman/Hunters Hill teams in the U16s).

Overall the number of registrations in 2014 declined by 50 players (6.7% decrease) with the biggest declines seen in the U11, U12, U13 and U15 age groups. This was offset by good growth in the U8, U14, and U16 age group, as well as the Girls competition.

The decline in player numbers mirrored the trends seen in a few of the other large Sydney clubs such as Newport (down 88 players) and Hunters Hill (down 98 players), with Harbord being the most noticeable club to increase in size (up 61 players) to 5th in the overall rankings.

Across the entire SJRU competition there were 70 clubs who fielded teams, with 13,620 registered players, an increase of 49 players (3.6% increase) compared to 13,571 players in 2013. Mosman registrations again ranked at number 1, and this is a commendable position for the club and the community, and the combined commitment to Junior Rugby Union.

The comparison of the highest-ranking clubs in the Sydney Junior Rugby Union (SJRU) competition can be seen in **Table [2]**.

Club	Total Registrations	Ranking 2014	Ranking 2013
Mosman	698	1 st	1 st
Lindfield	599	2 nd	3 rd
Newport	575	3 rd	2 nd
Wahroonga	502	4 th	4 th
Harbord	435	5 th	9 th

The breakdown of New Registrations for 2014 and Renewals to the Mosman Junior Rugby Club, are shown below in **Table [3]**.

Category	2014 Registrations (number)	2014 Registrations (%)
New	273	39.1%
Renewals	371	53.2%
Transfers	54	7.7%
TOTAL	698	100.0%



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There is some consideration for a degree of error in these numbers due to replication of original players in the submission of online registrations in the Buddha system. Therefore, renewals would be reflected more accurately as a higher percentage of total registrations.

The SJRU and the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) are attempting to implement a more accurate and technologically capable system to replace Buddha in 2015. This system is the Rugby Link system and is due for completion for January 2015. Across the Sydney Clubs, the system has been reviewed by the Registrars who have also been consulted as to its effectiveness. As a representative for the MJRC, I have supported the use of the new system in principle as the Buddha administration system has encountered some deficiencies and is reasonably laborious in its use.

Further to the Registrar role, the awards and trophies at the completion of the season were organised as well as the respective Minis Gala Day and U10-U16 awards ceremonies at The Whalehouse. It is recommended to continue this tradition and to expand the scope of this event to make it a celebration and significant event on the MJRC calendar, culminating in accolades for the players and teams as well as all the support staff. This should be held at the The Whalehouse and be attended by all teams, as an entire and united Mosman Junior Rugby Club. It is also recommended that the awards and trophies and organisation of this event be taken from the Registrar role and given to the newly suggested 'Events Co-ordinator', minimising the Registrar workload and enabling improved execution of the Event.

For the 2014 Presentation Day, a Participation Trophy awarded to all U6-U9 players (222), and a MJRC Medal for participation to all U10-U16 players (419). Each age group (excluding U6 and U7s) also had a Most Valuable Player (MVP) and a Most Improved Player (MIP) awarded. These players are highlighted in Table [4]. Thank you to Sydney Awards and Trophies for their ongoing commitment to the club and the supply of all awards in a timely manner. This is the 5th year of association with the Club and it is recommended they continue to supply all awards.

Table [4] - MVP and MIP Awards 2014

Age	Team	Most Improved Player	Most Valuable Player
U8	Dolphins	Will Soutter	Everett Oxenham
U8	Marlins	William Cahill	Finlay Bartlett
U8	Morays	Franklin Mutton	Dylan Aifantis
U8	Seadragons	Jacob Walding	Henry Bloore
U8	Sharks	Rory Haydon	Rory Cope
U8	Stingrays	Aurelius Christensen-Gjergji	Daniel Ivanhoe
U8	Whales	Daniel Wright	Charlie Waugh
U9	Dolphins	Hugh John	Oscar Cornwell
U9	Sharks	Archer Sutherland	Thomas Hammett
U9	Stingrays	Matthew Hogg	Thomas Beverley-Smith/ Lachlan McLeod
U9	Whales	Milo Hogarth-Scott	Henry Ball



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Age	Team	Most Improved Player	Most Valuable Player
U10	Whales	Jack Riley	Will Hammett
U10	Dolphins	James Purcell	Oscar Beregi
U10	Sharks	Not awarded	Not awarded
U10	Stingrays	Finn Brookes	Charlie Smith
U10	Eels	Jack Baker	Callum Houston

U11	Whales	Finlay Oxenham	Lachlan Reynolds
U11	Dolphins	William Harding	Xavier Horton
U11	Sharks	Lachlan Bloore	Sam Bristow
U11	Stingrays	Matthew Theunissen	Calvin Conley

U12	Whales	Zachary Green	Bill Delaney
U12	Dolphins	Mackenzie Beardsell	Oscar Drew

U13	Whales (Mosman/Norths)	Aaron Johnson/Will Barton	Papillon Sevele
U13	Pirates (Mosman/Norths)	Jack Jones	Oliver Fergusson
U13	Dolphins	Thomas Kuesner	Hajo Van der Tang

U14	Whales	Matthew Dutailis	William McLennan
U14	Dolphins	Tevita Tadulala	Tom Chenoweth
U14	Sharks	Ryan Tyrrell	Joe Reynolds

U15	Whales	Jack Hondros	Matthew Houston
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U16	Black (Mosman/Hunters Hill)	Francois Visser	Benjamin Furby
U16	Red (Mosman/Hunters Hill)	Sam Parker	Josh Smith

A special award was given this year to those players who have been at the club and played every year, from U6-U16. These players are to be commended for their commitment to rugby and to MJRC. We wish them every success in their ongoing rugby careers and hope to see them playing in the Mosman Seniors in the years to come. They are highlighted in **Table [5]**.

Players Name	Years of Service	Award
Tate Leckie	2003-2014	Service to MJRC
Mac Williams	2003-2014	Service to MJRC
Charlie Jeavons Fellows	2003-2014	Service to MJRC



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Every year, players reaching 100 games are also awarded a special plaque. Congratulations also to those boys achieving this milestone, the MJRC is very proud of your commitment to the sport of Rugby Union and look forward to your continued involvement.

For the 2015 season and ongoing, it is recommended, that due to expansion of the MJRC from its original player numbers, that the Registrar Role be divided into two roles, and some of the responsibilities from the role in its current form, be delegated.

The proposed recommendation is that there is a Mini's Registrar (U6-U9), who will - in conjunction with the nominated Mini's co-ordinator and the respective AGCs - allocate teams and manage all Coaches and Manager correspondence via the new Rugby Link system where required. For 2014, the Minis made up 32% of all registrations, and also historically comprise a high percentage of manual registrations and new registrations, therefore require a higher initial workload.

It is also suggested that there be a Junior Registrar - responsible for the U10-U16 age groups - and also the Girls competition. This would involve the management of all teams and allocation following the grading process as well as correct team sheets and photo sheet for every player and team. It would also entail identifying front rowers, and transferrable and non-transferrable players in the system, and regularly adjusting player lists due to injury or other requirements. Close communication via each AGC is required, and all Coaches and Managers should refer queries through the relevant AGC to the Registrar. This role would also involve some dispensation consultation and escalation. Relationships with the SJRU and Competitions Manager throughout the season are also necessary from a Registrar perspective and clear understanding of the SJRU rulings for these age groups.

All events and the organisation of end of season awards should be given to the newly formed Events Co-ordinator role, although the Registrar would remain required to consult in relation to these awards and provide necessary information to the Events personnel.

This plan to separate duties and roles should ensure the Registrar role is managed well and the workload is dissipated and more manageable for future volunteers, encouraging further involvement of parents and supporters for the MJRC.

Congratulations to MJRC for its strong support of Rugby Union, as this community remains the largest Rugby Club in NSW. We look forward to our 700 plus registrations in 2015 and beyond with more great Rugby across all age groups in Mosman.

Katrina Oxenham

MJRC REGISTRAR 2014



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TREASURER'S REPORT 2014

The financial year 2014 delivered a net deficit of \$56,185 the Club (surplus \$75,134 – 2013) and at 30 September 2014 the club is in a strong financial position.

The deficit in FY 14 is driven by two material items: the clubhouse renovation and enhanced ground maintenance.

The clubhouse renovations have been classified as Leasehold improvements and will be amortised over the life of the seniors lease commitment with Mosman Council.

The additional expenditure in FY 14 is consistent with the club's commitment to invest in the current facilities and support the local community.

The club still maintains accumulated surpluses as at 30 September 2014 of \$490,193, which includes, a BT Investment Fund of \$128,761 and primary bank accounts with Westpac.

Sponsorship is a key revenue stream for the club and we would like to thank all of our sponsors for their ongoing support: Allianz, LJ Hooker, Commonwealth Private, 3Corp and Olympus Sports.

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.

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

TREASURER 2014

18 November 2014



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NORTHERN SUBURBS REPRESENTATIVE JUNIOR RUGBY REPORT 2014

Overall 2014 proved to be another successful year for all age groups with strong representation from Mosman Junior Rugby Club.

U10s Warringah Rugby Park Narrabeen: This year reverted to fielding 2 teams with Mosman providing 10 players overall.

U11s Kierle Park Manly: Made it through to the Semi Final against the strong Manly team. Manly won the game and went on to win the tournament. Norths went on to win the 3rd/4th play-off against Randwick in convincing style to finish 3rd overall. A fantastic effort by the boys playing 7 games with a 5 wins to 2 loss record. 12 players were represented from Mosman.

U12s Camden Rugby Club Camden: Enjoyed the Camden experience and the team played strongly in all games however a tough weekend losing 4 of 5 games. 4 players were represented from Mosman.

