



# Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club Annual Report 2017



Developing young people through our  
actions and through the game of rugby

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Wallaby player Reece Hodge... once a Harlequin

Cover image: Jack Berne on the charge for U9 White against Collaroy.



**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**PRESIDENT**

Wayne Reeve

**VICE-PRESIDENTS**

Juniors - Peter Rankin

Minis - Hadyn Stephens

**SECRETARY**

Bill Wright

**TREASURER**

Josh Thomson

**GEAR STEWARD**

Simon Dudley

**SOCIAL CONVENORS**

Stuart & Sarah Reeve

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**ADMINISTRATOR & REGISTRAR**

Katrina Martin

**REFEREE LIAISON OFFICER**

Chris Hedge



Supporting Rainbow Round with rainbow laces.



## president's report



It's hard to believe that the 2017 season and the 17th consecutive season for the Harbord Harlequins is over. It seems like just a short time ago we were all excited that the new season was getting underway.

We have once again had a very positive and successful season, both on and off the field, with a total of 292 players registering to play from U6 to the Open division. We were also well represented in the Manly Marlin representative and development squads, both in terms of players and officials.

There are many great individuals and organisations to thank for our ongoing success. The individuals are too many to mention, but they include all our hard-working and dedicated committee members, along with the many parents and supporters who recruited players and sponsors, set up and packed up fields, manned BBQs, etc. Thank you everyone for your valuable contribution.

The many wonderful organisations we must also recognise for their very valuable support are:

- Mounties Harbord Diggers
- Dee Why RSL Club
- Macquarie Leasing
- Freshwater Community Bank
- adgreen Property and Financial Solutions
- BPSE Consulting

- Micromex Research
- CIBO Bathroomware
- Guzman Y Gomez
- Private Wealth Partners
- UpALevel Constructions
- AGL

These organisations all have a direct and positive impact on our success and our ability to deliver quality equipment and coaching to our players. Thank you again and we look forward to your continued support.

Off the field we achieved many great things this year, including producing our first training shirts for all players, at no cost to them. Everyone agrees they looked great and were very well received. We also made considerable investment in the upgrade of our gear and equipment by replacing many of our hit shields, rugby balls, cones, bags, tents, etc, as well as moving to a more contemporary style of shorts and socks. Thanks to our Gear Steward Simon Dudley for all his work in this area. These efforts will continue into next season until we complete the project.

2017 also saw the release of the Northern Beaches Council Sportsgrounds Strategy. This council project seeks to improve existing fields and amenities, add new grounds where possible and convert existing open space to playing fields where opportunities are identified. The release of this strategy has provided an opportunity for the Harbord Harlequins to commence discussions with Northern Beaches Council to form a partnership to refurbish and improve the playing surface, lighting and amenities at Denzil Joyce Oval. I'm pleased to advise those discussions have commenced and we look forward to working with council to provide much improved facilities to our members, families and supporters in the near future. While it will take some time and we need to exercise patience, I believe the results will be well worth it.

The club has been working hard to engage with local schools to promote junior rugby. The Game On program was very successfully run in North Curl Curl Public School in late 2016 with the assistance of NSW Rugby, and efforts are currently underway to introduce a program into Harbord Public School in 2018.

We continue to develop our partnership with Mike Cross and TryTime Rugby to provide high quality support and development to our coaches to assist them to in turn provide quality coaching to our players. As each season

passes, our relationship gets stronger and Mike and his team are able to provide more and more effective support to our club. Thanks to Mike and his team for a great 2017 season.

For the first time in seven years, the club has reintroduced official team and individual photos. They were distributed at our Presentation Day in September and looked fantastic. The photos are a great way of remembering our children's great experiences in rugby and we look forward to continuing this initiative.

We also hosted a social night at Harbord Diggers to coincide with the second Bledisloe Test. Although the result of the game didn't go our way, the night was attended by more than 90 Harlequins family members who all had a great time. Thanks to everyone involved in organising a great night.

Presentation Day this year changed from previous years and was held in the hall at Harbord Public School. The club thanks Harbord Public School very much for allowing us to use the hall. We were thrilled with the number of members and families in attendance, exceeding everyone's expectations. My thanks to our hardworking committee members who organised the event, along with special guests ex-Harlequin and Manly Marlin Byron Leach; Wallabies, Waratahs and Marlin legend and Harlequins member Nathan Grey; Manly Marlin and USA captain James Hilterbrand; as well as Ashley and Jackson Wall, who presented the Kristen Wall Supporter of the Year Award in memory of their late mother and cherished Harlequins family member.

On the field we also had many successes. The club ran yet another extremely successful Harlequins Cup, which saw 40 teams in the U8 and U9 age groups from all over greater Sydney come to Curl Curl to compete. I was fortunate to be at Denzil Joyce all day and watched some great junior rugby, but more importantly saw everyone there, players and families alike, having a great time. Thanks to Hadyn Stephens, VP Minis, and his amazing team for all their hard work, and congratulations to the U9 Harlequins Jokers for taking out the U9 competition.

We also hosted many Minis and Juniors home games through the season. Many thanks to Hadyn Stephens, Peter Rankin, our VP Juniors, our amazing Club Administrator Katrina Martin, who goes above and beyond on a daily basis, and all the Coaches, Managers and volunteers for making those home rounds so successful. Congratulations also to U10 Gold for

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winning the U10 Cup Grand Final, as well as U10 Maroon and U11 Gold for winning their respective Plate Finals.

In conclusion, I would like to encourage all members to give serious consideration to nominating for a position on the Harlequins committee. Working on the committee is very rewarding and we have a great time doing it. Please get involved and make our great club even greater.

I would once again like to thank everyone for a great 2017 and I look forward to an even more positive and successful 2018, with everyone coming back and bringing their friends.

Enjoy the summer.

*Wayne Reeve, President*



The club recorded a net deficit for the year of \$11,355 (2016 deficit \$9,279).

Gross profit for the year was \$88,986 (2016 \$79,126) and was derived from:

2017	2016
60% Registration Fees	60%
14% Sponsorship	14%
12% Gross Profit from Sales	12%
14% Gala Day, Commissions & Interest	14%
100%	100%

Key contributors to income were:

- Registration Fees - \$44,381, a decrease of \$3,366 on last year (\$47,747), despite an increase in registration fees per player, due to 72 less players registered.
- Sponsorship - \$24,000, an increase of \$12,800 on last year (\$11,200), with new sponsors coming on board.
- Canteen & Merchandise Sales - \$20,485, a decrease of \$6,682 on last year (\$27,167) as there were no home semi-finals and less home games due to rain.
- Harlequins Cup Gala Day income of \$6,635, a small increase on last year. This remains a profitable event.
- Commissions - \$4,241, an increase due to a commission deal with AGL, as well as photo commissions.
- Interest Received - \$3,226, comparable with last year (\$3,199).

Expenses for the year were \$95,922, plus depreciation of \$4,419, totalling \$100,341 (2016 total \$88,405). Major expenditure items were:

- Coaching & Training fees - \$9,130, a significant decrease on last year (\$13,300) due to a revision of the coaching activities run by Mike Cross.
- No Canteen & Storage Rental after agreement with Curl Curl Knights (saving of \$2,200).

- Administration Expenses - \$13,935, in line with last year (\$14,000).
- Jerseys, Shirts, Shorts & Socks - \$26,201, a significant increase on last year (\$10,241) due to completion of the jersey refresh, plus new training shirts (\$11,000), although partly offset by new sponsorship agreements.
- Insurance & Fees - \$24,114, an increase on last year (\$21,300) as Council Lighting Fee was \$2,611 higher and NSW Participation Fee was \$2,874 higher.
- Medallions, Trophies & Awards - \$7,173, an increase on last year (\$5,957).
- Meetings & Social Functions - \$2,334, an increase on last year (\$1,343) primarily due to more rewarding of club coaches.
- Equipment & Supplies - \$3,579, a slight increase on last year (\$3,098) due to new logo kit bags and new balls.

The club's accounts are managed in Xero with hard copies of financial statements and fixed assets kept as supporting documentation.

The cash position at 30 September 2017 was \$9,989 in the main trading account and \$127,386 in the investment account.

I would like to thank Andrew Gourley for his ongoing and generous support of the club, including his independent review of our accounts.

In accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act 1984 Section 26(6), financial accounts as set out on the following pages have been prepared. The club committee considers these are not misleading and give a true and fair view of the:

1. income and expenditure of the club for the year ended 30 September 2017; and the
2. assets and liabilities of the club as at 30 September 2017.

In addition, the club committee confirms there are no mortgages, charges or other securities of any description affecting any of the property of the club as at 30 September 2017.

*Josh Thomson, Treasurer*

INDEPENDENT REVIEW  
OF THE HARBORD HARLEQUINS RUGBY CLUB  
2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

SCOPE

I have reviewed the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet (2017 Financial Report) of Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club as set out on the following pages. The Club's Committee are responsible for the 2017 Financial Report. I have performed an independent review of the 2017 Financial Report in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures set out below, anything has come to my attention that would indicate that the 2017 Financial Report is not presented fairly.

My review has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards applicable to review engagements. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of the Club's Committee and agreement of the 2017 Financial Report to the Club's books and records on a test basis. These procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, thus the level of assurance is less than given in an audit.

STATEMENT

Based on my review, I have not become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the 2017 Financial Report of Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club does not give a true and fair view of the Club's financial position as at 30 September 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.

*Andrew Gourley*  
Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants  
in Australia



Our trusty club auditor Andrew Gourley with wife Maxine... counting beers!

**Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club**  
**Income & Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended 30 September 2017**

	2017	2016	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>				
Coffee & Photo Commission	4,241	1,344	1,420	1,645
Gala Day Income	6,635	6,450	6,107	4,168
Home Game Sales	18,727	24,408	32,198	27,413
Interest Received	3,226	3,199	3,434	3,896
Merchandise Sales	1,758	2,759	5,350	2,135
Registration Fees	44,381	47,747	46,899	49,605
Sponsorship Income	24,000	11,200	19,000	16,000
	<b>102,968</b>	<b>97,107</b>	<b>114,408</b>	<b>104,862</b>
<b>Less: Cost of Sales</b>				
Canteen Running Costs	1,500	3,530	1,782	1,855
Home Game Stock Purchases	11,687	11,330	14,286	13,513
Merchandise Cost of Sales	879	3,121	5,519	3,482
	<b>13,982</b>	<b>17,981</b>	<b>21,587</b>	<b>18,850</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>88,986</b>	<b>79,126</b>	<b>92,821</b>	<b>86,012</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>				
Administration Expenses	13,935	14,000	17,000	15,000
Advertising	500	1,649	1,572	1,140
Bank Fees	53	43	44	44
Canteen & Storage Rental	-	2,200	2,200	2,200
Coaching & Training Fees	9,130	13,300	150	834
Council Lighting Fee	3,422	811	-	-
Council / Sports Union Fee	4,617	4,259	3,875	4,275
Depreciation	4,419	4,651	4,435	10,107
Donations	-	1,000	1,000	-
Equipment & Supplies	3,579	3,098	1,797	3,939
Fees Written Off	130	1,090	-	765
Field Marking	1,350	1,920	1,350	2,200
Ground First Aid	2,390	1,720	2,105	2,230
Hall & Equipment Hire	-	150	-	474
Insurance & Levies	2,468	3,487	3,559	4,550
Jerseys, Shirts, Shorts & Socks	26,201	10,241	19,249	14,671
Medallions, Trophies & Awards	7,173	5,957	6,121	6,344
Meetings & Social Functions	2,334	1,343	5,625	2,219
Mini Referees	1,565	1,560	1,555	1,130
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,224	2,196	2,868	2,626
NSW Participation Fee	12,042	9,168	9,096	7,153
Postage, Printing & Stationery	191	1,391	1,269	1,775
Pre-Season Ground Rental	-	2,015	1,727	1,629
Software	1,149	760	-	-
Website	469	396	756	577
	<b>100,341</b>	<b>88,405</b>	<b>87,353</b>	<b>85,882</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(11,355)</b>	<b>(9,279)</b>	<b>5,468</b>	<b>130</b>

## financial report

**Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club**  
**Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2017**

	2017	2016	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Bank</b>				
Bendigo Current Account	9,989	26,941	34,080	35,177
Bendigo Current Account 2	2	738	794	656
Bendigo Term Deposit	127,386	124,161	120,963	117,528
	<b>137,377</b>	<b>151,840</b>	<b>155,837</b>	<b>153,361</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Merchandise Stock on Hand	8,481	5,098	8,135	4,664
Receivables	319	2,370	3,460	5,500
	<b>8,800</b>	<b>7,468</b>	<b>11,595</b>	<b>10,164</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Equipment at Cost	32,716	28,903	28,765	42,081
Less: Accumulated Depreciation on Equipment	(15,883)	(13,037)	(15,398)	(25,719)
	<b>16,833</b>	<b>15,866</b>	<b>13,367</b>	<b>16,362</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>163,010</b>	<b>175,174</b>	<b>180,799</b>	<b>179,887</b>
<b>Less: Liabilities</b>				
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>				
Accrued Fees	3,450	4,259	605	5,161
	<b>3,450</b>	<b>4,259</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>5,161</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>3,450</b>	<b>4,259</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>5,161</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>159,560</b>	<b>170,915</b>	<b>180,194</b>	<b>174,726</b>
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>				
Surplus - Current Year	(11,355)	(9,279)	5,468	130
Surplus - Brought Forward	170,915	180,194	174,726	174,596
<b>Total Accumulated Surplus</b>	<b>159,560</b>	<b>170,915</b>	<b>180,194</b>	<b>174,726</b>



MACQUARIE



**TO OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS**

We are extremely fortunate and grateful to have the support of our amazing sponsors. The cost of running a successful junior sporting club cannot be underestimated and the support and efforts of our sponsors make a significant contribution to minimising costs to families.

The Harbord Harlequins strongly urge all our members and friends to support these organisations at every opportunity as they have a direct and positive impact on our success and ability to deliver quality equipment, apparel and coaching to our players.

Thank you again to our amazing sponsors and we look forward to your continued support.

Wayne Reeve, President

SPONSOR	2017 \$	2016 \$	2015 \$	2014 \$
Macquarie Leasing	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Mounties Harord Diggers	5,000	-	5,000	-
Dee Why RSL Club	4,800	4,000	6,000	4,000
Freshwater Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank	2,200	2,200	2,000	-
adgreen Property & Financial Solutions	1,000	-	-	-
BPSE Consulting	1,000	-	-	-
CIBO Bathroomware	1,000	-	-	-
Guzman Y Gomez	1,000	-	-	-
Micromex Research	1,000	-	-	-
Private Wealth Patners	1,000	-	-	-
UpAlevel Constructions	1,000	-	-	-
Bower Interactive	-	-	1,000	-
Toshiba	-	-	-	6,000
Freshie Restaurant, Harbord Beach Hotel	-	-	-	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>11,200</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>16,000</b>

**THE 'MAN' IN THE MIDDLE**

It was mid-season way back in 2009 when Sean Richardson, now a Harbord Harlequins life member, suggested we start a program to get local teenage rugby players involved in refereeing Saturday morning matches on the northern beaches. In that first part-season, we saw 127 U8 and U9 matches on Saturday mornings refereed by 13 keen, but nervous, teenage boys. Although none of those original 13 boys are currently refereeing, one has gone on to become a Wallaby - well done Reece Hodge! My hope is that all of them will one day make a comeback to their rugby refereeing careers, perhaps once their own kids are old enough to start playing rugby.

If we roll forward to our ninth season of the teenage refereeing program in 2017, we see a monumental change in the popularity of refereeing kids rugby. This season we had 42 keen, but nervous, teenage referees handle 431 U8 and U9 matches on Saturday mornings. Almost every week, I had more teenagers volunteering to referee than I had matches to give them! We also had five referee coaches attending the games to provide mentoring, support and feedback to our young referees.

In 2017, for the first time in three seasons, we had no female referees. In 2015, we had two young ladies from the Forest club pick up a whistle for the first time, while in 2016 we had a third young lady from the Forest club join the ranks. Two of those ladies have since gone on to referee older players (U10 and older), as have many of our other referees over the past nine seasons.

In the early days of our teenage refereeing program, Harlequins players dominated the refereeing ranks (over 50% were Harlequins). As with everything in life, there are ebbs and flows, and for the past two seasons Forest club players have been the most enthusiastic contributors, representing about 30% of our teenage referees.

Each year in August, the Harlequins club holds the well-renowned, well-respected and much-coveted Harlequins Cup rugby tournament for U8s and U9s. This is the best-run kids rugby tournament in Sydney. One of the reasons is that every match is refereed by a fully accredited rugby referee. The fact that nearly all those referees are teenagers is a shining example for the rest of the rugby community.

So what does the future hold for our teenage refereeing program? I sincerely hope the answer is... more of the same!

Chris 'Hedgey' Hedge  
Northern Beaches Rugby Referee Convenor  
Harbord Harlequins Life Member



Hedgey



Harlequins Juniors Tom Douglas and Sam Rankin officiating at the U11 State Cup





**UNDER 6 GOLD**

U6 Gold had a cracking 2017 season! Most players were new to rugby but right from the beginning the boys bonded well together and picked up the basics very quickly, working as a team.

Ollie, Ryder, Davis and Fletcher, all completely new to rugby, quickly picked up good skills, getting involved and scoring tries almost immediately after season kickoff. Aiden, George and Mikey continued in their second season with noticeable team-player improvement and honed kicking and passing skills. Considering their age, the team quickly understood the dynamics, learned the rules and built a solid foundation for next year.

The boys enjoyed their training sessions on Friday afternoons - not only the social catch-ups, but also the training drills - having a lot of fun and laughs at each session.

Justin Casey and Simon Owen, our distinguished coaches, did an outstanding job of inspiring and motivating the boys, while also teaching new skills - from basic tagging and passing to positioning and working together as a team. Their patience certainly paid off as our lads noticeably improved game by game. Thank you Justin and Simon for your time and dedication in helping

our boys learn the skills of rugby union. Thanks also to the parents for sharing the oranges and snakes duties!

In all it was so lovely to see this great little team come together, support each other in their games and importantly form lifelong friendships. We look forward to doing it all again in 2018!

*Liz Humphries, Manager*

THE BOYS ENJOYED THEIR TRAINING SESSIONS ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS - NOT ONLY THE SOCIAL CATCH-UPS, BUT ALSO THE TRAINING DRILLS - HAVING A LOT OF FUN AND LAUGHS AT EACH SESSION.



**UNDER 6 BLUE**

The season began and it wasn't just the first season of rugby for the players, but a first for most of the coaches and parents. After the first training, we weren't sure what to expect on the field, however when Saturday came around the boys stepped up and played well. This continued throughout the season and we developed into a great team with many individual skills and most importantly team skills, with everyone working together and playing great rugby.

**Albi** - Lightning quick. When he pinned his ears back and ran for the corner, no one could catch him. Should make a fantastic winger or fullback.

**Archie** - One of the tallest kids in the team, when he put the ball under his arm, he was a force to be reckoned with. Always enjoyed himself and the others looked up to him.

**Finn** - Showed great enthusiasm, especially in defence. Even though the U6s is tag, he certainly loved the defensive line and loved diving into the tag.

**Jack** - Most improved. As the season progressed, so did his involvement. He showed he could score tries from anywhere on the field with his deceptive turn of speed.

**Jacques** - The pocket rocket of the team. Speed off the mark was his strength, finding holes in the opposition line time after time. Always had a go and never took a backward step.

**Jamie** - The youngest in the team, he's one to watch in years to come. His speed and skills were well beyond his years.

**Kai** - Joined the team mid-season and made an impact straight away. His skills with the ball and direct running made him one of the team's top try-scorers.

**Kollins** - Also joined mid-season and what a difference he made! His speed and footwork really stood out. Even parents from the opposition would ask: "Who is that kid?"

**Sonny** - Great in attack and defence, he showed he could mix it with the older boys. Sonny was well known for his straight running and rugby league-style tackle restarts.

The team had a very successful season and I believe it was enjoyed by all involved. A special thanks to coaches Julian Callebaut and Mark Gibson for all their efforts. The kids really loved the season and that is a credit to the coaches. Thanks also to all the parents for getting the kids to games and training throughout the season.

*Matt Foulsham, Manager*

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**UNDER 6 WHITE**

Quite the start we had to the season and these young rugby careers. Thanks to the incessant rain, we played our first game without having had a training session. Special thanks to Steve Rudd for his help and advice in steering us in the right direction (literally). It's been amazing to watch the boys develop and understand their roles in the game, moving from individual runs to stringing a few passes together for a great team try.

I may be biased, but I really think we had the best defence of any team we played this year. All the boys were brilliant at getting back and setting up our defensive line.

Owen started to develop more field awareness, but he really shone with his scorching runs, racing past the opposition (usually their entire team). Young Jake, who kicks the ball further than any (and loves doing so), also made a few brilliant offload passes. James, a stalwart in defence, ran straight at the opposition and put them under tremendous pressure. Joshua ran so well with ball in hand or tucked under his arm, going all out for the try line. Jarvis learned to do a fantastic little sidestep that I loved and got him some good tries. Axel started as

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the youngest in the team, although you wouldn't think so from his size - man did he step up! I can still see his great tries against Seaforth. Callum's family relocated mid-season and he was sorely missed in both defence and attack. Luckily we had Levi join our team. I'm still not sure how Levi always managed to pop up next to the ball carrier whenever we attacked!

