

# Harbord Harlequins Rugby



Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club  
**Annual Report 2015**

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March Past - ANZ Stadium



Harlequins Cup Runneth Over

Cover image: Mitch Bury (U6) & former Harlequin Reece Hodge (Manly Marlins) at Presentation Day.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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Colin House

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Scott Hendry

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**Administrator & Registrar**

Rochelle Robinson

**Referee Liaison Officer**

Chris Hedge



# president's report



Another fantastic and enjoyable season was had by players and parents in 2015. As always, the year would not have been such a success without the support and devotion of volunteers, spectators, sponsors and committee members. Thank you to everyone for your contribution and support throughout the year.

## ON FIELD

The 2015 season witnessed the joyous sight of 351 Harlequins boys running around various rugby fields throughout Sydney. Although a slight reduction on the previous year (375), the Harlequins continue to be one of the largest junior rugby clubs in the Sydney metropolitan area.

We fielded 13 teams in the Manly Warringah Minis competition and 13 teams in the Sydney Junior Rugby Union metropolitan competition (including Vikings joint venture teams).

While player numbers continue to be strong in Minis age groups, numbers traditionally fall off in older age groups (particularly from U13) as the demands of secondary school and expanded interests beyond rugby come into play. The joint venture known as the Vikings – between the three Manly village clubs of Manly Roos, Seaforth Raiders and Harbord Harlequins – was established last year in the U14s. The Vikings was expanded this year to include U14, U15 and U16 age groups. The main aim of forming these combined teams is to aid player retention

and recruitment, building sufficient player numbers and depth to give players an opportunity to compete safely in correctly graded and competitive teams. Of the five Vikings teams fielded this year, four progressed to the finals, with the U15E Blues winning their Grand Final – congratulations to all involved in this tremendous effort.

Congratulations also to all the Juniors teams that made it through to the finals, and in particular our U11A and U11D teams for winning their premierships. Congratulations again to all the players and coaching staff on this outstanding achievement.

The annual Harlequins Cup was again a huge success. This is the largest Gala Day competition of its kind in the state and entry is keenly sought after, with enquiries starting before the season has even commenced. We again hosted 20 teams in each of the U8 and U9 age groups. Fantastic weather combined with military level planning from Colin Cardwell and his organising committee meant the day went very smoothly and was enjoyed by all. Our U9 team played strongly in the pool games and semi-final to progress to the Grand Final. They played their old adversary Hills, who unfortunately again prevailed, but to make the Grand Final of both King of the Hills and the Harlequins Cup was a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to all the players and coaches who participated and a huge thank you to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure an outstanding tournament.

The Harlequins were again well represented in the MJRU development and representative teams, with 69 Harlequins boys selected to represent the Manly district across the U10 to U15 age groups at this year's State Championships. This is a fantastic effort and all the players and their coaches are to be congratulated.

In particular, I would like to acknowledge Daniel Ala on his selection in the U14 Sydney team and Jack Walsh on his selection in the U15 NSW team. It is immensely difficult to gain selection at these representative levels and both boys are to be congratulated on such an outstanding achievement.

## OFF FIELD

This year we celebrated the Harlequins 15th birthday. It was celebrated in fine style at a formal black-tie dinner at the Novotel Manly Pacific, where 160 proud Harlequins experienced a fine three-course meal, then danced the night away to the outstanding beat of the band 'So What', led by our very own Harlequins mum Maxine Gourley. A

big thank you to Social Coordinator Lyndsay Hendry and her sub-committee for the enormous amount of work they put in to ensure a memorable night was enjoyed all.

Our sponsorship partners continue to play an important role in the growth of the club and we especially appreciate the continued financial support of Dee Why RSL, Macquarie Leasing and Freshwater Community Bank, as well as new sponsors Harbord Diggers and Bower Interactive. Sponsorship is an extremely important source of funds for the club, allowing registration fees to remain as low as possible. The committee encourages all Harlequins families to support our sponsors whenever and wherever possible.