U13s Wanderers Rugby Club Newcastle: On paper a strong team allocated to a tough pool with a loss to previous champions Manly and a narrow loss to Central West who went on to secure 5th spot. From that point on the team lifted, winning their last pool game against Randwick and dominating wins in the remaining 2 playoff games with a big win over Hunter and Easts finishing 10th overall. 14 players were represented from Mosman.

U14s Emus Rugby Club Orange: Started as second seed but knowing the top 4 sides were all evenly matched. Strong wins through the pool matches and the quarter-final against Southern Districts saw them in the semi-final against the eventual winner, the ACT Brumbies. In the end the score line was a 29-5 loss. Norths shrugged off the disappointment of the semi-final loss and came out to strongly defeat Illawarra 31-17. Finishing 3rd overall with 8 players represented from Mosman.

U15s Drummoyne Oval: The squad went into camp at Chowder Bay. They started a little slowly as defending champions but had solid convincing wins through the pool matches and a "champagne" rugby performance to beat Illawarra 87 – 0 in the quarter-final. A win in the semis against 4th seeds Hunter, 38-5. Opponents in the final were Randwick, and after just beating them in last year's final they were hungry for revenge. This clearly was not going to happen as from the start the North's boys came out firing and never let Randwick into the game, going on to win the final 24-0. Incredibly, this was the first time Randwick had been kept scoreless since U10s. 5 players were represented from Mosman.

U16s St Lukes Oval Concord: 13 players were represented from Mosman who competed strongly in the championships.



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Mosman players in the Norths rep teams this year are in the following table:

U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
Jackson Stiel	Tom Duffy	Henri Ridal	Cassius Clinton	Luke Ryan	Edward Collard	Cameron Horne
Will Gray	William Martyr	Charlie Youlden	Louis Robinson	Will McClennan	Luke Edwards	Matthew Grant
Henry Oxenham	Dyllan Garratt	Connor Garratt	Callum Peacocke	Jack Forbes	Mac Williams	James Basha
Jasper Moline	Liam Dempsey	Garrett Ball	Sam Duckworth	Max Lehman	Hamish Southwell	Josh Smith
Will Hammett	Baxter Mutton		TJ (Junior) Mahoni	Alex Rahme	Blake Rixon	Jake Hedge
Charlie Smith	Ben Morton		Papillon Sevele	Campbell Richardson		Luke Rixon
Louis Mckay	Oliver Duthie		Charlie Adams	Matt Dutailis		Alec Sheldon
Xavier Masztak	Charlie McGowen		Ross Batho	Darcy Hampton		George Feros
William Rorhsheim	Henry O'Donnell		Will Barton			Marcus Kalaf
Patrick Dunstan	Lachlan Reynolds		Cruise Taiatini			Harry Rees
	Finlay Oxenham		Ben Zucchiatti			Sam Parker
	Ben Hondros		George Clark			Nicholas Preece
			Tom Morgan			Harry Fell
			Max Gregan			

Paul Adams

REPRESENTATIVE COORDINATOR 2014



CLUBHOUSE, GROUNDS AND REFEREES REPORT 2014

Clubhouse

This year, with massive assistance from our partnership with Allianz Stadium, we have realised years of hard work by many people to refurbish and anoint The Whalehouse at Rawson Oval as the Clubhouse for all of Mosman Rugby Union.

In 2008, celebrating the 50 year anniversary of the Junior Club, funds were raised to contribute to a clubhouse. The anniversary prompted discussions for Mosman Junior and Senior clubs to join forces to invest in the clubhouse at Rawson Park, promoting community rugby in Mosman as a gender-inclusive sport for all ages and providing a clear pathway from junior to senior rugby. The increased community spirit allowed the club to raise funds to further invest in the grounds and facilities to improve the sporting experience at Rawson Oval.

In 2013, a joint Senior and Junior Club renovation project commenced and was completed in July 2014. The refurbished Mosman 'Whalehouse' was officially opened by the Mayor, Councillor Peter Abelson, and by the combined Senior and Junior Mosman Rugby Clubs on August 28, 2014. Our Member of Parliament, the Hon. Gillian Skinner was also present.

Over \$200,000 was invested in the upgrade, and this came from multiple sources including the original fundraising in 2008, grants from NSW Community Grants Council and from our new partnership with Mosman Senior Rugby and Allianz Stadium. The Club has also invested over \$100,000 on the playing surface at Rawson Oval.

Now we have a fantastic clubhouse to further develop the great community that is Mosman Rugby Union, and increased access to Rawson Oval so more Juniors can play at Rawson Oval, the Minis can play there, we can increase girls touch and continue this all through the summer months with the kick off of Non-Contact Sevens this summer.

Many thanks to Daniel Dickson, a Mosman dad who facilitated the renovation. Final recognition must go to Michael Flude, Dave Collard and Tom Jeavons-Fellows for the passion, commitment and time that they have and continue to put in to making the Whalehouse what it is today.

Grounds

Due to material changes made in 2013 to Mosman Council's policies relating to ground use, 2014 was the first season of these new policies. The changes in 2013 granted Mosman Rugby (Seniors and Juniors) priority use over Rawson and Balmoral West. This clarity and certainty has meant we have been able to invest in works at these grounds, especially at Rawson Oval. These works included a reduction in the area of the turf cricket pitch and the



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phasing out of the turf practice wickets at the southern end of the ground, with the latter due to disappear entirely around Christmas 2014. In addition, the club contributed to extra resurfacing and drainage. The work on improving the playing surface at Rawson Oval, when combined with the renovation of The Whalehouse, means Rawson Oval will be a worthy home to rugby in Mosman.

However, there was an impact. Due to both the renovation of The Whalehouse, and works at Rawson, our pre-season was significantly interrupted, both on and off the field, and Rawson was not available for matches until late April. Although this made everything more difficult than normal, it was a necessary part of developing the venue to be more suited to rugby and we will continue to work towards making Rawson a fit for purpose rugby venue, irrespective of weather or season. The benefits of this policy will be seen as changes are made each season. Further changes are also expected as a result of the Council awarding the grounds maintenance contract to a new service provider, effective 1st October 2014.

We were also able to be a venue host for Grand Final Day, which saw eight Grand Finals held at Rawson on 7th September. Although the ground was wet and the early weather was ordinary, it turned out to be a wonderful day and highlighted how spectacular Rawson can be, whether on the field, surveying the views, partaking of the local cuisine or sampling the offerings in The Whalehouse. We are looking forward to many such days.

Referees

Although at times some might think a game of rugby without a referee is a good thing, the reality is that without match officials, we would not have matches. As the largest junior club in our region, we therefore call upon a lot of resources to enable our matches. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to help provide and develop people who can become match officials.

Historically, all matches from U10 and older (Juniors) have had accredited referees from one of the regional referee associations appointed through the NSW Rugby Union (NSWRU) centralised appointments system, with any appointments unable to be filled then referred to the home club for appointment. This has not always worked as effectively as it could, which in the past has resulted in a number of “no-shows” or inappropriate appointments. However, 2014 saw a much improved process, resulting in a high percentage of matches being covered centrally, with very little “Club to Appoint” matches required, so a big thankyou to both NSWRU and in particular Scott Rogan, and the Sydney North Rugby Referees association.



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Matches for U9 and younger (Minis) had been handled differently, with each team nominating a member or members of the parent body to be a referee when playing at home. Generally this has worked well, but with a desire to both develop new referees, and provide consistency on match day, we started our first ever program of referee appointments for Minis. Being our initial year, our focus was to provide all U9 home matches with referees, and should resources enable it, U8s as well. This presented an opportunity to our older playing group to take the first step in becoming referees, and so we ran a “Refereeing Kids Rugby” course in the pre-season. Paid for by the club, this course enables the successful participant to referee matches in the U8 – U12 age group. There are many benefits that flow from this:

- Increasing the rugby knowledge of our older Juniors, which in turn develops their own rugby
- Develops a stronger bond between those players and the club
- Provides a pathway of development for match officials
- Provides a trained, arm’s length match official for our Minis
- Provides consistency of on field law application, particularly important for the U9s as they develop during the season and prepare for Juniors and
- Some pocket money for our junior referees.

2015 will see this develop further, as appointments to Minis matches become more centralised across our Minis competition (essentially the lower North Shore of Sydney), which means both U8s and U9s will be covered by at the least an Refereeing Kids Rugby (RKR) trained referee. It also means matches outside Mosman will be available for our own RKR referees.

Due to both ground and clubhouse works in 2014, running training courses was problematic, but this will be less of an issue in 2015, which means we will be running a number of courses at The Whalehouse. These will include:

- Refereeing Kids Rugby (RKR)
- Assistant Referee (AR). Previously known as Touch Judges, ALL Junior teams MUST have an accredited AR at EVERY match, so this is an opportunity to not only contribute to your child’s team, but to learn more about rugby AND get a front row seat.
- Level 1 (Foundation) Referee. This course provides the opportunity to referee all ages, including adults, and provides excellent insight into how the game is played, coached and refereed.



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These courses are available to all at the club – parents, siblings, players and other family members. They are non-gender specific, and we strongly support, and encourage, female participation in match officiating. The recent Women's Rugby World Cup Final was refereed by Amy Perrett, a Sydney referee, so the opportunity is unlimited, especially with the Rio Olympics quickly approaching.

More information about these courses will be available in our pre-season communications, so please keep an eye on your emails early in the New Year. Remember – refereeing – the best seat in the house!