Thanks to Veronica Green, our manager, who made it really easy for everyone else to just turn up. Also thanks to all the parents - there were very few times this year that we didn't have all the players at training and games, which was much appreciated.

*Ashley Freedman, Coach*



**UNDER 7 BLUE**

This season was our second full year as a group and things successfully rolled on for another undefeated campaign. Our focus this season was to build on the skills learned as U6s, then to develop the skills associated with tackling, passing and general play.

While learning how to tag is an important skill, the boys (and the coaches) really embraced the last four games, where tag turned to tackle. During these games, it became apparent that the U7 Blues were a formidable bunch of maniacs, yet with a fair share of flair. Our first game of tackle was against a confident Allambie Green, who had started tackling the Thursday before at training. With six months of experience under the belt, the Blues smashed their way to an impressive 16 tries to 2 victory.

The Blues carried this momentum for the remainder of the season, revelling in the fact that they were now playing real rugby. Combined with some impressive ball skills, the Blues finished the season with three fantastic games, showcasing some of the best passing, tackling and team play seen not just in the Manly Warringah U7s competition, but possibly nationwide or even worldwide.

Thank you again to the wonderful parents who brought their champions to training every Friday and to games on Saturday. Such a supportive group of parents, and boys so eager to learn, made coaching the U7 Blues a real joy this year.

*Cam Patterson, Coach*

**THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE WONDERFUL PARENTS WHO BROUGHT THEIR CHAMPIONS TO TRAINING EVERY FRIDAY AND TO GAMES ON SATURDAY. SUCH A SUPPORTIVE GROUP OF PARENTS, AND BOYS SO EAGER TO LEARN, MADE COACHING THE U7 BLUES A REAL JOY THIS YEAR.**





**UNDER 7 MAROON**

2017 was a big year for the Maroons. It saw the introduction of five new players, most of whom were new to rugby. The boys bonded quickly and worked well to cohesively form as a team of 11. With great enthusiasm and commitment from coach Johnny Austen and assistant coach Mick Robertson, the team began to improve their basic skills and understand the importance of team play, creating great opportunities to get over the try line.

The last four weeks were by far the highlight for the majority of the team, as we headed into the territory of tackling. The boys took to the challenge with great gusto and it was fantastic to see their commitment to learning the skillset needed to successfully lift their game to the next level. Well done Luke, Lucas, James, Ben, Thomas, Hugo, Josh, Torin, Fraser, Jasper and Mac. We hope to see you all back next year to pick up where we left off!

A special thanks to Johnny Austen, our coach, whose commitment and passion stretched far beyond his years! Also to Mick for assisting almost every week, both on and off the field.

*Pene Timberlake, Manager*

A SPECIAL THANKS TO  
 JOHNNY AUSTEN, OUR COACH,  
 WHOSE COMMITMENT AND  
 PASSION STRETCHED FAR  
 BEYOND HIS YEARS! ALSO TO  
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 THE FIELD.



**UNDER 7 WHITE**

What a fantastic season we had in 2017! It was great that all the boys who played in the U6s were able to play together again this year, along with new players Beau, Madoc and Flynn.

The season started a little shaky with the change of coach and his new structures (pre-game warmup of wrestling or playing in the bushes), so it took the boys some time to adjust. Halfway through the season, they were flying again and counting the days until the tackle matches started. Tackling before, during and after training certainly provided the team with ample experience when the last four games finally came around.

Our games of tackle were exciting for the kids and parents alike. There was a noticeable uplift in parent participation from the sidelines and the boys excelled beyond our expectations. A big part of that comes down to our wonderful coaching staff - head coach Jamie Weston, assistant coach Pete Dunn and board representative Hamish Murchison.

A big thanks again to our coaches, parents and committee members for all their involvement throughout the year. All the boys and parents are very keen for the 2018 season to kick off.

Let's go Harlequins!

*Mike Dunn, Manager*

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**UNDER 8 GOLD**

Throughout the season the mighty Gold team progressed from strength to strength. We welcomed some new boys at the start of the season and what a team we had by the end of the season! The improvement they made was outstanding. Most importantly, they came together as a team, playing as one and displaying great sportsmanship, taking the opportunity to off-load passes to allow team-mates to score, celebrating each other's successes with genuine enthusiasm. We became a force to be reckoned with and we can't wait to see what next year brings for the Gold boys. Behind the team, we had a great, supportive and passionate group of parents, always there to encourage and help out the team. Crispin Swan successfully coached the boys to deliver powerful tackling, strong rucks, quick cleanouts and tidy passes to cement their game performance from week to week.

Our Gold team:

**Hudson Swan** used opposition players as tackling bags and showed great skill in all areas of the game, especially driving the ball forward, making breaks with his chest puffed out and scoring tries.

**Cooper Jones** brought an all-round skillset to the game, making powerful tackles and strong passes. A superb playmaker.

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**Tom Northcote** performed some textbook tackles, backing down from no-one. A fearless competitor who loved scoring tries.

**Max Peake** showed good skill offloading the ball, running hard and straight, and always adding his support to the player with the ball.

**Oscar Sleep** had the speed to outrun or catch almost any opposing player. Able to read the game well, he found the gaps and successfully set up tries or achieved some impressive try-scoring moments.

**Oliver Wiggins** came into his own this season, scoring tries and helping to offload and pass the ball strongly to team-mates.

**Luke Delany** always played with passion and strength, even when copping a nose bleed. Fast, committed and tough, when he ran straight he was hard to stop.

**Harrison Fear** showed why he is nicknamed The Dodger, making great side-stepping runs and scoring spectacular swan-dive tries.

A great season from the Gold team. Watch out in 2018 as we'll be back with gusto!

*Rachael Wiggins, Manager*



**UNDER 8 BLUE**

Most of the 2016 U7 Blues returned this season for the U8s, with the welcome addition of Daniel Rich for his first year of rugby union after a few seasons in rugby league.

The progress the boys made this year with the basics of rugby was outstanding. We may not have 'won' every game, but the grasp and execution of the team elements (especially the breakdown) was commendable and will stand them in good stead as they move through the age groups.

Thanks as always to our coach Damien Howison and his able lieutenant Jimmy Harridge for their time, effort and patience throughout the season. Thanks also to the other U8 coaches - Justin Hooker, Simon Kasproicz, Simon Dudley and Crispin Swan - for their help with the age group drills, and to the parent group for always making sure the boys were there at training and games.

Finally to the boys - Carter, Oscar, Manny, Eddie, Daniel, Mitch, Matthew and Hendrix. You guys were a pleasure to coach and manage this year. Hopefully you enjoyed your first full season of 'proper' rugby. We look forward to seeing you back again next year for the U9s!

*Hadyn Stephens, Manager*

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**UNDER 8 MAROON**

Well what a season! Thanks to the tireless efforts of our coaches Justin Hooker and Simon Kasproicz, this young group of many talents became an efficient and effective unit. The focus has always been on fun and becoming a team. All the boys have been very lucky to have two amazing and experienced coaches, and well done to them all.

It was all about teamwork this season and the Maroons had this in abundance. Everyone played for each other and the results were clear for all to see. Everyone made crunching tackles, scored tries and got stuck in, week in week out.

**Tom** was a machine in the rucks and mauls, always there at the breakdown. He cleared out with pace and determination, regularly winning the ball. He was the first to check if his team-mates were ok when they got a knock and picked them up to go again.

**Jack** was first to the tackle after the re-start and ran strongly with the ball. His tackling improved enormously and his infamous dummy-and-step fooled many an opponent.

**Rory** partnered Tom in the loose very well and was also regularly there at the breakdown. He learned to offload at the right time and made some strong runs every week.

**Zac** was our go-to man when we were struggling and scored numerous tries from out of nowhere. His tackling was immense and it's a joy to see him lining up his victim and dispatching them into the turf. His blistering runs were ever-present and he always looks around for the final pass to his mates.

**Lukey** went from strength to strength, making darting runs whenever he got the ball. His tackling was vital for us this year and he always supported the ballcarrier wherever they were on the pitch.

**Isaac** showed us devastating runs every Saturday and, like Zac, continued to line up tackles for fun, stopping all opposition in their tracks. He was the ultimate team player, offloading the ball only metres from the line so his friends could share the glory.

**Beau** played halfback all year and started many of our attacks with his sniping moves around the breakdown. His eye for a gap was excellent and he threw his body around, making crucial tackles even against much bigger lads.

**Curtis** was like a bulldozer. When he had the ball, he just powered through the opposition players, and when he didn't have the ball, he just powered through whoever had the ball. Constantly involved at the breakdown, he would then pop up on the wing to throw himself over the try line to score.

**Aiden** and **Ed** both played at the start of the season and made great improvements in their short stint with us and we hope to see them back again next year.

A fabulous season from all the players, coaches and supporters. Well done U8 Maroons!

*Amanda Corkill, Manager*



**UNDER 8 WHITE**

The 2017 vintage of the U8 Whites - the Mighty White Lightning - had a great season with all the boys learning lots about the game, how to play in a team and having lots of fun while doing it. Coach Simon Dudley did a great job of making sure all the players were fully involved in the game, a difficult task, but ultimately very rewarding. In two games, it was great to see everyone in the team score a try.

**Antony Markram** - 'Antman' learned the art of halfback this year and really grew into the role. One of the highlights was seeing his tackling progress so well, to the point where he hauled down one monster in a game near the end of the season. A halfback who can pass AND tackle. Wow!

**Archie Brooks** - Regularly showed the opposition a clean pair of heels. A try-scoring machine. Needs to perfect the swallow-dive touchdown or he may cause triple coronaries for his coach, his manager and his dad.

**Beau Potter** - His maze-like runs slowly straightened through the year and he ended the season taking the ball straight back and through the opposition line. His tackling also grew some good bite and he loved getting stuck in. Beau promised his dad he will tuck the ball under his arm next season!

**James Pearce** - Good direct running from James this year put the team into some good positions. Always keen to clear out the ruck and listen to instructions from Simon. Also learned the key skill of ignoring his manager.

**Kai Dudley** - The heart and soul of the team, Kai spent the season busting as many tackles as he made, giving the team great momentum going forward and stopping the opposition attack in its tracks.

**Maddox Wessling** - New to the team this year, he proved a revelation. Not the biggest player, but a devastating cover tackler and a great finisher in attack. Our most improved player of the year.