This year witnessed the establishment of a relationship with the Harlequins Rugby Club Melbourne, which has been in existence since 1928. Who would have thought, in this AFL mad city! A very successful tour to Melbourne was undertaken in the July school holidays by an U12 and U13 team. We will host a reciprocal return tour next year by Melbourne, with alternate tours planned for ensuing years. This is an exciting development that allows boys an opportunity to undertake a tour to another city. An enormous amount of effort was required to plan and organise this event, including fundraising (you may have seen the team manning the sausage sizzle outside Bunnings), the design of a special tour kit and getting the boys safely to and from Melbourne. Another outstanding effort and congratulations to the inaugural Melbourne Tour organising committee.

A refreshed club merchandise offering was launched this year, with a smart new collection of T-shirts, hoodies and flat caps. The new look was warmly embraced by our club membership and I would like to thank Colin Cardwell and Barry Smyth for their efforts in bringing the collection to life. We also completed the jersey refresh, which now sees the entire club kitted out in the new contemporary design, which has also been eagerly embraced by our club membership.

I would like to thank Rochelle Robinson for her invaluable support as Club Administrator. After five years in this role, Rochelle has sadly decided to call it a day. On behalf of the committee and our entire club, I extend a huge thank you to Rochelle for her tireless, patient, thorough and friendly assistance to the committee, coaches and managers, and the players and their families. We all wish her the very best in her 'retirement'. I would also like to thank Blithe Robinson for all his tireless efforts this year, who will be retiring from the demanding Juniors VP position.

## THE YEAR WAS A SUCCESS THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, SPECTATORS, SPONSORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

I'd also like to thank Reece Hodge and Chris Cocca from the Manly Marlins for their attendance at this year's Presentation Day. We were especially honoured to have Reece attend, given his very special place within the Harlequins. In 2001, Reece captained the very first team fielded by the Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club! Along with many other firsts, he was also the first Harlequins player to play Australian Schoolboys, the first to play First Grade (Manly Marlins) and the first to sign with a Super Rugby franchise (Melbourne Rebels). Reece and Chris were very generous with their time and their appearance was much appreciated by all.

Thanks to Alan and Kris Abbey for compiling this annual report, which they have completed now for the past 10 years – another excellent job. Also congratulations to Alan on winning this year's Kristin Wall Supporter of the Year Award – very well deserved!

I would like to thank everyone for a tremendous 2015 season and I look forward to seeing you all nice and fresh in the New Year in preparation for an exciting 2016 season.

*Colin House, President*



Reece Hodge and Chris Cocca flank Colin House on Presentation Day

The club recorded a net surplus for the current year of \$5,468 (2014 \$130).

Operating income for the year was \$89,387 (2014 \$82,116) and was derived from:

2015		2014
53%	Registration fees	60%
21%	Sponsorship	20%
18%	Gross Profit from trading	13%
8%	Fundraising & commissions	7%
100%		100%

Key contributors to income were:

- Registration fees - \$46,899, a decrease of \$2,706 on prior year (\$49,605)
- Sponsorship - \$19,000, an increase of \$3,000 on prior year (\$16,000)
- Canteen sales - \$32,198, an increase of \$4,785 on prior year (\$27,413)
- Harlequins Cup gala day profit of \$9,080 (2014 \$6,479), which continues to be a key fundraising event. (This includes Freshwater Community Bank sponsorship, which is reported under sponsorship income, while canteen revenue and expenses are reported under trading profit and have been estimated based on GP% for comparative purposes).
- Merchandise sales - \$5,350, a significant increase on prior year (\$2,135), mainly due to addition of new designs and sales push by committee members.