Finally, to all our existing match officials, a big thankyou, especially our active referees:

- James Hodgkinson
- Peter Brownie
- Tom Jeavons-Fellows
- Charlie Jeavons-Fellows
- James Rohrsheim
- Matt Adam-Smith
- Rory Stanton
- Daniel Reid
- Hamish McKay
- Joshua Zucchiatti
- Benjamin Zucchiatti

Tom Jeavons-Fellows and Rob McKay

GROUNDS AND REFEREES COORDINATOR 2014



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COACHING REPORT 2014

This year we held coaching courses for Smartrugby Accreditation and Level One at Rawson Oval. Both courses were well attended by Mosman coaches and managers and supported by the ARU. On reflection we held the first Smartrugby course too early in the season which meant we weren't able to capture as many coaches and managers as we could have. This will obviously be taken into account when scheduling for next season.

For the first time this year we decided to engage an external resource to help 'Train the Trainer', particularly in relation to the U6s and U7s, and the U8s as they move from touch to tackle. The aim of the training sessions being to give the Mums and Dads the tools to manage young groups of kids and an idea of how to run a session.

Jason Grier from ReadyRugby was selected after we approached a number of companies to develop a program to assist those Mums and Dads. We ran preseason sessions with all our U6, U7 and U8 coaches managers assisting with:

- Managing/engaging children
- Preparing coaching plans
- Coaching tips and techniques
- Tackling practise for the U8s

Jason also provided a coaching manual that was co-branded with Mosman Junior Rugby and presented to all the Minis coaches. The manual included training session plans for 20 sessions that the coaches could use. Overall feedback was great and a worthwhile exercise that should continue next year. We will also attempt to engage more specialist coaches for one session with groups of boys who play specific positions.

Recommendations for 2015 are:

- That we continue with the external resource to assist Coaches and Managers
- That all Coaches should undertake the new Working with Children (WWC) accreditation WWC via RMS
- That we will look to expand the use of specialist coaching programs.

Damian Martyr

COACHING COORDINATOR 2014



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GIRLS TOUCH RUGBY 2014

2014 has been an historic year for the Mosman Girls Rugby Squad. For the first time we had in excess of 50 girls participating on a weekly basis in the program. We currently limit the ages from 9 to 13. There was a good balance of new girls and girls that have been in the program for a couple of years. We are extremely proud of the fact that a number of the girls from the program have been selected in representative teams. Well done to these girls. They include:

- Lucy Collard
- Sophie Callabria
- Mercy Brereton
- Zali Fraser
- Zoe Hurrell
- Sophia Hartley
- Jess Henry

As a result of the different age groups and skill levels we decided to split the program. This worked well as we were able to work on teaching the basics skills to the younger girls and running enjoyable and highly competitive games for the older girls. It is evident that the skill levels of the girls have improved year on year.

The Australian Rugby Union (ARU) decided to use the girls to trial the new non contact 7's rules. These new rules allow for a far more fluid and tiring game with a lot more tries - the general consensus is that the new format is a real winner. Steve Frost from the ARU provided us with a lot of support in rolling out the new rules. Dave Dennis, the Waratahs captain participated in one of our training sessions and there were many selfies of Dave and girls posted before the night was complete.

Thanks have to go to Claudia Williams who effortlessly managed anything and everything associated with the program, Libby Adler who somehow manages to control 50 plus girls every Tuesday evening and of course all the Coaches without whom the program could not function.

Tom Jeavons-Fellows & Andrew Boustred

GIRLS PROGRAM COORDINATORS 2014



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MINIS (U6 to U9) 2014 REPORT

INTRODUCTION

This report provides an overview of the MJRC Minis (Under 6 - Under 9) 2014 season, including events, issues, and recommendations for 2015.

Age Group Coordinators (AGCs) for 2014 are:

- U6: Nikki Warburton
- U7: Michael Betts
- U8: Sean Wiles
- U9: Bindi Codrington

A special thanks goes to the tireless efforts of the AGCs who often go unnoticed and unthanked but without them a lot of the activities involving the Minis simply would not occur. Thanks also go to the numerous Coaches and Managers for each of the 21 Minis teams this year – again – without their support and dedication, 2014 would not have run as smoothly as it did. The children love seeing their parents and friends involved in community sport. As someone involved in the Minis once communicated to me – the children many years down the track may not remember what they received for their birthday/Christmas in any particular year but they will usually next to always remember who was their coach/manager in any particular year (especially when it was Mum or Dad)!

Finally, and most importantly, thanks to the children for a fantastic Minis 2014 – see you in 2015.



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The Team Managers and Coaches for 2014 were:

Age Group	Age Group Coordinator	Team	Coach	Manager
U6	Nikki Warburton	Whales	August Kovse Simon Hoadley	Nick Durrant
		Dolphins	Anthony Hunt Andrew Cahill	Nicky Kerr
		Sharks	Chris Flynn Kalman Piper	Paul Thompson
U7	Michael Betts	Stingrays	David Scammell	Penny Pritchard
		Whales	John Duncan Charlie Stoneman	Kate Jackson
		Dolphins	Stewart Bailey Bradley Brown	Wally Graham
U8	Sean Wiles	Sharks	John Cassidy	Kristen Lark
		Stingrays	Simon Breakwell Paul Dearlove	Scott Moseley
		Marlins	Peter Wilson	Hilary Maggs
U8	Sean Wiles	Whales	Sean Wiles Brendan Warner	Gavin Wright
		Dolphins	Geoff Soutter	Alysia De Saxe
		Sharks	Bill Segart	Daniel Brown
U8	Sean Wiles	Stingrays	John Lo Schiavo Alex Riding	Karen Nicholson
		Marlins	Glenn Andrew Warren McAuley	Trea Scott
		Morays		Vicky Aifantis
U8		Seadragons	Adrian Walding	Anne-Marie Zuckerman



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Age Group	Age Group Coordinator	Team	Coach	Manager
U9	Bindi Codrington	Whales	David Singer Phil Waugh	Catriona Crookes
		Dolphins	Tim O'Connor	Vicky Melbourne
		Sharks	Andrew Blexland Tim Mawhood	Bindi Codrington
		Stingrays	Adam Smith	Katherine Hogg

MINIS EVENTS 2014

The Mosman Minis kicked off this year with strong registrations in February. Once registrations were completed the AGCs, Coaches and Managers got to work with the Coaches and Managers Night (with the assistance of Damian Martyr and Ready Rugby) in early March. Teams were announced earlier this year in mid-March with the Kit Handout/Meet the Team a week before the Lindfield/Wahroonga Gala Day (Rounds 1 and 2) in the first week of April. This allowed each of the teams a week of training prior to the Lindfield/Wahroonga Gala Day.

The Lindfield/Wahroonga Gala Day was a great way to start the season. Despite the threatening weather all of the MJRC Teams put in a great effort after the summer break.

It was encouraging to see the U6s giving it a go with little training, as well as the U8s attempting tackle for the first time. The U7s were able to build on their skills learned the previous year, and it was really terrific seeing U9 players step up to the 10 person game.

This year's home games saw matters proceed a little differently this year. Home games were split between Mosman Rugby's spiritual home Rawson Oval and Balmoral Oval. We also saw field set up occurring for each game held at each venue and I would like to thank each team and parent for taking the initiative and ownership of responsibilities this year when it was their turn to help out. These duties were rotated between each team and in the main, ran very smoothly. Hopefully this community spirit and commitment will continue in the coming years.

Throughout the year the Minis participated in a number of activities other than the usual Gordon Juniors Minis Competitions:

- Sydney JRC – March Past
- Hunters Hill Gala Day – U9s
- Harbord Harlequins Gala Day – U8s and U9s
- North Sydney Gala Day – Preview to Norths Senior Game – U8s



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- Dufficy Cup – U9s. A special note should go to all of the U9 Dufficy Cup participants this year. The Dufficy Cup is hosted by Hunters Hill JRC at the end of the U9 season and is held on a Friday evening pursuant to U10 conditions. This gives those participants an insight into what to expect in the U10s and is a great way to build upon all of the skills the boys have learnt through the Minis. The Mosman boys put in an awesome performance to comprehensively win their pool games to make their way into the final against West Harbour. Unfortunately West Harbour prevailed in the final but the spirit, effort and performance left no doubt that the Mosman Minis have produced a good standard for the boys to build upon in their coming and formative years ahead.

The conclusion of the Minis rugby season was marked by the Minis Trophy presentation Day, held at Rawson Oval. Unfortunately the wet weather set in which meant that we were restricted to the newly renovated Whalehouse. The show still went on and each of the teams was presented with their trophies and awards.

Finally, thanks to Bonnie Wiles and the U8s for hosting the annual Jeans and Jersey Night in the newly renovated Whalehouse earlier in the year. They did a fantastic job for arranging the event. Great food by Chargrill Charlies, ambient music and delicious desserts made it a great night out.

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

MATTERS TRIALLED AND RAISED DURING THE 2014 SEASON

1. U6 - TRAINING

In 2014 training on a Thursday was trialled at 5.00pm for 30 minutes. This was implemented for 2 primary reasons:

- 30 minutes was thought all was needed to capture the attention of the U6s (being the end of the day and the first year of school)
- Given the large number of Minis team training on a Thursday evening, greater space is available for the U7 – U9s from 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

Recommendation for 2015 Season

The recommendation is for training for the U6s to continue at 5.00pm on a Thursday for 30 minutes.

2. COACHING

In 2014 it was trialled that coaching support for Coaches of the Minis would be provided by an external source (in 2015 Ready Rugby) during the “Coaches & Managers Night” period along with the first 4 weeks of the season. This support was in the form of the external source running aspects of the Coaches & Managers Nights along with attending training



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with specific support provided to the U6 Coaches. A coaching manual was also provided as a guide only and starting point for the coaching team.