**Tom O'Brien** - A founding member of the White Lightning, Tommy spent the season scything down the opposition with great low tackles and doing lots of hard yards at the breakdown. Our most aggressive player and a rallying point for the team when times got tough.

**William Dryburgh** - Another new player this year who improved so much during the season. A fast runner who scored lots of tries and made lots of first-up tackles. A great team player who always looked to put a team-mate away with a good pass.

**Simon Dudley** - Coach. Equally passionate and patient, Simon focussed on improving the basic skills of all the boys, which translated into the Whites being a star team, rather than a team of stars. His huge effort all season was reflected in the way the team played and conducted themselves all year.

*Drew Pearce, Manager*

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**UNDER 9 GOLD**

This season was our second full year as a group and things successfully flowed on for another undefeated campaign.

With 10 players now on the field, our squad from 2016 was bolstered with the return of Paddy and Axe from a year-long rugby sabbatical. We also once again raided the local rugby league ranks, acquiring the cream of their talent in Mo and Jax.

Our focus this season was to mould a team of individual stars into an all-star team, and it was teamwork that made this season so memorable for 'good cop / bad cop' coaching duo Jason Pitkeathly and Cam Patterson. Rugby is a game for all shapes and sizes, and our forward pack of maniacs maintained possession freakishly and stole plenty, leading to a frenzy of tries for our fleet-footed backline. Passing was key to our team performance. By season end, phases and linking movements through the hands kept the fans/parents cheering.

In a year that included injuries, illness, holidays and other setbacks, one constant was the ability of the boys to train hard and play harder. The results were plain to see. It's a pleasure to coach kids who are willing to learn, turn up ready and enjoy having a heap of fun.

Congratulations also to Flynn, Sonny, Manu, Zade, Jax, Beau and Rory for their part in becoming Harlequins Cup champions!

Special thanks to Juniors star Archie Warneford for all his coaching tips and help every Friday night - you legend!

Fire up!!!!

*Naomie Delany, Manager*



**UNDER 9 MAROON**

Season 2017 saw most of the Maroon team turn out for their fourth season together, which has been a great progression to watch since 2014.

The boys more than held their own each week as the level of rugby across the board picked up. The mid-season departure of the coach from the field was I think harder for their coach than the team! Unencumbered by my interference, they tackled, cleaned out, passed and scored their way to plenty of victories.

It's not the easy wins that do much for developing rugby players; it was more pleasing to see some notable efforts against other teams where we had either no, or only one, reserve.

Special thanks to helpers and supporters, in particular Cam Bennett, Team Donnan, Cam Patterson, Rachel and Justin White, and the Harlequins club as a whole.

*Adam Stanley, Coach*



### UNDER 9 WHITE

When the final whistle blew for 2017, there was a sense of both joy and sadness among the Mighty Whites. Joy, for the sensational season the team had played, and sadness, as it would be their last season together before moving up to the Junior competition.

Over the last three years, the Mighty Whites have come to represent all that is rugby - hard work, fair play, commitment and mateship.

Most Saturdays they ran out against teams twice their size, but proved that games are won with grit and heart. They played for honour and won with pride. Thirteen fearless brothers - James Bruen, Jack Berne, Jack Davis, Rory Timbs, Ben Murray, Jack Del Grande, Harry Smythe, Lachlan Will, Johnny Natili, Jack Lumsden, Will Troselj, Nate McFarlane and Reuben Cooper.

As usual the Mighty Whites dominated most teams at the breakdown, and once the ball was out and passed wide, there was no stopping the backs. Often called a 'second-half team' by their dedicated coach, they put in some nail-biting performances in 2017, coming out on top all but once.

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A huge thanks to all the parents of the Mighty Whites who helped with coaching, volunteering and fielding the boys each week over the past few years. The boys are set and ready for the step up to Junior rugby. Up the Mighty Whites!

*Gabby Timbs, Manager*



### UNDER 10 GOLD (REBELS COMPETITION)

The boys had a good start to the year and were dominant in the early rounds.

Over the course of the season, our opponents became stronger, but excellent teamwork and dedication saw the boys wrap up the final round with the most points scored in their division.

Of the first 15 games, they won 13. The two losses were both against unbeaten minor premiers Seaforth. The second of these games began with Seaforth rushing to a 20-point lead, but a stern team talk and some tasty oranges at half-time saw the boys surge into the game, nearly toppling Seaforth and eventually going down by only one point (20-19). Clawing so close left the boys with the belief they had the ability to beat Seaforth.

In the finals, after dismantling 4th-placed and 3rd-placed in consecutive weeks, the Gold team advanced to the Grand Final, of course against Seaforth. Third time was a charm. After trailing 5-0 at half-time, the team dug deep and came back to win 14-5. All the boys showed great character, teamwork, courage and care.

**Art Osborne** - Team man and team spirit. Team first, body second.

**Ashton Thomas** - Voted player's player this year. Soft hands, fierce shoulders.

**Charlie Ricketts** - Mr Complete. Speed, step, defence and smile!

**Chayse Geros** - Voted most improved player. A master of the show and go.

**Cole Ingleton** - Try of the year, from kick-off to under the posts in three seconds.

**Harley Mogenson** - 'Beast-mode' tackler of the year.

**Joshua Lowe** - The fastest forward in the history of rugby.

**Kai Thomson** - Tackler of the year. Three try-savers in a row in one game.

**Leo Davies** - The hardest 10-year-old who ever lived.

**Mason Kearney** - Big improver. Semi-final try of the decade.

**Oscar Reeve** - Gives everything! Every tackle. Every ruck. Every game.

**Owen Blieden** - The boy the coaches would least like to tackle. Spirit and courage.

**Sonny Ifopo** - George Smith Award-winner and rampaging bull impersonator.

**Xavier Walsh** - Coaches' player of the year. Small man. Big heart.

Backing up from the Blue team we were lucky to have:

**Leonardo Anderson** - Super-sub of the year. Saved four tries in the semi-final.

**Finn Cardwell** - The smiling assassin. Speed, agility, spirit.

**Billy Grattan** - The best strike rate in 2017. Try Time!

Thanks to all the boys who played for Gold this year and thanks to the parents who supported us through the season. It was a rewarding experience to be part of our rugby community.

We hope to see you all again next year in the U11s.

*Sio Ifopo, Coach & Ryan Blieden, Assistant Coach & Stu Reeve, Manager*



**UNDER 10 BLUE (WARATAHS COMPETITION)**

The season started positively for the Blues. Our squad of 15, all keen and ready to play, won their first four games of the season.

The team was then regraded into the Waratahs division of the competition, where the Blues faced some very strong and skilful teams.

The rest of the season was characterised by some tough games, but the Blues trained hard and improved their skills, both as a team and as individual players.

The Blues maintained their enthusiasm and enjoyment of the game throughout the season. We look forward to next year.

*Gavin Troxler, Coach*

**THE BLUES MAINTAINED THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND ENJOYMENT OF THE GAME THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. WE LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR.**



**UNDER 10 MAROON (CHIEFS COMPETITION)**

From that very first April morning at Pittwater High School, we knew it was going to take a lot of work! In fact, after that first match, all we could say was "It can only get better!" But the boys kept their spirits up. And the parents dug in.

The second game against Seaforth at our home ground, with the help of a couple of subs from the Blues, resulted in a much-needed win, but there was much more work to do. In early May, round 4 saw us at Porter Reserve for our first match against Newport, where it was clear that we still weren't firing on all cylinders.

A week later, a single try prevented us from being completely whitewashed by St Ives. But the boys hung in there. They knew where they needed to improve and every boy began to develop as an individual at their own pace, while also beginning to gel as a team. The parents saw this and they were very proud.

The boys stuck with it. They came to training on Wednesdays. And they listened. And they learned. During every game, they listened to Coach Steve Rudd's passionate calls from the sideline. They took in Assistant Coach Rob Palazzi's advice every time he walked out

onto the field. They began competing with each other for the Cadbury Crunchie award for best crunching tackle. The Maroons steadily got better. A lot better. They began to win against teams that had previously beaten them.

Fast forward to round 13 and something magical happened. With a convincing win over Forest, the Maroons rose to third on the table - an amazing achievement, looking back. The following week the boys lost to Wahroonga, but they played with heart and kept their heads up. Then in round 15, the boys just missed out on making the finals after a heartbreaking loss to top of the table Manly Roos, who were clearly rattled.

All the boys were massively disappointed not to make the finals, but after a good win over Newport (who had beaten us twice), we made the plate final, saving the best to last with a 50-5 win over Forest.

Not only was this a great group of kids, it was also a great group of parents. Thank you to each and every coach, parent and player for making this season special. I guess we'll know if we did our jobs well at the start of next season when we see who comes back. Hopefully we see you all for another great season!

*Pippa Wright, Manager*



**UNDER 11A GOLD**

2017 was an exciting year for the U11 Harbord Gold team. Thrown together with players from two of Harbord's 2016 teams, we were blessed with one of the largest, most high-profile and talented coaching line-ups the club has ever seen - Luke Donnan, Pete Walsh and Adrian Toole - who were tasked with developing this group of superstars into a super team.

The Golds had it all - hard-running boppers upfront and skilful backs with tons of gas, giving opposing teams a very slick outfit to defend against each Sunday.

Boys like Big Johnny, Alfie, Jack and Alex formed a relentless front row combination, ensuring other teams trembled when these big boppers had the ball in hand, working tirelessly in the engine room to drive our team forward. Our backrowers Zac, Charlie B, Ollie, Abe, Felix, Paddy and ET loved the fast recycle and only knew one way to run the ball - hard and straight.

Once our nimble half Sammy Blank got the ball, the opposition had their hands full defending against quality passes to the backline or nippy little runs through traffic. In the backs, Joe always had options - run and palm, kick for the pacey outside backs or feed it to our hit men, Charlie P, Brodie and Toby, who just can't get enough contact. These guys could go about their work knowing they still have plenty of firepower in our outside backs Coby, Morgan and Caelan to razzle, dazzle and step, before lighting up their jet shoes for the try line.

This team showed how to work together to attack with great width and impressive skills across the park, while defending as a committed unit to rock even the best teams in the comp with their physicality. It was clear our coaches loved this physicality and at times Luke Donnan needed to be held back from joining the action. But our three old footy warhorses did an amazing job preparing the team for their games, keeping the boys engaged and motivated on even the coldest training nights. Each week the coaches would analyse the opposition and develop a game plan accordingly. And each Wednesday night, you'd hear the game plan echo across the dimly-lit Denzil Joyce Oval - "You know what we're going to do this week boys..... SMASH'EM!" And so the boys obliged. Most importantly, Luke, Pete and Adrian were all committed to ensuring the boys were having fun, playing the game the way it's meant to be played. We could not have asked for a better group of coaches.