Operating expenses for the year were \$82,918 (2014 \$75,775). Major expenditure items were:

- Jerseys, shorts & socks - \$19,249, an increase on prior year (\$14,671) due to the completion of the new jersey refresh this season
- Insurance & levies - \$19,812, an increase on prior year (\$18,737)

- Administration expenses - \$17,000, an increase on prior year (\$15,000)
- Medallions, trophies & awards - \$6,121, a decrease on prior year (\$6,344)
- Meetings & social functions - \$5,625, an increase on prior year (\$2,219), mainly due to the club's 15th anniversary this year
- Canteen & storage costs - \$2,200, same as prior year.

From October 2015, the Harbord Harlequins accounts will use Xero accounting software to improve reporting capabilities and give the committee greater access to information.

I would like to thank Andrew Gourley for his ongoing and generous support of the club, including the conduct of the 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:

- a) income and expenditure of the club for the year ended 30 September 2015; and
- b) assets and liabilities of the club as at 30 September 2015.

In addition, the club committee confirms that there are no mortgages, charges or other securities of any description affecting any of the property of the club as at 30 September 2015.

Ryan Blieden, Treasurer

INDEPENDENT REVIEW  
OF THE HARBORD HARLEQUINS RUGBY CLUB  
2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

SCOPE

I have reviewed the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet (2015 Financial Report) of Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club as set out on the following pages. The Club's Committee are responsible for the 2015 Financial Report. I have performed an independent review of the 2015 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 2015 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 2015 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 2015 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 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.

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



A well-attended Presentation Day



Incoming and outgoing Club Administrators, Katrina Martin & Rochelle Robinson

## INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	2015	2014	2013
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Trading income</b>			
Sales - home games	32,198	27,413	26,268
Sales - merchandise	5,350	2,135	4,077
	37,548	29,548	30,345
<b>Less: Cost of sales</b>			
Purchases - home games	14,286	13,513	12,008
Purchases - merchandise	5,519	3,482	4,085
Canteen running costs	1,782	1,855	1,708
	21,587	18,850	17,801
<b>Gross Profit</b>	15,961	10,698	12,544
<b>Add: Other income</b>			
Registration fees	46,899	49,605	48,220
Sponsorship	19,000	16,000	15,500
Fundraising	6,107	4,168	3,858
Commissions received	1,420	1,645	3,755
	73,426	71,418	71,333
<b>Total GP &amp; other income</b>	89,387	82,116	83,877
<b>Less: Expenses</b>			
Jerseys, shirts, shorts & socks	19,249	14,671	8,954
Insurance & levies	19,812	18,737	14,557
Administration expenses	17,000	15,000	15,000
Medallions, trophies & awards	6,121	6,344	6,812
Meetings & social functions	5,625	2,219	4,937
Coaching & training fees	150	834	1,400
Canteen & storage costs	2,200	2,200	3,410
Training & playing equipment	1,797	3,939	1,813
First Aid expenses	2,105	2,230	1,250
Advertising	1,572	1,140	2,253
Printing & Annual Report	1,269	1,775	1,220
Field marking	1,350	2,200	1,400
Donations	1,000	-	1,540
Bank charges	44	44	846
Fees written off	-	765	700
Website expenses	756	577	419
Hall & Equipment Hire	-	474	1,327
Miscellaneous	2,868	2,626	3,264
	82,918	75,775	71,102
<b>Operating income</b>	6,469	6,341	12,775
<b>Non-operating income &amp; expenses</b>			
Interest income	3,434	3,896	5,010
Depreciation expense	(4,435)	(10,107)	(9,884)
<b>Net Surplus</b>	5,468	130	7,901

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	2015	2014	2013
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Cash &amp; Receivables</b>			
Bank balance	34,874	35,832	30,957
Term deposits	120,963	117,528	113,633
Debtors	3,460	5,500	1,500
	159,297	158,860	146,090
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
Merchandise stock on hand	8,135	4,664	8,146
	8,135	4,664	8,146
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Equipment at cost	28,765	42,081	40,561
Less: accumulated depreciation	(15,398)	(25,719)	(15,926)
Equipment at written down value	13,367	16,362	24,635
<b>Total Assets</b>	180,799	179,887	178,871
<b>Less: Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	605	5,161	4,275
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	605	5,161	4,275
<b>Net Assets</b>	180,194	174,726	174,596
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>			
Surplus - brought forward	174,726	174,596	166,695
Surplus - current year	5,468	130	7,901
<b>Total Accumulated Surplus</b>	180,194	174,726	174,596