Recommendation for 2015 Season

The recommendation is for this support to continue but for it to also be extended in the following ways:

- The external source be available at training more regularly throughout the season (ie. consider having someone at training every week or every second week for the Coaches to call upon across all age groups)
- Emphasis that the coaching manual is to be used as a “guide only” and coaches should feel free to depart from it if they wish
- Continue to develop being part of the “coaching team” within the club. It has been found that coaches have learnt a lot throughout the season from discussing matters with coaches in other teams within that year level. Whether it is at the end of training on a Thursday night or in their own time, it is recommended that AGCs for each age group hold a meeting of coaches within each year level on a monthly basis. Although done in a structured way to start with, it is hoped this will naturally develop over time.

3. FIELD SET UP/CHANGEOVER

Given numerous complaints from previous years, in 2014 we trialled a structured ground set-up procedure with each team being responsible and the ground marshals for 1 Saturday (whether it be Balmoral Oval or Rawson Oval). We also trialled the use of goal posts for the Minis in the 2014 season along with the use of white cones for game day and coloured cones only for training. A significant amount of time has been invested in the set-up procedures (including explanations and charts).

Recommendation for 2015 Season

It is recommended that the field set-up and changeover be continued in 2015. In most parts (except for the siren and cones at Rawson Oval), the equipment generally stayed intact for most of the 2014 season. The use of the Minis goal posts was a success and it generally compensates when cones go missing. The use of white cones only for game days also appeared to ensure that there were generally enough game day cones come Saturday morning.

4. REFEREES

Every club except Lane Cove and Mosman in the 2014 season participated in the pooling of referees for Minis matches (U8/U9s). Mosman and Lane Cove provided their own referees from their own pool of resources.



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Recommendation for 2015 Season

Although the Mosman pool of referees were excellent in 2014, it has now been voted at a recent Gordon Minis Meeting that all clubs that participate in the Gordon Minis Meeting are to contribute referees on into the one pool of referees. Referees in 2015 will be allocated to U8 and U9 games from this pool on a Thursday/Friday before the Saturday when the game is scheduled. In the event that a referee is not allocated then each AGC will have to notify each team to ensure that a parent can referee the match.

Teams should continue to provide parent referees for all home U6 and U7 matches throughout the 2015 season.

5. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS/BRIEFINGS

Breaking with tradition, team announcements occurred in 2014 before the kit handout nights (end of March) but at or around the same time as the Coaches and Managers Nights (mid March). It was scheduled to occur before the Coaches and Managers Nights.

Recommendation for 2015 Season

Team announcement should occur as soon as possible after registration ends at the end of February 2015. In an ideal situation the order of events should occur in the following order (subject to ground availability, timing of Easter/school holidays and kit being available):

- Registration ends (end of February);
- Team announcements (first week in March);
- Coaches and Managers Night (2nd week in March);
- Coaches and Managers (3rd week in March);
- Kit Handout/Meet the team (3rd week in March);
- 1st week of training for Minis (4th week in March/week of the Gala Day)

This should be able to be achieved in 2015 given the proposed split of the Registrar's position into 2 roles. 1 role for the U10-U16 and another for the U6 – U9.

6. WET WEATHER/GROUND CLOSURES

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

The protocol is straight-forward:

Home Games/Training

- If the Wet Weather Line says grounds are closed – the grounds are closed.
- If the Wet Weather Line says grounds are opens – all games remain on unless or until AGCs inform Managers/Coaches otherwise. AGCs will receive their information from the Minis Co-ordinator.



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Away Games

- All games remain on unless parents are notified otherwise by their team managers. Team Managers will either receive their information directly from opposing team managers or from their own AGC's/Minis Co-ordinator.
- When there is an away game, it is always good and proper protocol to seek out the opposing Team Manager on the Friday evening if the weather is looking uncertain.

Recommendation for 2015 Season

Team Managers be reminded of the above on a regular basis by AGCs. Although well intentioned, Managers and Coaches that depart from the above invariably create an additional layer(s) of communication that invariably creates confusion.

7. INTRODUCTION/WELCOME NOTE

Although an introduction/welcome note was prepared for 2014 for a number of reasons it was not distributed in early 2014. Such an introduction/welcome note contains, among other things, key personnel, key dates along with parent/player conduct and standards required and expected at Mosman JRC.

It is thought that the delivery of such a note at Registration and/or on the MJRC Website Home Page goes a long way to setting out expectations at the start of the Minis rugby season. This will also provide vital information to new families to Mosman JRC.

Recommendation for 2015 Season

Update the introduction/welcome note and provide at Registration and/or Home Page at the start of the 2015 season.

8. GALA DAY/DUFFICY CUP TEAM U9

Throughout the year both the U8 and U9s are exposed to teams outside of the Gordon and Norths Districts through various Gala Days. Most Minis do not realise that although Mosman plays in the Gordon Minis District competition it is actually a part of the Norths District. Accordingly, at the conclusion of the season, Hunters Hill (Norths District) usually run the Dufficy Cup that is designed to give the U9s in the Norths District a taste of what to expect on the bigger fields and gives an insight into how the Mosman teams are fairing going into a grading process in the U10s by playing other Norths teams as well as other invited teams from other districts from across Sydney.

Although U9 Mosman teams usually do quite well, it is evident that the Mosman teams have not had as much time together as some of the other teams that participate in Gala Days and/or the Dufficy Cup.

One suggestion has been for any U9s that are interested to put themselves forward for a Gala Day/Dufficy Trial team (with no restriction as to numbers) that start to train together much earlier in the season. To date Gala Day entrants have been on an adhoc basis.



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However, this suggestion entails the trial "squad" training every 3 weeks and be over and above usual training on a Thursday. This would enable the AGC/Coaches to select the best possible team (for Gala Days and the Dufficy Cup) and would also allow for skill levels to evolve over the season (ensuring that just because a child was in a Gala Day at the start of the season does not necessarily mean that they are at the end).

Recommendation for 2015 Season

Although there is merit to the above idea, it would require the commitment of an AGC and a team of coaches from the U9 year level. It would also require a high degree of transparency with parents of U9 children. Although this initiative should be looked into further, I would recommend a structured program (including objectives) to ensure transparency and expectations are managed of all U9 children if this was thought of being implemented.

Grant Whatley

MINIS COORDINATOR 2014



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U10s REPORT 2014

Season 2014 was a year of learning for all involved in the under 10 age group. Players, coaches, managers, parents alike all noticed that the game itself steps up a notch in seriousness and intensity both on and off the field. But hopefully it was a year in which all involved had fun, enjoyed their rugby and built new and long lasting friendships.

As many will know, the most significant difference for the players in the U10 group is that for the first time in their Mosman rugby career the teams were graded. This process took place in March and April and all in all can be categorised as a smooth and relatively painless one. Although as always some lessons have been learnt that can be applied next year for the betterment of both the U10 age group in 2015 and the boys in the U11 age group of 2015.

The internal grading process was augmented with a number of external trials hosted by Newport, Drummoyne and Hunters Hill. Given the size of the U10 playing group, it was always going to be a challenge to find enough trials, and we were grateful to these clubs for hosting and organising these trial days.

It is never an easy task to decide which players should fall where and this year, as always, we have to give thanks to a number of parents who gladly put their hand up to assist. By the end of the process it was great to see that once again Mosman was able to field 5 teams in the SJRU competition. It was also pleasing to note that each of the teams were able to rely on the coaching, assistant coaching and managerial skills of volunteer parents.

On the field the season was a mixed one with varying levels of performance and success both within and across the teams. Both the Sharks (third team) and the Stingrays (fifth team) managed to make it through to their respective finals competitions, with the Stingrays (who finished fourth) unfortunately being eliminated from the finals by drawing their minor semi-final match. Greater success for the Sharks though who went on to raise the premiership trophy as undefeated champions.

Midway through the season a number of Mosman players were selected to represent Norths in two teams that the district fielded at the U10 state representative carnival. Unfortunately the Norths teams were not able to replicate the feats of the team a season prior and both teams came away with only one win from the 4 matches that they played. Importantly though, the Mosman boys involved were able to learn from the experience and put some of those skills into practice back at club level.

I would like to think that all the boys who played this year enjoyed the game, and benefitted from the experience of rugby at a more structured and 'intense' level. Certainly there was plenty of feedback to suggest that many boys can't wait to strap the boots back on again next year. As AGC I thoroughly enjoyed my time and was grateful for the support of the parents of the age group as well as those on the committee who have gone before me.

I am looking forward to returning as AGC next year, where there will be a very strong focus on building and maintaining a strong club culture across the age group so that as many boys as possible will be able to learn from and share the successes that some teams within the group enjoyed.



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U10 WHALES

Coaches: Andrzej Masztak and Justin Grimmond

Manager: Jo Stiel

The U10 Whales had a difficult and 'character building' season. Not a great deal of success (as measured by wins) on the field unfortunately, but a big learning experience for all the boys. Throughout the season there were plenty of patches of promising play and in many instances periods of games where the boys showed that they did have what it takes to match the best teams at this level. Inconsistency and a reversion to U9 rugby were the worst enemies of the boys this season.

U10 DOLPHINS

Coach: David Brandon-Cooper

Manager: Melissa Donnelly (Cooper)

After a promising start to the season for the Dolphins, lack of cohesion and some up and down performances led to some mixed results and some disappointing losses to teams that were able to play more consistently as a unit. Toward the end of the season simple ball-in-hand rugby and strong work at the ruck began to be rewarded and some good wins were recorded. The boys that played in this team will be better next year having completed their first year of graded rugby.

U10 SHARKS

Coaches: Jason Guildea and Wayne Spice

Manager: Lisa Miller

Season 2014 was no doubt a huge success in every way for the Sharks players, coaches and parents. An undefeated season is no mean feat no matter what division or level the game is, and winning a grand final is a rare achievement that many rugby players have never managed to accomplish. The secret of success was a team that played as a team, every man doing his job, and a philosophy of basic rugby instilled by the coaches. Forwards, head down, bum up and win the ball. Backs, when you get the ball use it to full advantage and get it to the fast guys in the space. Off the field the boys (and the parents and coaches) also fostered a team culture of enjoyment and fun and this translated into the ways the boys played the game.