We were lucky to inherit a great bunch of kids playing in the Golds this year. The boys gelled well throughout the season and made it a very enjoyable year for all involved. Thanks to the passionate parents who dragged their young sensations out of bed on Sunday mornings and got them to the game. The Golds got fabulous support and the parents were awesome ambassadors for the Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club.

*Andrew Toon, Manager*

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**UNDER 11F BLUE**

Whichever way you look it, the U11 Blues' 2017 season was a tough one. Playing in the wrong grade for the first four weeks, the season started with some heavy losses. Even after the re-grading, they were in a grade that was still too high for them. As a result, they struggled to come together as a team, and all would agree there was a lot of room for improvement when it came to defence.

What shone through, however, even at the start, was a determination to have fun and stick at it. And stick at it they did. Attendance at training and games was consistently high, as was the effort.

Inspired by coach Tony Simkins' Crunchie Awards, the tackling got better and better as the season progressed. By the end of the season, this team had real determination and guts, but also played as a team with some awesome attacking moves that resulted in some outstanding forwards and backs tries.

In the end, this team should be most proud of their teamwork, making it impossible to single out individual players. 2017 was a foundation year for this team. They're ready now to really start performing in 2018.

*Lyndsay Henry, Manager*

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### UNDER 12C GOLD

The Gold team started the season in the A competition, getting off to a flying start against Penrith. From this point, the competition became difficult for the following reasons. We played teams with bigger and heavier boys with full playing rosters, that is, a starting team plus three or four subs. Mostly we could only field 15 players at best, with no substitutes, which made it very difficult to compete while maintaining the safety of our players. We therefore agreed to apply for re-grading to the Bs, however this took longer than expected and the final outcome was a move to the C competition, which raised new issues for the playing group.

We now found ourselves playing opposition who were similar in size, but did not have the skills to compete with us. We had a couple of big wins, and decided on a couple of occasions to field 12 and 13 players so opposing teams could compete better with us.

In summary, it wasn't a great season for the Gold team. Coupled with being in the wrong grade, we simply didn't have enough players. We have some very talented players and good families in the U12 group, so we need to work on player retention and recruitment for the U13s next year.

*Darrin Ingleton, Manager*

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### UNDER 12D BLUE

The 2017 season started with much anticipation. Which boys would return to don the jumper for another season? Who would coach and manage the team? And could some of the scars carried by the 2016 U11 Maroon players and coaches mend in time for the first roost of the pill?

Unfortunately Matt DiMicco, co-coach of the U11 Maroons last year, could not commit for another season. He had less important things to attend to, like work, so the expanded coaching staff of Martin Benson, James Jennings, Herve Vichmont, Rich O'Flynn and John Chandler began the season hopeful.

Hopes of the scar tissue vanishing were quickly unpicked by a 50-point drubbing at the hands of the Dirty Reds of Drummoyne, who put together a fantastic performance to send us back to Denzil Joyce with much work to do. As was discussed last year, huge credit must be given to the boys for their resilience in turning up with more gas in the tank each week and ready to do the club proud.

We made a commitment to each other that fitness would play a major role this season. What we may have lacked in pace, flair and early-season skill, we would make up for in pure desire and the fitness to showcase that desire.

The team started to come together. Players found their natural positions, while some sacrificed their ideal positions for the team. The first win was getting oh so close. And then it came, on a you beaut day at Tantallon

Oval against the might of Lane Cove. We only had 12 players, so Lane Cove gave us two, and some young bloke from country NSW who had come down to watch his mate pulled on our famous jumper. The spirit of rugby, valour and respect were on display that day and the boys rallied to record their first win. Some boys hadn't tasted victory, sung our song or jumped with winning glee for over a season. It was so sweet, like an ice cream sundae on a hot summer's day!

From that day, the season really took shape. The boys had found their belief, as well as the mongrel and desire the coaching staff were after. The club also played an important role at times when the Blues were down on numbers and we often had Gold players putting their hands up to help their mates.

We went on to record some famous victories. We put Wakehurst to the sword on two occasions, all the more memorable considering we went down to them 55-0 last year. Not that anyone cares to remember how many we won or lost this year. What won't be forgotten is the smiling faces, the passion that rugby produces and the friendships made.

These boys will soon become men. And there were moments on the field this year when it looked like these boys were shaping up to become fine young men even sooner than we thought. Who are we, who are we... Squeeze!

*Herve Vichmont, Manager*



Under 13A Gold Vikings

**UNDER 13 VIKINGS:  
U13A GOLD, U13C BLUE & U13F BLACK**

Lower than anticipated player registrations led to the Manly Roos, Harbord Harlequins and Seaforth Raiders coming together to form the Under 13 Vikings joint venture. After promotion of our squad training program, there was a late surge in registrations, which meant we could ultimately put together three full teams with over 60 players, of which we are extremely proud.

Highlights of the season included a touring team to Melbourne and an invitational team at the inaugural Seaforth Raiders Battle of the Bridge. Both these sides were made up of players from all three grades.

It wasn't all about the players; our parents came together to let their hair down at our early season function, which incorporated several Vikings age groups.

The under 13s were competitive across all grades. The Gold and Black teams both made the semi-finals, while the Blue team only narrowly missed out.

The players were coached to play a wide, expansive style, while remaining well drilled in set pieces. There was a marked improvement across all three teams, which was our main goal at the start of the season.

The entire squad would like to thank the coaches, assistants, managers and parents for making this a great first year for all the Vikings players. Thanks also to our club presidents for their support in putting this team together, helping to keep so many players involved in this great game of ours.

We can't wait for next year. Go the Vikings!

*Gareth Rouse, Age Group Manager*



Under 13C Blue Vikings



Under 13F Black Vikings



**UNDER 14A GOLD VIKINGS**



**UNDER 14D BLUE VIKINGS**

PLAYING FOOTY HAS ALWAYS BEEN, AND WILL FOREVER BE, ABOUT STRIVING TO IMPROVE, CHALLENGING YOURSELF, BUILDING CONFIDENCE, DEVELOPING CHARACTER AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT'S ABOUT MATESHIP, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN AT THE CORE OF THIS SEASON.

**UNDER 14A GOLD VIKINGS**

The 2017 season was a very pleasing and rewarding one for all involved. While we had 24 players in our squad, it seemed we were often scratching around for a full team of 15 boys and it was a luxury to have a few on the bench. The boys must be applauded for their efforts with this lack of reserves. Some boys played three or four games over a weekend, some played with a niggle or when under the weather, however they put in, week in and week out. This spirit was most evident when we only had 13 players against the Blue Mountains, a spiteful crowd in attendance and an extremely poorly-disciplined opposition. It was a really strong effort and one of the key games that galvanised the team.

This year we played 13 games, with 10 wins and 3 losses, scoring 379 points and 249 points against. Cuban Porter-Sheen was our top try-scorer with 10, and Teddy racked up 69 points in total. Jono Taufu received the Best & Fairest Award for his game-changing efforts with ball in hand, Oskar Warner won the coach's Team Player Award for his no-complaints attitude to playing numerous positions, while the two captains Teddy Wilson and Harry Forsyth deservedly shared the Players' Player Award.

The style of rugby played by the boys was pretty to watch. The boys were encouraged to back their skill and run the ball at every opportunity. This positive attitude saw them score some magnificent tries, none more brilliant than a length-of-the-field try through multiple phases which ended with Tommy Wood crossing in the corner to upset the Lindfield boys on their home pitch.

Other highlights of the year were a hard-fought battle against the Barbarians at Pennant Hills, every player making a significant contribution to the result and Isaac Torrens scoring three tries in his comeback game. The return game against Blue Mountains at Keirle Park, which became very hostile on and off the field, saw the Vikings show calm heads and play rugby when under pressure, making all the parents and coaches extremely proud.

The following week the Vikings put on a clinic for Chatswood in a 40-point demolition, scoring several length-of-the-field team tries. The boys combined skill, creativity and smarts with toughness, aggression and desire; they played with smiles on their faces and enjoyed playing with their mates.

A big thanks to Lance Tutunoa for his expertise and ability to develop relationships with the boys, which brought out the best in them. Thanks to Nic White for assisting with the coaching. Thanks to all the parents for running around to training and covering so many kilometres getting to games. Finally, to the boys, thanks for your efforts this year. Playing footy has always been, and will forever be, about striving to improve, challenging yourself, building confidence, developing character and, most importantly, it's about mateship, all of which have been at the core of this season. Well done boys. Enjoy the off-season.

*Dean Michniewicz, Manager*



**UNDER 15/16 VIKINGS (REBELS COMP)**

Well the season didn't start out the way we'd planned. Most of the U14 players from last year dropped out and we were faced with being without a team. The good guys rallied around and, after forfeiting the first round, a proposal was struck to combine this year's U15 players with some U16 players.

It's often a challenge to combine various abilities and ages into a team, but this wasn't the case here. The older boys instantly accepted the younger boys into the team and the younger boys showed they were up to the task of playing up an age group. A few of the younger boys were still only 14 when the season came to an end.

Alex Helu brought the team together with his usual quiet determination to develop a great team environment, and his ability to develop the skills of all players. It's a tough gig to coach a team that doesn't have a large squad, plus a couple of early, long-term injuries didn't help. The team persevered, sometimes playing short, or with no reserves, against teams with a full reserves bench. As the season progressed, the team started to learn where our strengths were on the field and the wins started to come.

Finishing in second place at the end of the regular season was in itself a triumph. The way the boys were playing had much improved from the start of the season. Having had a win and a late-season loss to Pittwater, the

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team were faced with a semi-final against a much larger Pittwater side. An outstanding effort in determination, and executing the coach's instructions, saw the team win and progress to the Grand Final against the undefeated Northern Barbarians. An incredible Grand Final saw the boys put everything they had into the game and put enormous pressure on their opponents, finishing 19-14 down at the final whistle to end the season in second place.

More than anything, this season showed it doesn't matter so much where you start, but what you commit to and where you finish. Just be proud of your efforts. We expect to see you all again next season. Special thanks to Alex Helu and Anton Gain, Saia Latu and Tim Herbert, who took an age group attitude to practice and imparted their knowledge to all players. Thanks also to Steve Painter, who orchestrated the U15/16 joint venture.

*Peter Rankin, Age Group Manager*



**UNDER 16 VIKINGS (BRUMBIES COMP)**

The 2017 season began with only one team in the U16 age group, but with the help of the Vikings U15s we were able to form two teams – effectively an U15/16s side (Rebels comp) and an U16s side (Brumbies comp).