U10 STINGRAYS

Coach: Matthias Braun

Manager: Ben Miller

A great introductory year for the Stingrays who were very competitive throughout the season. The boys had some memorable victories and some heartbreaking losses, and ultimately finished just outside of semi-final contention. The pleasing aspect was the great spirit that the boys showed and the fact that they were always up for having fun and



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enjoying the game. We will be looking forward to welcoming back as many Stingrays as possible in 2015.

U10 EELS

Coach: Bill McMullen

Manager: Shane Baker

Mosman U10 Eels had a successful season getting through to the semi-finals in their division. This was a great result for a bunch of boys who had a wide range of experience from 'never played before' to 'played for a couple of years'. There was a lot of focus put on having fun and enjoying the game rather than winning or losing. The boys also played in different positions throughout the season, which added to the enjoyment. Callum Houston was voted best player, which was a great effort as he had not played before, while Jack Baker was voted most improved.

Luke Oxenham

U10s AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2014

U11s REPORT 2014

Back for our second year of graded rugby as under 11s, we started with 65 players keen and eager to represent Mosman in the Sydney Junior Rugby competition. With the experience gained in the u10s we were able to grade the boys fairly easily into 4 teams with boys of a similar ability and skill level. The skill base, although quite broad, was relatively easy to manage and accommodate due to the large number of boys in the age group.

We were fortunate that all those who coached last year were keen to continue. Matt Ball was a notable addition to the coaching ranks helping John Grooms out with the Sharks. All teams had two official coaches and a number of Dads who were on hand to help out at training and with all the officiating duties required for each match by the SJRU, well organised by each team manager.

U11 Whales

Coaches: Warren Garratt & Tony Duthie

Manager: John Mutton

The Whales improved their final finishing position from last year unfortunately losing the preliminary final to the eventual winners Lindfield. A strong squad who played some great rugby and were unlucky in the preliminary final losing 15-5, having beaten Lindfield in the last round of the competition proper, who were unbeaten until that point. Twelve boys represented Norths at the state championships held at Manly, also finishing 3rd beating Randwick in the play off for 3rd.



Ranked 3rd in the A Comp.

U11 Dolphins

Coaches: Trent Karroll, Dale Clarke & Tim McGowan

Manager: Liz Brownie

The Dolphins, were moved up a grade from C to B this year after finishing 3rd last year. The team struggled early and were regraded into the C comp after round 4. The boys played well and lost a number of games by less than 10 points and as such were unlucky not to make the finals.

Ranked 7th in the C Comp.

U11 Sharks

Coaches: John Grooms & Matt Ball

Manager: Diana Kahui

The Sharks had a very well balanced squad that didn't take too long to gel. Although a number of key players were available late in the season due to basketball commitments and movements between teams. All in all, the team worked hard on their scrummaging and became quite formidable in the scrum as the season wore on. Their forward pack was an obvious strength. Again unlucky to make the semis, however the boys played in the Plate Finals and were victorious in the plate final bringing home the only piece of silverwear for Mosman U11s.

Ranked 5th in the D Comp and Plate Final Winners.



U11 Stingrays

Coaches: John Hetherton & Rohan Kerr

Manager: Kerstie Macnevin

Our D squad, The Stingrays, had a great season! They were undefeated until the second last game of the season, which was a fantastic feat. The boys were very well coached by John Hetherton and ably supported by Rohan Kerr and a wonderful group of dads. The boys were gallant in defeat going down to Easts in the Grand Final at Rawson Oval. Some great rugby played by the boys, some of whom had never played before! Very proud of all their effort and the way in which they conducted themselves during and after the game.

Ranked 2nd in the G Comp.

I believe most boys will return next year, hopefully a couple of extras as well. A great bunch of boys who were largely a harmonious group, interacting well regardless of which team they were graded into. The most pleasing part of being part of being involved with this



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group of boys and parents is the overwhelming positivity that was shown in all aspects of their play, support and behaviour not only towards to each other but also how they conduct themselves in relation to referees and their oppositions. It is had been an absolute pleasure!

We move to 15 a-side rugby next year that will mean bigger squads, very excited, bring it on!

Damian Martyr

U11s AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2014



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U12s REPORT 2014

2014 was another great year of rugby for Mosman U12s. We welcomed five new players to the age group. The vast majority of players returned from last season with a total of 48 players across two teams. The boys took their rugby to a new level this year, playing their first year of full field and 15 a side. The boys continued to develop strong rugby skills, understanding of the game due to the direction and coaching received throughout the season. There were many highlights throughout the season where these skills were demonstrated, and importantly the boys continued to exhibit sportsmanship and commitment to playing as members of a team and representing Mosman Rugby Club.

Two teams were fielded this year, Whales played in the B division and the Dolphins played in the F division.

U12 Whales

Coaches: Steve Lidbury & Tony Braham

Manager: Chris Cannon

Throughout the season there were many great games of rugby and all players showed considerable development by end of season.

Whales were moved up the B comp in round 5, after having some convincing wins. Overall they had a great season, played some fantastic rugby that was not always reflected in the score. They won 3 games, lost 6 and played a magnificent game in the Plate Final, with the opposition scoring on the final whistle, with the conversion giving them the win. As a team they learnt to work more cohesively, and play a more structured game. They maintained spirit and gave every game their best, leaving the coaches and parents rightly proud of their efforts for the season.

Ranked 5th in the B Comp.

U12 DOLPHINS

Coaches: Peter Wiggs & David Richardson

Manager: James Garrett

The Dolphins played strongly as a unit from the start of the season, and went through undefeated winning the Grand Final convincingly against Hunters Hill. Overall the boys had a great season, developed both as individual players and gelled as a team. They all stepped up to the increased levels of competition, played a tight structured game and responded to the Coach's direction. They played all games with great spirit and both coaches and parents are duly proud of their efforts.



Ranked 1st in the F Comp.

Many of the U12 players also toured as part of the New Zealand Cudas Team, and again all involved are extremely proud of the rugby they played, and more importantly how they encapsulated the tour mantra. They supported each other, they represented their club well, and behaved as fine young men.

Ultimately the success of the season and the player's continual enjoyment and love of rugby is thanks to the efforts of the coaching team. From the start of the season to the end they have ensured each player has been coached at the appropriate level, challenged as an individual player with the focus on teamwork. From early season sessions on the sand at Balmoral, to the extra training night for all the Cudas boys, there was certainly plenty of rugby and a strong commitment and tireless energy from the coaching team. Steve, Peter, Tony, David, Chris, Warren and James our thanks are extended to you for yet again a great season, thank you.

To the parents of the U12 boys, thank you for your willingness to step in and help as required, your support of the coaching team, your sons, ensure the U12 age group is cohesive and enjoyable.

It has been a memorable and great season for the U12s.

Lyn O'Neill

U12 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2014



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U13s REPORT 2014

The 2014 season commenced for the U13s with two large squads of 25+ players, so in order to ensure maximum game time for the most amount of boys we merged two teams with Norths Pirates (who had one large squad of 25+ players), so we were able to field four U13 teams between us. For Mosman that meant two merged teams (A and B) and one standalone C team. This partial merger had some positives, but also some challenges to take on board when designing team structures for U14s. A summary from each team is below.

U13 Mosman-Norths Whales

The Mosman Norths Whales had a thoroughly enjoyable season ending in 3rd position in the U13A competition. The season started with the team being relegated to the B grade competition and with the immediate challenge of showing the SJRU that we were worthy of being in the A grade. After the 1st four weeks of the competition we had 200+ points for and 0 against on the score board and clearly illustrated that we were ready to mix it in the top grade.

Each week the boys faced up against solid competition in the As – all teams with big forwards and quick backs. Recruits were regularly drafted from the Pirates who faced up with great enthusiasm. The Whales started the season well with early hard fought wins over Seaforth and Newport. Next was the highly rated Harbord. With their full complement of players the Whales had a blinder of a game where everyone contributed for the full 50mins of the game to win by 2 points. The mid-year school holidays caused us some pain where we lost our winning momentum and we lost 3 games on the trot against Narrabeen, Lindfield and Easts.

We finished the regular season in 3rd position with a semi-final match against Oatdale. This game was a bruising affair with size being a big factor in the opposition's squad. The Whales didn't let this deter their enthusiasm for a victory and stole the game with more adrenaline and commitment. Probably the best win of the season. The qualifying final match was lost against Easts. After a big semi-final game the week before, beating a skilled and large East team was always going to be a big ask.

Overall the Mosman Norths Whales joint venture team had a fantastic season. New friendships were born and definitely a team spirit that can be built on for future seasons.



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U13 Mosman-Norths Pirates

A bit like our hybrid uniform, the Mosman-Norths Pirates team had a mixed season.

Early form was promising, winning the first few games of the season. Regrading at round 5 saw the inclusion of 2 new teams that dominated the C grade. We sustained two 50 point losses to these new sides but rebounded with a solid win over Chatswood, restoring some much needed confidence. The single grade clubs (Randwick, KWP, Wests & Hunters) had some big forwards, stronger players and large rosters that we simply struggled to match. We finished a respectable 6th and lost a tight game in the Plate elimination final to Hills after losing our home ground advantage to wet weather.

Whilst no season would be complete without its challenges, the hallmark of our season was a lack of consistency that hurt us on game days. However the boys certainly made up for it with effort and energy. Challenges included multiple weekend games, key player injuries, integration / cultural issues, inability to make training due to school commitments and unavailability of reps.