The U16s Brumbies picked up some new players to the club - boys coming from rugby league and Narrabeen who were unable to field an U16 side. As normal, the season started slowly, with mixed numbers turning up to the first few rounds, but results were encouraging.

From round 5, we started to field full-strength sides and it became clear the team was going to be a force in the competition. Leading into the State Champs, the side had decisive wins over Penrith, Lindfield, Randwick and Canterbury, giving the boys great confidence.

The State Champs team was a mixture of the U16 team and some U15 boys coming together for games at Keirle Park and Rat Park. The team progressed through the pool matches, quarter-final and semi-final, making

the big show against Easts. That game did not go as planned, but a great tournament was had by all.

The second half of the season descended into a farce as teams dropped out, leaving just four teams in the competition, with Randwick forfeiting matches against Easts and ourselves. The end of the season saw a re-match of our State Champs final against Easts. This game was a tough, no-holds-barred match with goal-kicking giving the match to Easts. Both teams were praised by officials and spectators for the show of quality rugby on display. Well done boys - a great year and so close to winning it all.

Special mention to Filimaui Tau, Daniel Ala, David Vei and Tom Latu, who made the NSW sides for the Australian championships. Congratulations to the boys who made the MNZ or Barbarians sides, and then Sydney sides - also a great achievement.

Bring on next year and go the Vikings!

*Steve Painter, Age Group Manager*

## OPENS VIKINGS – END OF AN ERA... FOR SOME

This year saw a change in team composition from previous years with last year's U16s and U17s joining together to make this year's Vikings Opens. This merging of age groups will likely continue in future years as player numbers fall, largely due to schools virtually 'impounding' students to school teams.

Any merger of teams requires considerable adjustment and early-season success should be measured on player relationships, rather than results on the field. This merger came together successfully early in the season and saw us lead the competition for many weeks. L and P driver's licences, HSC study and trial exams, university courses, part-time and full-time jobs, turning 18, and of course girlfriends, also adds to the challenge of developing any Opens age group team. By the end of the competition, we had finished second on the table, so we competed for a position in the Grand Final, only to be knocked out by a much bigger Penrith team. As such, we finished the season in third place - not the result we wanted, but a successful and challenging season nonetheless.

Some of our lads now leave the Vikings nursery and move on to Colts rugby. Hopefully others will stay and complete their final year of Junior rugby before making the leap to Colts. Either way, the Vikings concept works and should continue to do so for years to come - an exciting thought for future Vikings players and their parents.

For those players that Scott, Mike, Peter, Josh and myself have watched grow from boys to men, what a fine bunch of guys you are! And how proud you make us feel! You are all like sons to us, and we could not

have asked for better sons. Thanks so much for letting us be part of your journey to adulthood. For you guys, it's the end of an era. You've finished your junior rugby days and now go on to play senior rugby. We look forward to watching you all succeed in that transition.

To the younger guys who joined us this season, thanks for being part of the journey. You brought with you a change of vision, you challenged us coaches and managers in all the right ways, and you embraced Opens rugby so very well. Thank you for all the effort you put in and good luck to you all in the future.

To all the parents, thanks for trusting us to look after your boys and thanks for your support throughout the season. And for the brave souls who volunteered to wash the jumpers, forever thanks to you! Be incredibly proud of your sons. They are wonderful, mature people who are a pleasure to be around.

My usual thanks go out to the tireless and totally dedicated coaching crew of Scott Foketi, Mike Dickson and Peter Leventis. You amaze me with your passion and commitment to the squad and to the game of rugby. Thanks again fellas! To Neil Barnett and Palale Semisi, thanks also to you guys for your assistance throughout the season. Josh Dowse also deserves a mention for his ongoing oversight and enthusiasm.

For me, rugby has always been, and will always be, part of my life. I've enjoyed the ride - from being a Harlequin, then a Roo, then a Viking. It's been great. Guys, thanks for all the fun, it's been 'Exciting' to say the least. Vikings... Oooh Ra!

*Grahame White, Manager*



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**U6 Gold**

Aiden Bruen  
Davis Casey  
George Humphries  
Fletcher McGoldrick  
Oliver Mardon  
Ryder Owen  
Michael Paull

**U6 Blue**

Jacques Callebaut  
Finnegan Foulsham  
Kai Gailloux  
Kollins Gailloux  
Sonny Gibson  
Alex Lambert  
James Mottram  
Archie Rady  
Jack Rady

**U6 White**

Callum Brown  
Joshua Freeman  
Jarvis Green  
Axel Harvey  
Jake Payne  
Owen Reti-Gray  
James Rudd  
Levi Thomas

**U7 Blue**

Jasper Boreham  
William Donnan  
Jordan Fear  
Toby Grey  
Bradley Nitz  
Samuel Northcote  
Austin Olde  
Lewis Olde  
Lennox Patterson  
Joshua Wickham

**U9 White**

Jack Berne  
James Bruen  
Reuben Cooper  
Jack Davis  
Jack Del Grande  
Jack Lumsden  
Nate McFarlane  
Ben Murray  
Johnny Natilli  
Harry Smythe  
Rory Timbs  
Will Troselj  
Lachlan Will

**U7 Maroon**

Benjamin Boucher  
Luke Bruen  
Jasper Cockerill  
McCormac Cooper  
Hugo Diggin  
Torin Easton  
Lucas Ellens  
James Ling  
Fraser Moore  
Thomas Mottram  
Joshua Robertson

**U7 White**

Archer Dunn  
Fred Dunn  
Harry Giddings  
Beau Inman  
Flynn Hyde  
Harvey Macarthur  
Luka Matwejev  
Madoc McGeever  
Toby Murchison  
Lachlan Weston

**U8 Gold**

Luke Delany  
Harrison Fear  
Cooper Jones  
Thomas Northcote  
Maxwell Peake  
Oscar Sleep  
Hudson Swan  
Oliver Wiggins

**U8 Blue**

Mitchell Bury  
Hendrix Green  
Mannix Harridge  
Matthew Hawley  
Carter Howison  
Daniel Rich  
Edward Stephens  
Oscar Stevenson

**U8 Maroon**

Rory Corkill  
Thomas Bradley  
Zac Gedz  
Jack Gordon  
Lucas Head  
Beau Hooker  
Isaac Kasprovicz  
Ayden Toon  
Curtis Willey  
Ed Williams

**U8 White**

Archie Brooks  
William Dryburgh  
Kai Dudley  
Antony Markram  
Tom O'Brien  
James Pearce  
Beau Potter  
Maddox Wessling

**U9 Gold**

Owen Bamford  
Sonny Colella  
Will Davies  
Archie Delany  
Manu Elliott  
Jax Fuller  
Patrick Holden  
Jonah Inchley  
Flynn Johnson  
Beau Patterson  
Zade Pitkeathly  
Rory Toole  
Caden Winston

**U9 Maroon**

Oliver Ashby  
Harley Bennett  
Tyler Brown  
Oscar Donnan  
Sebastian Ellens  
Lachlan Hammond  
Daniel Malin  
Leo Osborne  
Oliver Priddis  
Finn Stanley  
William Stewart  
Henry Troy  
Oscar White

**PLAYER NUMBERS**

	2017	2016
U6	24	36
U7	31	36
U8	35	38
U9	39	37
Total	129	147



**U10 Gold (Rebels)**

Owen Blieden  
Leo Davies  
Chayse Geros  
Sonny Ifopo  
Cole Ingleton  
Mason Kearney  
Joshua Lowe  
Harley Mogenson  
Art Osborne  
Oscar Reeve  
Charlie Ricketts  
Ashton Thomas  
Kai Thomson  
Xavier Walsh

**U10 Blue (Waratahs)**

Leonardo Anderson  
Oliver Barret  
Finlay Cardwell  
Luke Curley  
Noah Dudley  
Zack Evans  
Billy Grattan  
Felix Hodgkinson  
Lennox Mafoa  
Raffael Morris  
Otis O'Neill  
Connor Schmidt  
Jeremy Spillane  
Adam Troxler  
Malcolm Westcott-Byron

**U10 Maroon (Chiefs)**

Inigo Beresford-Jones  
Roman Blacklock  
Paterson Brown  
Zane Carter  
Elijah Cook  
Teddy Healy  
Jack Hoffmann  
Toby Hoffmann  
Max McHardy  
James Olde  
Lachlan Palazzi  
George Pearce  
Thomas Rudd  
Jack Singer  
George Wright

**U11A Gold**

Charlie Blank  
Sam Blank  
Ollie Davies  
Jack Donnan  
Morgan Elvy  
John Gerich  
Paddy Hearn  
Brodie Herring  
Toby Mayhew  
Alfred McClean  
Alex Oake  
Felix Perego  
Caelan Pitkeathly  
Charlie Poynton  
Zac Toole  
Coby Toon  
Ethan Troselj  
Joe Walsh  
Abraham Whitfield

**U11F Blue**

Lucas Briggs  
Hamish Brooks  
Flynn Bruen  
Angus Cardwell  
William Crozier  
Lachlan Doyle  
Finley Hendry  
Jelle Hollander  
Oli Joyce  
John Labanie  
Ben Leman  
Oliver Milner  
Jayden Peake  
Ashton Quilter  
Nicholas Reeve  
Mitchell Simkins  
Taj Stephens  
Adam Yates

**U12C Gold**

Thomas Bridgewood  
Guy Charteris  
Nicholas Clancy  
Kai Coetzee  
Jordan Dunn  
Oscar Gamborg  
Sam Green  
Samuel Ifopo  
Albert Ingleton  
George Lawson  
Ash Leonard  
Ewen McBean  
Angus Pepar  
Thomas Porter  
Oliver Sleep  
Levi Smith  
Cooper Stapleton  
Jeremiah Teu  
Hugh Waddington

**U12D Blue**

Oliver Benson-Sparkes  
Angus Brain  
Alex Brigden  
Bryn Callard  
Charlie Chandler  
Samuel Chubb  
Ngaru Davis  
Alexander Di Micco  
Callum Henaghan  
Alex Jennings  
Oliver Keys  
Daniel Miners  
Cuan O'Flynn  
Jack Rankin  
Lachlan Skellet  
Samuel Smythe  
Lio Vichemont  
James Wathen  
James Wheen

**U13A Gold Vikings**

Lucas Banfield  
Harrison Bortolussi  
Sebastian Bush  
Luke Callanan  
Angus Campbell  
David Campbell  
Jack Colbran  
Caden Crouch  
Oliver Cummins  
Ben Di Staso  
Flynn Grady  
Rory Morgan  
James Panetta  
Harrison Pearce  
Thomas Rouse  
Edward Shelbourne  
Brandon Smith  
Joshua Turner  
Cole Van De Water  
Nicolaas Van Der Reyden  
Daniel Ward

**U13C Blue Vikings**

Joshua Banfield  
Joff Burney  
Sam Davies  
Lox Ferguson  
Kalahni Filby  
Mac Forsyth  
Joseph Gay  
Edward Hannan  
T J Herring  
Gabe High  
Ryan Iggo  
Oliver James  
Will Meakin  
James Morrissey  
Benjamin Paddison  
Jonathan Ryan  
Dante Sivis  
Liam Toole  
Archie Warneford  
Lachlan Williams

**U13F Black Vikings**

Max Ambrosoli  
Ethan Birrell  
Cooper Bowyer  
Jack Dickinson  
Elliott Duncan  
Flynn Lumsden  
Aydan Marsters  
Dante Moeller  
Jack Myrden  
Hayden O'Brien  
Ewan Randell  
Viliame Rigling  
Maxwell Roberts  
Daniel Smith  
Freddie Stanton  
Peter Steyn  
Liam Tuckfield  
Sam Wells  
Harry White



Reece Hodge, a member of the first Harbord Harlequins team, fires up for the Wallabies.

# juniors

## U14A Gold Vikings

Jake Barnabas  
Noa Faatui  
Harry Forsyth  
Ned Hillier  
Flynn Kelly  
Thierry Kinahoi  
William Klem  
Jesse Michniewicz  
Thomas Odell  
Liam Painter  
Lachoneus Paki  
Cuban Porter-Sheen  
Jay Sargent  
Alexander Simmons  
Bailey Swain  
Jonathan Taufu  
Isaac Torrens  
Jasper Toshack  
Nesta Tutunoa  
Jed Walsh  
Oskar Warner  
Thomas Wheen  
Teddy Wilson  
Saxon Wood  
Tom Wood

## U14D Blue Vikings

Griffin Ankers  
Xavier Burkett  
Ross Burton  
Dylan Calderon  
Rory Carter  
Carter Caulfield  
Kieran Deane  
Bray Downing  
Sam Eden  
Noah Figuiere  
Ben Findlay  
Thomas Furlong  
Max Gibson  
James Lambly  
Fynn Laughton  
Euan Loh  
Joe Lord  
Oliver Martyn  
Daniel McPherson  
Jake Osmond  
Max Pike  
George Thompson  
Toby West

## U15/16 Vikings (Rebels comp)

Dany Buono  
Aidan Campbell  
Sean Deane  
Robin Evans  
Billy Franks  
Murray Gain  
Corey Grace  
Tyrone Holakeitua  
Dominic Isherwood  
John Jeffery  
Harry Johansson  
Justyce Kelemete  
Unga Latu  
Dylan Passarinho  
Max Puddicombe  
Sam Rankin  
Aaron Rogers  
Oliver Russel  
Tonga Vei

## U16 Vikings (Brumbies comp)

Daniel Ala  
Tim Gavidi  
Langi Gleeson  
Joel Halliday  
Addison Hawke  
Harry Herbert  
Riaihe Jacobs  
Tom Latu  
Will McBean  
Liam O'Sullivan  
Mitch Painter  
Daniel Palmer  
Nick Pollack  
Jacob Ratcliff  
Hanz Sales  
Taran Sialema  
Filimaua Tau  
Alec Tuitavake  
Anaiyah Umu  
David Vei  
Lincoln Zanon

## Opens Vikings

Jack Antill  
Will Barnett  
Jaiden Brazier  
Sam Cryan  
Rory Dickson  
Taj Dillon  
Barney Dowse  
Conor English  
Oli Evans  
Ethan Fairlie-Sutton  
Harrison Fisk  
Rob Grant  
Matt Johnson  
Liam Kent  
Jordan Leventis  
Ben Main  
Sam Main  
Tuatai Marsters  
Song Moon  
Blaney Powe  
James Regan  
Thomas Sefo  
Callan Sparkes  
George Stanton  
Dan Stone  
Liam Thompson  
Harry White  
Ryan Woodger



U16C Vikings and Northern Barbarians after a mighty clash played in great style, formally commended by referee Tony Fisher, SJRU Life Member (see email below)



U16 Vikings gather around Alex Helu to hear the game plan for the second half. Team unity!

### PLAYER NUMBERS

2017		2016
44	U10	54
37	U11	47
38	U12	36
16	U13	-
4	U14	30
8	U15	24
9	U16	21
7	U17 / Opens	5
163	Juniors	217
129	Minis	147
292	<b>Harlequins Club</b>	364

From Tony Fisher  
Date Sunday, 21 May 2017  
Subject Northern Barbarians v Vikings Gold - U16C SJRU comp  
To Club Presidents

Hi Wayne and Reon

Today I had the pleasure of refereeing Northern Barbarians v Vikings Gold at Pennant Hills Oval No. 1.

Just a short note to say thank you to the captains, players and coaching staff of both teams. The match was free-flowing and played in a fantastic spirit! From memory I had a total of only 8 penalties in the match as the players listened to what I wanted and reacted accordingly. If I gave a message to the captains then this was communicated back to the players.

After the school game I refereed yesterday - where one team constantly wanted to dispute every decision of the referee and did not show any respect for the referee - it was a pleasure to come back to grassroots rugby and be part of a match that was played in the spirit in which junior rugby should be played!

Please pass on my congratulations to the captains, players and coaching staff of both teams.



**HARLEQUINS IN MANLY REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS - 58 PLAYERS**

**U10**

Owen Blieden  
 Finlay Cardwell  
 Chayse Geros  
 Sonny Ifopo  
 Cole Ingleton  
 Art Osborne  
 Ashton Thomas  
 Xavier Walsh

**U11**

Charlie Blank  
 Sam Blank  
 Jack Donnan  
 Toby Mayhew  
 Alfred McClean  
 Charlie Poynton  
 Coby Toon  
 Joe Walsh  
 Abraham Whitfield

**U12**

Thomas Bridgewood  
 Kai Coetzee  
 Jordan Dunn  
 Sam Green  
 Samuel Ifopo  
 Ewen McBean  
 Angus Pepar  
 Cooper Stapleton

**U13**

Harrison Bortolussi  
 Sebastian Bush  
 Luke Callanan  
 Angus Campbell  
 David Campbell  
 Jack Colbran  
 Caden Crouch  
 Oliver Cummins  
 Ben Di Staso  
 Flynn Grady  
 Rory Morgan  
 James Panetta  
 Harrison Pearce  
 Thomas Rouse  
 Edward Shelbourne  
 Dante Sivis  
 Brandon Smith  
 Joshua Turner  
 Cole Van De Water  
 Nicolaas Van Der Reyden  
 Daniel Ward

**U14**

Jed Walsh  
 Teddy Wilson

**U17**

Will Barnett  
 Jaiden Brazier  
 Josh Cox  
 Conor English  
 Tautua Faatui  
 Rob Grant  
 Liam Kent  
 Song Moon  
 James Regan  
 Ryan Woodger



U17 Manly Reps - circle of trust!

**HARLEQUINS - HIGHER REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS**

Year	Age	Name	Team/Squad
2011	15	Marcus Cutler	Metropolitan Southern Zone, Sydney, NSW
	15	Will Cronin	Metropolitan Northern Zone
	15	Jonte Kaplan	Metropolitan Northern Zone, Sydney
	16	Sam Duke	Metropolitan Northern Zone
2012	16	Will Cronin	Metropolitan Northern Zone, Sydney Barbarians
	16	Brendan Hollis	Metropolitan Southern Zone
2013	13	Angus Bell	ARU Gold Pathway (NW Harbour)
	13	Tautua Faatui	ARU Gold Pathway (NW Harbour)
	14	Luke Ratcliff	Metropolitan Northern Zone, Sydney
	17	Will Cronin	Metropolitan Northern Zone, Sydney
	17	Scott Williams	Metropolitan Northern Zone, Sydney
2014	14	Max Douglas	Sydney
	15	Liam Curran	Metropolitan Northern Zone, ARU Gold Pathway (N Harbour)
	15	Zach De Rooy	Sydney Barbarians, ARU Gold Pathway (NW Harbour)
	15	Ben Gleeson	Sydney Barbarians
	15	Gianluca Natoli	ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
	15	Cameron Prince	Sydney Barbarians, ARU Gold Pathway (NW Harbour)
	15	Luke Ratcliff	ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
	15	James Sidery	Sydney Barbarians, ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
2015	14	Daniel Ala	Sydney
	15	Jack Walsh	Sydney Barbarians, NSW
2016	14	Blair Healey	Sydney
	14	Teddy Wilson	Sydney
	15	Daniel Ala	Metro Nth Zone, Sydney, ARU Gold Pathway (N Harbour), NSW
	15	Tevita Faupula	Sydney Barbarians
	15	Junior Filamanu	Sydney Barbarians
	15	Tom Latu	Metropolitan Northern Zone, ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
	15	Levi Moger	Metropolitan Northern Zone, ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
	15	Nick Pollack	Sydney Barbarians
	15	Jacob Ratcliff	Metropolitan Northern Zone, ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
	15	Alec Tuitavake	Sydney Barbarians
	15	David Vei	Metropolitan Northern Zone, ARU Gold Pathway (North Harbour)
	16	Robbie Grant	Sydney Barbarians
	16	Jamie Regan	Sydney Barbarians
2017	14	Teddy Wilson	Sydney, NSW Schools
	16	Langi Gleeson	Sydney, NSW Schools
	16	Jacob Ratcliff	Sydney, NSW Schools
	16	David Vei	Sydney, NSW Schools
	17	Rob Grant	Sydney, NSW Schools

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# 2017 honour board

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## 2017 CLUB AWARDS



**Kristen Wall Supporter of the Year Award**  
Richard Smith (U12C Gold) - holding trophy

## MINIS



**Coach** - Ashley Freedman (U6 White)



**Manager** - Alison Donnan (U7 Blue)



**Clubman** - Kai Dudley (U8 White)

## JUNIORS



**Coach** - Steve Rudd (U10 Maroon)



**Manager** - Pippa Wright (U10 Maroon)



**Clubman** - Noah Dudley (U10 Blue)

## PLAYER AWARDS

### Harlequins

- U10 Gold (Rebels comp)
- U10 Blue (Waratahs comp)
- U10 Maroon (Chiefs comp)
- U11A Gold
- U11F Blue
- U12C Gold
- U12D Blue

### Vikings

- U13A Gold
- U13C Blue
- U13F Black
- U14A Gold
- U14D Blue
- U15/16 (Rebels comp)
- U16 (Brumbies comp)
- Opens