Challenges aside, the effort that our boys showed week to week was fantastic. Nick Hammett was an inspirational captain for the season and lead by example. Oliver Fergusson was a tackling ambassador and Hugh Henry pilfered more than his fair share of loose ball for us. With ball-in-hand, we were easily as effective in attack as the best sides in our grade. Tim and I had terrific support from Dougal Hawkes at training and also Sam Turnbull and Guy Fergusson on game days.

Sometimes the tough seasons are the ones that the boys and coaching/ team staff learn the most from. All the players learned to scrap hard in games and maintain energy without substitutes, adapt to team changes, improvise moves and be flexible with on-field positions. As we know that's what rugby's all about - character.

U13 Mosman Dolphins

The U13 Dolphins had a terrific season, finishing second on the SJRU U13E comp ladder with a 9-4 win loss record in a competition with 5 really strong and evenly matched teams. In the finals the Dolphins were knocked out in the qualifying final by the eventual premiers, Lindfield, in a game of two halves – the Bucks came out of the blocks strongly to get just too far ahead by half-time, before a spirited 2nd half performance by the Dolphins dominating possession, territory and the scoreboard but just not quite enough to reverse the first half deficit.

Throughout the season, despite being much smaller than every other team, the Dolphins

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played some great running rugby, scoring 63 tries at average of 5 tries per game, with right wing Vincent O’Grady our leading try scorer with 11 tries, followed by Hajo Van Der Tang, Oliver Noble, Jack Towers and Henry Harding each with 7 tries and Josh Cooper with 6.

Up front we benefited from two new players, who brought some greater intensity to our pack – Irishman Lochlann Gallagher, who’s hard work in the tight was phenomenal, and our “Best & Fairest” winner (with 12 points through the season, just 1 point ahead of Hajo on 11), who led the tackle count by some margin throughout the year with so many key tackles, particularly in our defence against big forwards hitting it up from penalties.



The boys really gelled as a group through the year, building around last year’s U12 Sharks backline, adapting well to losing Oliver Noble and Beau Saywell-Scholes, who moved to Singapore and Queensland respectively mid-season, utilising some late season support from the Italian twins, Giulio and Federico Fassina for a few games plus some back

up from the U12s, before then having to play through the last few rounds and finals with a squad of just 17.

Highlights of the season were the development of Sebastian (Baz) Hughes-Hallet in his second season of rugby and the improved intensity from our Most Improved Player winner, Tommy Kuessner, the leadership of Captain Jack Towers and the all-round contribution of Most Valuable Player, Hajo Van Der Tang, who always gave 100% at training and on match day, putting his body on the line in defence and showing some great skill in attack with pace and panache (one of the two most memorable plays of the year was Hajo’s sublime chip through to retrieve his own kick and then run 75 metres to score – alongside Kuess’s “astronaut” try up at Newport in round 2). Other highlights included

- Putting 50 points on Pittwater in Round 5, in their first game in the E comp after coming down from the division above post the round 4 re-grading



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- Winning all of our close games, beating Hornsby/Wahroonga, Beecroft and Narrabeen by 2 points or less – in particular the 12-10 win over Narrabeen at Balmoral, where we came back to score in the dying seconds, meaning that Oscar Clark's sideline conversion in the first half was the difference between the two teams.
- Our last 25 minutes of the season, putting behind a 27 point deficit at half time and, rather than folding and finishing with a 50 point flogging, the boys stood up and dominated the second half 14-0 plus a disallowed try and really took the game to Lindfield.

Thanks to co-coach Rufus Harding and Managing Dolphin Paul Anderson for all their hard work and the various other parents who helped at training, running the line, acting as ground marshal and generally driving your boys around Sydney. A really enjoyable season and hopefully all the boys enjoyed their rugby and developed and will be back again next season.

John Peacocke

U13 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2014

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U14s REPORT 2014

This year Mosman U14s had a total of 62 players allowing us to put together 3 teams.

The Whales played in the A comp; the Dolphins in the D comp; and the Sharks in the E comp.

This year's age group parents also decided that it would be useful to implement a Rugby Coordinator, and Andy Connors came on board to give the entire playing group a consistency across their training and game day routines. The age group always trained together as a squad, and the teams were selected each week on a



semi-form basis meaning some boys regularly played across a number of teams over the year.

One player in particular, Oliver Barnard, regularly played 2 games every weekend in the forwards for the Dolphins and Sharks. Oliver's incredible commitment to the game and the club was recognised with him receiving the U14 Most Outstanding Team Player award – a special recognition of someone who plays the game in its true spirit.

U14 Whales

Coach: James Jackson

Assistant Coach: Shane Richardson

Manager: Cara McLennan / Julie Dutailis

After making the U13Bs Grand Final the year before, the Whales moved into the A comp this year, and in Round 1 came up against Dural who had beaten them to take out the 2013 title. The rematch saw our boys comprehensively outplay last year's winners, and the year was off to a great start. But before long it became quite apparent that the step up in grade



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was a considerable gear change, and the team struggled to put too many more wins on the board for the rest of the season despite giving it their all.

Ranked 7th in the A Comp.

U14 Dolphins

Coach: James Hodgkinson

Assistant Coach: Jarrod Bowditch

Manager: Miles Stanton

The U14 Dolphins were also playing up a grade from the year before, but handled the gear change extremely well after having their ranks bolstered by some player transfers at the start of the season. During the season rounds proper, the team played superbly week-in week-out, and only suffered one loss and a draw to finish the year as Minor Premiers. This form carried on into the qualifying finals, with the Dolphins downing Beecroft Yellow 47 points to 21 points, to secure a spot against Wakehurst on Grand Final day.

Despite being form favourites heading into the Grand Final, the U14 Dolphins still took nothing for granted, with every boy healthily nervous but focussed on the day. But after an even first 10 minutes the game then opened up our way, with our boys relaxing into stride and eventually coming away as comfortable Grand Final winners, 31 points to nil.

Ranked 1st in the D Comp.

U14 Sharks

Coach: Ryan Tyrell

Assistant Coach: David McCracken

Manager: David McCracken

The U14 Sharks team included a number of new players to MJRC, including boys from Mosman High School who had not previously played rugby, and a large number of Shore boarders who played the majority of weekends when their school commitments allowed. And whilst the Sharks had moments of brilliance on the field, the team did struggle to maintain consistency. But having all these boys playing community rugby for 2014 was a very pleasing result for the club, and one that we really hope continues into next year.

Needless to say all of above could not have been achieved without the help our teams



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dedicated Coaching and Managing teams – so a big thanks to one and all mentioned below for putting in the hard yards to get our boys out and enjoying their rugby week-in, week-out.

Ranked 6th in the E Comp.

Jason Franklin

U14 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2014

U15s REPORT – REGULAR SEASON AND SAMOA TOUR 2014

The U15 Age Group had an outstanding year in 2014. We had 28 Boys participating throughout the year and fielded one team “The Whales” both in Samoa and the SJRU Sunday competition.



The season commenced in April with the 4th Mosman Junior Rugby Tour to Samoa. The boys undertook 3 games of tough rugby against two colleges and a representative team. The first game was won 13-12, the second was a 5 all draw and in the final game against the Samoan Junior Rugby President’s XV, Mosman narrowly won

back the Aggie Grey Trophy with a thrilling 21-20 victory.

The Samoa Tour is a wonderful cultural and development activity for our U15 boys and an opportunity to support the local community. Not only did we spend money in the local environment we were able to donate the following:

- Funding to rebuild a sports court for the Saloeapago Church and primary school, which has been attended by Mosman visitors for a number of years
- Computers to Aleipata College to help the local students
- Money to the Vaiala Congregation Church to help with its community needs
- Jerseys, boots, balls and various sporting equipment to help rugby and other sports in Samoa.



With the pre-season tour and some excellent conditioning completed, the U15 team hit the Sydney competition with a running start and never looked back. With a large group and an age when injuries through school rugby are occurring, the boys were constantly playing in different line ups with many of the players running on in positions they were not used to. This turned out to be a great experience and certainly helped develop skills and appreciation across the game.

The Mosman Whales won all their games through the season and earned a place in the Grand Final with a Semi Final win against Roseville. They met Roseville again in the Grand Final and turned on a very strong display to win the Premiership Medal 31-0.

Andrew Groth

U15 AGE GROUP COORDINATOR 2014



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U16s BARBARIANS REPORT 2014

U16 Hunters Hill / Mosman U16A Red

Coach: Tom Jeavons-Fellows

Assistant Coach: Geoff Wells

Manager: Dan Van der Heiden



Coaches Report

At the start of the season we knew a few things:

- 1) we had a good stable of capable players
- 2) we were unsure of player availability week to week given school commitments (sporting and otherwise) and injury status and
- 3) we were light in a few positions.

These considerations pointed to us adopting a simple approach where all players needed to be prepared to play in a number of positions, to know the calls and to adapt in combinations alongside their teammates. It required them to assess and react to tactics of the opposition, be relied on to get the basics right and to be instinctive in playing the game. In other words, the team members needed to become creative, dependable rugby players rather than follow a script.

Players were urged from the start to take responsibility for their own performance (particularly defence), improve communication and team skills and to put themselves forward as leaders when required throughout the matches.

We struggled with this concept initially – we got smashed in scrums, line out was messy, attacking moves were over-complicated and ruck defence was less than impervious. We still managed to score some well-worked tries through impressive individual skills. Without regular training it was not until The State Championships that time allowed us to work on a number of these aspects that then laid the foundation for a good run of matches and results. Even though we gave away size to almost every team we played against, the scrum



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was solid. Some of tries scored in the latter matches were gems, showcasing the ability to read the play and high level of ball skills.

The main area that stifled the team early in the season and that continued to lapse later in the season was defensive frailty. The final match against Raptors demonstrated that when we wanted to, we could absolutely fix that area of our game. Against a settled team with plenty of bulk (that had beaten us twice before during the season) we dominated the contact area to set us up for a deserved victory.

So, what do we now know at the end of the season?

- 1) We have some great rugby players – solid, dependable blokes who turn up and get on with it;
- 2) We have some great rugby players – blokes who work hard, get the basics right, don't shirk the physical contact and improve their tactical awareness and skills; and
- 3) We have some great rugby players – blokes who top the list in integrity and will be good mates for years to come.

Congratulations to each and every one of the players. Looking forward to buying you a beer or two when you are next playing club rugby (Colts).

Over Black and Blue!

Players

James Basha, Jericho Endemann, Harry Fell, George Feros, Sam Gilfedder, Matt Grant, Louis Gray, Edward Gregory, Jake Hedge, Cameron Horne, Charlie Jeavons-Fellows, Lachlan Johnson, Marcus Kalaf, Wilson Kearns, Laquand Ofahengaue, Sam Parker, Nicholas Preece, James Ramm, Harry Rees, Luke Rixon, Alec Sheldon, Joe Skelly, Josh Smith, Cooper Thomas, John Christian (JC) Uhila, Josh Zubak.



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Competition Table – End of Regular Season

Position	Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Bye	FF	T	PF	PA	PD	PR	Points
1	Hills	9	7	1	0	1	0	0	22	67	15	3	3.283
2	Mosman / Hunters Hill Red	9	7	1	0	1	0	0	22	10	12	1	2.198
3	Western Raptors	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	29	58	23	3	5.017
4	Myrtle Green Warriors	9	5	3	0	1	0	0	24	20	5	35	1.170
5	Northern Beaches Rats No. 1	8	3	5	0	1	1	1	13	13	6	4	1.014
6	Dural	9	2	6	0	1	0	0	12	25	12	7	0.503
7	West's Juniors	8	1	6	0	2	1	1	17	71	0	-99	0.417
8	Wahroonga Black	8	1	6	0	1	0	0	12	24	12	4	0.498
9	Chatswood Stags	2	1	7	0	1	7	7	21	19	8	4	0.110

Games Played

J.Basha	10	E.Gregory	14	L.Ofahengaue	8	J.Skelly	8
J.Endemann	9	J.Hedge	9	S.Parker	12	J.Smith	10
H.Fell	7	C.Horne	12	N.Preece	8	C.Thomas	11
G.Feros	14	C.Jeavons-Fellows	7	J.Ramm	9	JC.Uhila	13
S.Gilfedder	13	L.Johnson	12	H.Rees	12	J.Zubak	12
M.Grant	10	M.Kalaf	5	L.Rixon	10	Subs	4
L.Gray	7	W.Kearns	11	A.Sheldon	8		

Substitute Players

During the season we called upon a number of other players to assist the team when we were short due to injury, illness or whatever other things can drag a 16 year old away. Many thanks to these players from the U16B's and U15A's for their assistance throughout the year.

Players: Tui Afualo, Jacob Baynie, Tadhg Fisher, Ben Furby, James Guy, Steven Guy, Trent Harvey, Oregon Kaufusi, Mark Lefao-Seu, James Nicholas, Dimitrex Ofahengaue, Kyle Park, Dallas Paterson, Thomas Sanders, Dimitri Solomou, Vea Tapa, Mitieli Tuinakauadra, Filia Utoikamanu, Francois Visser & Tristan Wyatt-Spratt.



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Team Stats

Played 14 Games - Won 10*, Lost 4 (*lost QF on appeal)

Total Points scored 273, Points conceded 165

Total number of Tries scored 55, Tries conceded 36

Total number of Goals kicked 27, Goals conceded 24

Total number of Penalty Goals kicked 1, Penalty Goals conceded 3

Season Player Stats

Tries	Goals	Penalty Goals
J.Smith (7)	L.Rixon (12)	L.Rixon (1)
L.Rixon (5)	E.Gregory (6)	
J.Zubak (5)	A.Sheldon (4)	
E.Gregory (4)	J.Ramm (3)	
J.Ramm (4)	C.Jeavons-Fellows (1)	
M.Tuinakauvadra (4)	L.Ofahengaue (1)	
L.Johnson (3)		
H.Rees (3)		
Total Points	Games Played	Best & Fairest (Reg season)
L.Rixon (52)	G.Feros (16)	L.Johnson (9)
J.Smith (35)	E.Gregory (15)	J.Smith (8)
E.Gregory (32)	JC.Uhila (15)	G.Feros (7)
J.Ramm (26)	S.Gilfedder (14)	J.Skelly (7)
J.Zubak (25)	L.Johnson (14)	E.Gregory (4)
M.Tuinakauvadra (20)	S.Parker (14)	C.Horne (4)
H.Rees (15)	J.Zubak (14)	J.Basha (3)
C.Jeavons-Fellows (12)	C.Horne (13)	J.Hedge (3)
	C.Thomas (13)	L.Ofahengaue (3)
		A. Sheldon (3)

Tom Jeavons-Fellows

U16A Coach 2014



U16 Mosman/Hunters Hill Black B division (team nickname “Huntsman”)

Coach: Anthony Cowie

Assistant Coaches: Will Carew and Daniel Campbell

Manager: Ian Leckie

The amalgamation of both Hunters Hill and Mosman was an interesting dynamic based on the previous seasons grand final result. Mosman U15C division team defeated Hunters Hill in the Grand Final and the U16 team was made up of the boys who had played against each other in the final the previous year.

Several players on both sides arrived with a mutual respect for one another and this created the foundation of the team.

Result:

- Played in the B division finishing in 3rd place.
- Knocked out by the eventual division winners, Beecroft in the Semi-Finals.
- Best and Fairest Player: Ben Furby (Captain)
- Most Improved Player: Francois Visser
- Special Coaches Award: Jake Baynie for his excellent commitment and skills shown during the season.
- Plaque for playing at Mosman from U6s to U16s: Tate Leckie
- 100 Game Plaques: Connor Bennett and Zane Bolton

Training and playing:

We held one combined training session during the regular season and on several occasions we had 2-3 Mosman players travel over to partake in a Hunters Hill session, other than that we trained at Rawson with 2-4 players on a Tuesday and Hunters Hill trained on a Wednesday.

We found ourselves with a versatile strong forward pack that took 5-6 games before we saw some good continuity, However, no two back lines were the same so it became very difficult to develop moves.

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The focus was to utilise the strengths of several key players that in turn exposed us in a few areas of the field. Fortunately Beecroft were the only ones who spotted and exploited our lack of talent out wide so we had the measure of everyone else.

Coaches Report: Anthony Cowie

Very handy to have 2 assistants and was always going to be a work in progress. What would I do differently? Set out the following and make sure all coaches, players and parents know.

- Coaches philosophy for the season
 - Mine was always one of developing young men as opposed to winning and losing games. Their attitude got them over the line on many occasions.
- Expectations of parents
 - Communication during the week on any injuries or transport logistics
 - Arrival time on game day
 - Advising of the importance to have qualified officials etc.
- Expectations of players
 - Attitude on game day and attitude toward training
 - Commitment and respect to the team (mainly on pitch behaviour)



Ian Leckie
U16B Manager 2014



NON-CONTACT 7s RUGBY REPORT

As part of its agreement with Mosman Council on priority use of Rawson Oval, Mosman Rugby committed to increase utilisation of the facility during summer. The timing of this commitment coincided with Australian Rugby Union starting to develop a new, rugby-based, non-contact game.

Summer Non-Contact 7s is a key ARU initiative co-developed and piloted by Mosman Rugby with the following characteristics:

- A non-contact rugby union-based game to expand participation and involvement in rugby union clubs and schools
 - Gender inclusive and all ages
 - Simple rules, layout, equipment, organisation
 - Build on special rugby club community values
- ARU initiative – supported through ARU staff / development / referees and branding
- Provide a fund-raising opportunity for clubs to further invest in grounds / facilities / improve member experience (unlike NSW touch or Oztag)
- Provide a pathway and skills development for full-contact rugby 7s and 15s with rules to promote emphasis on Rugby Union skills-set
- A fun rugby experience (distinctively rugby union)
- Simple / easy / no hassle for parents / players (same time/place/day every week)
- 'Low touch' – no need for coaches / managers / assistant referees etc, from the parent body.
- Referees (enjoyment managers) are selected to run the sessions.
- Less emphasis on competition for players

With Mosman Cricket still using the practice wicket at Rawson on Tuesday and Thursday nights until Christmas 2014, Mosman Rugby could book grounds Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights between 5pm and 9pm. The ground capacity per time slot is 2 full sized or 3 junior sized fields, allowing the timeslots shown in the following timetable.

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Category	No teams	No Players	Play on	From	To	Or	From	To
Mixed U6&7	4	46	Monday	17:00	17:44			
Mixed U8&9	6	71	Wednesday	17:00	17:44			
Mixed U10&11	12	114	Wednesday	17:50	18:34	Or	18:40	19:24
Mixed U12&13	8	85	Monday	17:50	18:34	Or	18:40	19:24
Mixed U14&15	4	48	Friday	17:00	17:44	Or	17:50	18:34
Mixed U16&17	6	56	Friday	18:40	19:24	Or	19:30	20:14
Mixed Open	4	40	Monday	19:30	20:14	Or	20:20	21:04
Mixed Over 35	8	95	Wednesday	19:30	20:14	Or	20:20	21:04

The program started on 8 October 2014 and runs for 10 weeks.

As well as piloting the game itself, Mosman Rugby is also instrumental in the development of the administration, systems and procedures required to run a successful program, so that it can be rolled out to other clubs effectively.