### George Smith

#### Best & Fairest

- Sonny Ifopo
- Billy Grattan
- James Olde
- Joe Walsh
- Fin Hendry
- Sam Green
- Lio Vichemont

#### Best & Fairest

- Ollie Cummins
- Archie Warneford
- Ayden Marsters
- Jonathan Taufa
- Jasper Toshack
- Corey Grace
- Hanz Sales
- Rob Grant

#### Most Improved

- Chayse Geros
- Otis O'Neill
- Jack Hoffman
- Felix Perego
- Lucas Briggs
- Guy Charteris
- Callum Henaghan

#### Player's Player

- Ben Di Staso
- Gabe High
- Peter Steyn
- Teddy Wilson & Harry Forsyth
- Ross Burton
- Aaron Rogers
- David Vei
- Ben Main

#### Team Player

- Art Osborne
- Finlay Cardwell
- Zane Carter
- Charlie Blank
- Jayden Peak
- Ewen McBean
- Oliver Benson-Sparkes

#### Team Player

- Nicolass Van Der Reyden
- James Morrissey
- Elliot Duncan
- Oskar Warner
- Oliver Martyn
- Dany Buono
- Liam O'Sullivan
- Oli Evans

## 10-YEAR MEDALS



Langi Gleeson (U16 Vikings)



Aiden Campbell (U15/16 Vikings) & Harry Herbert (U16 Vikings)



Teddy Wilson (U14A Gold Vikings)

## LIFE MEMBERS

Michael Harradine	2006
Chris Hedge	2009
David Duke	2011
Andrew Gourley	2012
Sean Richardson	2014

## 2017 CUP GRAND FINALS

U10 Harbord Gold (Rebels comp) 14 v Seaforth 5

## HARLEQUINS CUP - WINNERS

Year	U8	U9
2007	Seaforth	Chatswood
2008	Chatswood	Newport
2009	Chatswood	Harbord
2010	Manly	Harbord
2011	Seaforth	Manly
2012	North Rocks	Seaforth
2013	Seaforth	Harbord
2014	Hills	Harbord
2015	Rockdale	Hills
2016	Hills	Seaforth
2017	Rockdale	Harbord



Prized Possession 10-Year Medal.

## 2017 GALA DAYS - FINALISTS

### Harlequins Cup

U8 - Rockdale 45 v Seaforth 20  
U9 - Harlequins 22 v Chatswood 17

### King of the Hills

U8 - Seaforth 17 v Rockdale 12  
U9 - Hills 14 v Rockdale 7

**Number of Teams**

Age	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
6		1	2	2	2	3	5	3	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	47
7	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	3	3	2	4	4	4	3	3	4	3	45
8		1	1	1	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	4	4	5	3	4	4	45
9			2	2	2	2	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	2	3	46
<b>Minis</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>183</b>
10				2	2	3	2	3	3	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	43
11					2	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	3	2	3	2	35
12			1	1		2	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	3	1	2	2	26
13				1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2		3	22
14					1	1	1	2	3	2		1	1	1	2	2	2	19
15							1	1	1	2	1		1	1	2	2		12
16							1	1		1	1			1	1	1	2	9
Opens									1			1				1	1	4
<b>Juniors</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>353</b>

<b>Players</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>4,733</b>
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**Manly Rep Players**

Age	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
10						18	13	11	10	11	21	13	10	12	15		8	142
11						13	16	12	5	9	12	9	10	7	14	12	9	128
12			4			1	12	13	11	7	10	11	9	15	1	8	8	110
13				8	8		2	8	14	4	4	10	11	12	15		21	117
14						2			4	14	14	9	9	9	13	15	2	91
15							1	2		11	9		7	13	11	14		68
16							2							5		5		12
17												12					10	22
<b>Total</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>690</b>

**Premierships**

Age	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
10					1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1					1	11
11						1	1	1		1	2	1	1		2			10
12			1				1					1		1				4
14					1											1		2
15							1								1			2
<b>Total</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>

# office bearers

Year	President	VP Juniors	VP Minis	Treasurer	Secretary	Assistant Secretary	Sponsorship & Marketing	Social	Other Committee Members	Administrator
2001	Graeme Hodge	Geoff Waterworth	-	-	Michael Harradine	-	-	-	-	-
2002	Graeme Hodge	Geoff Waterworth	-	Marilyn Harradine Shelley Waterworth	Michael Harradine	-	-	-	-	-
2003	Graeme Hodge	-	-	Jenny Duke	Ian Ferguson	-	David Duke	-	-	-
2004	Graeme Hodge	Chris Hedge	-	Andrew Gourley	Ian Ferguson	-	-	-	Dave Duke, Scott Gourley Dave & Kelly Tonkin	-
2005	David Duke	Cameron Wall	Cameron Douglas	Andrew Gourley	Chris Hedge	-	Peter Spasojevic	Robert Pizzie	-	-
2006	David Duke	Pat Rodgers	Cameron Douglas	Andrew Gourley	Chris Hedge	-	Peter Spasojevic	Robert Pizzie	-	-
2007	Cameron Douglas	Pat Rodgers	Sean Richardson	Brendan Foley	Chris Hedge	Alan Abbey	Peter Spasojevic	Dani Signorini	-	-
2008	Cameron Douglas	David Duke	Sean Richardson	John Burgman	David Bacon	Alan Abbey	David Grayling Andrew Sidery	Dani Signorini	-	-
2009	Cameron Douglas	David Duke	Sean Richardson	John Burgman	David Bacon	Alan Abbey	David Grayling Andrew Sidery	Dani Signorini	-	-
2010	Sean Richardson	David Duke	Campbell Forsyth	John Burgman	David Bacon	Troy Cortis	David Grayling	Andrew Sidery	Paddy Douneen	-
2011	Sean Richardson	Andrew Sidery	Campbell Forsyth	Colin House	Blithe Robinson	-	David Grayling	John Burgman	Paddy Douneen	Rochelle Robinson
2012	Andrew Sidery	Paul Reid (May-Sep 12)	David Morrisey	Colin House	Campbell Forsyth	-	Sean Richardson	Sean Richardson	Michael Harradine (Junior VP: Oct 11 - Apr 12)	Rochelle Robinson
2013	Andrew Sidery	Paul Reid	David Morrisey	Colin House	Campbell Forsyth	-	-	-	-	Rochelle Robinson
2014	Colin House	Paul English	Colin Cardwell	Campbell Forsyth	Craig Poynton	-	Barry Smyth	Andrew Sidery	-	Rochelle Robinson
2015	Colin House	Blithe Robinson	Colin Cardwell	Ryan Blieden	Craig Poynton	-	Barry Smyth	Lyndsey Hendry	Scott Hendry	Rochelle Robinson
2016	Colin House	Peter Rankin	Colin Cardwell	Ryan Blieden	Bill Wright	Craig Poynton	Colin Cardwell	Lyndsey Hendry	-	Katrina Martin
2017	Wayne Reeve	Peter Rankin	Hadyn Stephens	Josh Thomson	Bill Wright	-	-	Stuart & Sarah Reeve	Simon Dudley (Gear Steward)	Katrina Martin



U16C Grand Final - Up, up and away...



Our hard-working club administrator Katrina Martin



#### HARLEQUINS TOUR TO MELBOURNE – U12 & U13 GAME 1: SATURDAY 10AM

We hop off the bus at the home ground of the Melbourne Harlequins - impressive facilities to say the least. Pretty similar really to what we have at Reub Hudson - NOT! Probably the only similarity is that both have male and female toilets.

The lads changed into their training gear so we could run around, loosen up a bit and train as a team for the first time. The boys' task was enormous as they faced a team which had played together for years and were undefeated this season. Their coach kindly let me know just how many points they had scored (a lot) and just how few they had conceded (not many) - thanks for that!

The host families arrived and the kids met and left with their respective billets. At this point, we'd all been awake since 4am, and it was now 6pm, so some (the smart ones) went home, while others (coaching staff included, and I use the term 'coaching staff' very loosely here) headed off to watch the Melbourne Rebels take on the Argentinian Jaguars at AAMI Park - one of many impressive sporting facilities in Melbourne. I'm sure everyone slept well that night!

The first 10 minutes was fairly even. Melbourne scored the first try, but Harbord's response was quick and with the conversion the lads were up 7-5. Melbourne started to use their reserves (they had about 10) and the impact was obvious as they started to skip away, but our boys never gave up. They were battered and bruised, and getting taught a rugby lesson, but they stood as one. In the end, our boys were well beaten on the scoreboard (36-7) and full praise for the unbeaten Melbourne Harlequins.

After the game, the Astute Coaching Brains (ACB) of Herve, Dunny & Smith wondered how on earth we could get the boys up for another game in 24 hours. We called them into the dressing shed and shut the door. We said: "We honestly think you can win tomorrow's match. Just tighten a few things up, believe in yourselves and give it a crack."

Now I digress a bit here, but this is a pivotal part of the tour. Well, not really, but worth telling. The ACB had to come up with something, and fast. We needed a strategic planning session. Hawthorn v Geelong at the G was a

great start. We threw around a few ideas there and took those ideas with us to a great little boutique bar, the name of which probably didn't generate a great impression, but trust me, it was all ok. From there we grew in confidence with our coaching plan for Sunday's game. Hardware Lane for dinner was where we narrowed down our ideas for the boys and Sunday's genius game plan was finalised. The strategic planning session was definitely a good night and well worth the ordeal!

#### GAME 2: SUNDAY 10AM

A quick warm-up and into the sheds, where we delivered our genius game plan. Put simply, we asked the boys to challenge themselves, to set new heights, to do it for each other, not to let your team-mates down, believe you can beat the unbeatable!

As the boys took to the field, the ACB had no idea what would happen in the next 60 minutes, but we dared to dream big, well aware of what our little champions faced. Within five minutes, the boys were up 14-0, not only rising to the occasion, but taking it to a whole new level. The Melbourne boys were obviously stunned by the Harbord start, but soon responded, and the half-time score was 14-10.

As the teams ran out for the second half, the moment of truth had come. Would Melbourne turn up the heat? Or could Harbord go with them and inflict the first loss on their southern cousins?

Let me tell you, in one of the truly greatest, gutsiest performances the ACB had ever witnessed, your sons, our little team of legends, not only beat the Melbourne team, they ran away with it to the tune of 35-17, bringing to an end the winning run of the U12 Melbourne Harlequins. It was incredible to watch!

This tour offered a lot to the boys - an opportunity to experience many things and to grow both individually and as a group. It was much, much more than two games of rugby. To come away with a win just put the icing on the cake.

A fabulous tour, a remarkable group of boys! *VENI, VIDI, VICI.*

Thanks for the opportunity.

*ACB (Herve Vichemont, Paul Dunn, Rich Smith)*