Tom Jeavons-Fellows

NON-CONTACT 7s PROGRAM COORDINATOR 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOUR – BARRACUDAS (CUDAS) TOUR REPORT 2014



It is an established MJRC tradition that our U12 age group tours Queenstown New Zealand in early July. This year 31 boys were selected to represent the Club on this fantastic tour. After many months of hard work, training and

fundraising the boys, and about 70 parents and siblings, arrived in Queenstown for both rugby and adventure.

The boys played six games of rugby and were broken into two floating squads of equal ability with boys from each squad acting as subs for the other. The Tour is based in Queenstown but games were also played in Wanaka and Cromwell.

The Tour is not a graded tour with the selection criteria based primarily on years of service at the Club. The ethos of the Tour is “Better Boys make Better Men” and right from selection the boys know that they have to earn the right to play by raising personal funds, general fund raising, community service and by attending separate weekly Cudas training sessions .

Our Head Coach this year was Warren Garrett, and he was ably assisted by Stephen Lidbury and Tony Braham. Warren had the Boys focused very quickly with the training commencing during the pre-season on the sand at Balmoral Beach. The boys were well versed in the knowledge that playing rugby in New Zealand would not be easy!

DAY 1

Our Tour kicked off early morning on Saturday the 28th of June with a 5.30am arrival at Sydney Airport with the entire tour group excited and eager to get underway. Departure all went very smoothly apart from one of our parents leaving his passport back in Mosman and having to return home and get it with only minutes to spare.



The boys were buzzing but still behaved very well on the flight over and we arrived in Queenstown and settled the boys into their accommodation at Pinewood Lodge. The boys were allocated rooms in alphabetical order in groups of three and all made new friends as a result.

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After settling in, the Coach was keen to run the boys, so the team went off to a nearby oval and let off some steam whilst the adults and siblings familiarised themselves with their new surrounds. The Wakitipu Rugby Club was hosting a senior's game that day so the coach was keen for the boys to watch some grass roots rugby and to witness the cold and wet conditions. The visiting team had former All Black Andrew Hore playing and the standard was very high for a club game. Another Former All Black Justin Marshall was also at the ground and was quickly noticed by the Aussie contingent.

The Wakatipu local club have been great hosts for the Cuda Tour since inception and the Cudas are always made to feel very welcome when we are in town. After the game the boys were handed to the two lucky dads on night one supervision duty for showers and preparation for the Maori Hangi meal at Pinewood.

DAY 2

On Sunday morning the boys were up early and off to breakfast, then Bungy Jumping for the brave at AJ Hackett Queenstown. About 24 Cudas, siblings and parents made the leap, and all apparently enjoyed it. It was a great spectacle for the rest of the tour to observe, particularly the varying emotions of each jumper. Once on tour the pace is frenetic and it wasn't long before we were due at lunch and the afternoon activities. The boys and some family had lunch at Speights Ale House before an afternoon of paintball. Another group of Whale Watchers (the nickname for Cudas parents) went off to a great lunch at Amisfield Winery. Both the paintball and the Amisfield lunch went off safely with a good time had by all. Both the boys and the Whale Watchers had settled in well to the rigours of the Tour. That night two Dads had a battle on their hands but managed to get the boys asleep in preparation for the first game day next morning.



DAY 3

Monday morning started with 7.30am breakfast ready for our 9.00am departure to Wanaka. The Group boarded our 2 Coaches and we headed off for our first two matches against Upper Clutha and a combined Upper Clutha / Roxburgh Team. It was a typically cold, wet and windy day in the South Island with the temperature hovering between zero and three degrees Celsius. We arrived at 10.30am at the Upper Clutha home ground to a very waterlogged and muddy pitch and I immediately realised that I had forgotten the towels for



showowering after the games. Thankfully our hosts were able to accommodate the boys with towels supplied by a local laundromat .

At 2 degrees and mud from top to toe, a hot shower was essential. Both games were very hard fought and could have gone either way.

GAME 1: Upper Clutha 5 defeated Cudas 0

GAME 2: Upper Clutha/Roxburgh 12 defeated Cudas 7

The Boys played very well in both games in conditions that would never be contemplated in Mosman. Wet Weather playing skills were the difference!!

After showering and removing most of the mud, all 3 Teams and supporters moved to the warmth of the Club House for a meal and drinks. As in previous tours the Host's put on a great meal and presentation for the Cuda Group, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. At 4pm we again thanked Upper Clutha and Roxburgh for a great day of rugby and boarded our coaches for the drive back to Queenstown.

The Boys were disappointed not to get a win and were all now very well aware of how rugby is played in New Zealand. The boys had dinner at Pinewood and the Whale Watchers sampled one of the finer dining establishments of Queenstown. The only people not happy were the Dad's assigned to team laundry as it took hours to get the gear clean and dry for our second lot of games next day.

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DAY 4

Again an early start and off on the coaches to Cromwell for our games against the Central Otago under 38kg Rep Team and the local Cromwell club team. The weather had improved to 6 degrees!

In the first game, we played a strong combination against Cromwell and had a big win.

GAME 3: Cudas 80 defeated Cromwell 0

We later discovered that a lot of the Cromwell boys were only 11 but to their credit never gave up and tried their best right to the final siren.

In the second game, we came up against a very classy albeit small Rep Team.

GAME 4: Otago Reps (U38kg) 38 defeated Cudas 17

The locals had too much experience and skill and clearly showed that size was not a problem. We had a quick presentation and a light meal hosted by Cromwell and then back on coaches to Pinewood Lodge. The Boys had now played 4 games of rugby and were half way through their Tour. Surprisingly there was still plenty of energy as the night duty dads would continue to attest to.



DAY 5

Wednesday was a rest day with some afternoon activities. The tour contingent enjoyed lunch at the "Pig & Whistle " followed by the Shot Over Jet Boat ride. Unfortunately the weather closed in and our Helicopter Ride was put off until the following morning. The boys enjoyed the Luge up behind the Gondola and the contingent all dined at the Skyline that night before coming back down the Gondola to Pinewood Lodge. Even without the helicopter the boys had a great day and were now fairly exhausted.

DAY 6

Everyone awoke to a very cold day in Queenstown with the Barra Cup and Cuda Cups to be played in town at 1pm and 2pm respectively. After breakfast all those that were booked for the Helicopter on Wednesday's aborted trip headed off to take a scenic flight around the Remarkables which included a plateau landing. This was one of the highlights of the Tour

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and all that went were very pleased they did.

Coach Garrett assembled the players early for the Barra Cup. The Ground was very wet and the temperature was hovering around zero. Unfortunately news had filtered through about our good win on Tuesday and Alexandria fielded a very strong and large team. The boys gave it their all after being well down at half time and conceded only 2 tries in the second half.



GAME 5: Alexandria 47 defeated Cudas 0

The character showed by the Boys did their Club proud. As the temperature was now moving towards the negative, Coach Garrett had some convincing to do to get the Boys to wait as subs for the Cuda Cup. Again we met a very formidable opposition and were well beaten but fought the whole way. Wakatipu retained the Cuda Cup for another year.

GAME 6: Wakatipu defeated Cudas

Our Hosts put on a great meal in the Wakatipu Club House and we all enjoyed their hospitality for many hours after the games. Although beaten, the boys made us all very proud of their effort and courage in very difficult

conditions (for Australians). The local boys made them feel very welcome and the kids soon forgot about the result. We stayed on at the Club for our No Talent Night and it lived up to its name very well!!

DAY 7

With all the rugby now out of the way, Friday saw a lot of the contingent head off to the slopes for skiing, snowboarding or just relaxing on the mountain. The remainder spent the day sightseeing or resting up after a very busy week. Chico's Restaurant was the location for the last night dinner and Tour Awards. The boys sitting and Player Awards Presentation was from 6.00 until 8.30pm with The Whale Watchers Dinner and Tour Awards commencing immediately after. Our Tour Judge handled the presentation extremely well and all Whale Watchers that broke any Tour Rules were duly dealt with.

DAY 8

Saturday morning arrived quickly and pack up had begun. The pace of the week was now evident on all faces but all the boys and parents pulled together to clean up and make the coach to the airport on time. A truly memorable Tour was now over and memories will be etched in all tourists' minds for years to come.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Co Tour Leader, Peter Wiggs, who unfortunately had to pull out of the Tour only days before as his son became ill. Peter did a mountain of work in the lead up and contributed massively to its success. Also, James Garrett, who was the money-man, your help and contribution was invaluable. The great thing about the Tour is that all parents pitch in and perform a task pre-tour, or when there, which makes the whole thing work. A big thank you to Mark Waters, from ITS Travel, who coordinated the travel, accommodation and all activities brilliantly.

Chris Cannon & Peter Wiggs
CUDAS TOUR LEADERS 2014



A WORD FROM OUR 2014 SPONSORS



*Celebrating 15 years of MJRC community support
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Richard Harding and Geoff Smith and the team at LJ Hooker Mosman have now been the Club's Major Platinum Sponsor for almost 14 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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All rugby inventory for the year was used well. For the suites, the Club met or exceeded our reserve and also catering was bought with the exception of one Warpath's game. Diamond lounge passes x 4 - one pair was sold and the other split down by games. It is easier and achieved a better realised amount if sold as a season annual pair for all 4 passes i.e. 2 x 2 pairs. The remaining cricket product will be used for Samoa lunch with the early Waratahs games. Emails out to members and on-line bids worked well.

Improvements for 2015 should include setting reserve prices on all contra produce to maximize the return to the Club. In addition it is suggested that Corporate Cards be bundled with other contra products in order to make the most of these benefits.

Allianz Stadium is looking forward to working with the Club on the next two years of the agreement and will work closely with the Club's appointed sponsorship manager to make



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