We are extremely fortunate to have the continued financial support of our sponsors. The costs associated with running the club are significant and the generous contributions from our financial sponsors allow us to keep a cap on registration fees to help keep as many boys in the game of rugby as possible.

As a club, we urge all players and their families to support all the businesses that support our club. Without their support, our club could not operate as it does.

Firstly, I would like to thank Dee Why RSL Club and Macquarie Leasing for their continued support in 2015. Both organisations have been loyal and generous supporters of the Harlequins for many years and their continued support is greatly appreciated.

Also, a warm thank you to Freshwater Community Bank for their support and sponsorship of the Harlequins Gift, the very exciting race held each year as part of our annual U8 and U9 Gala Day.

I'd like to welcome on board for 2015 Harbord Diggers, who have generously joined our sponsorship group, and thank them for their commitment this season, and also welcome new sponsor Bower Interactive.

On behalf of all the Harlequins players and supporters, I extend a big thank you to all our sponsors! We look forward to continuing a strong relationship this year and beyond.

*Barry Smyth, Sponsorship Coordinator*  
Ph 0403 060 209



	2015	2014	2013
SPONSOR	\$	\$	\$
Dee Why RSL Club	6,000	4,000	4,500
Macquarie Leasing	5,000	5,000	5,000
Harbord Diggers	5,000	-	-
Freshwater Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank	2,000	-	4,000
Bower Interactive	1,000	-	-
Toshiba	-	6,000	-
Freshwater Financial Services	-	-	2,000
Freshies Restaurant, Harbord Beach Hotel	-	1,000	-
	19,000	16,000	15,500

**THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE**

We need you to become a referee!

It was way back in 2009 that we started the Saturday morning Refereeing Kids Rugby program. Now in its seventh season, it involves brand new referees (most of them teenagers) handling all our local U8 & U9 kid's rugby matches.

It was the brainchild of former Harlequins President Sean Richardson and it was a big hit from day one. Seven years on, it remains a huge success. So much so that we often had too many referees this season, with not enough rugby matches available for them to referee.

For nearly all those seven years, the Harlequins club had the most number of active referees – last year we had 15. But as the saying goes: "nothing lasts forever". In 2015, the Forest rugby club arrived as the new force in kids rugby refereeing with 14 brand new referees, three of whom were teenage girls. Great stuff!

However, EVERY year we need many new referees. In fact, WE NEED YOU to be part of our 2016 crop. It's fun to do. It takes less than six hours of your time to become accredited. If you're a teenager, you get paid. If you're an adult, you'll be contributing to your own child's development and enjoyment. And it's great fun!

So just do it!

Go the Harlequins!

*Chris Hedge, Referee Liaison Officer*  
Ph 0405 149 365



**UNDER 6 BLUE**

The U6 Blues had a scarcely believable season in 2015, drawing every single game.

The boys improved immensely under the tutelage of Damien Howison, whose ability to remain calm and composed under all circumstances was a foundation stone of the team's success. Damien was ably assisted by James Hawley, surely the only real estate agent in Australia to have sold a house this year while herding 11 boys around the training paddock. As with all the coaches at the Harlequins, Damien and James sacrificed their own time each week to coach our boys and we thank you for your sterling efforts.

We had a fairly international flavour to the team with English, Irish, Australian and New Zealand bloodlines:

**Alex George** - Small but deceptively quick. Had a great first season in rugby and was really beginning to understand the game by the end of the season. Player most resembled: Mike Brown (English fullback).

**Carter Howison** - One of only two second-season players and led from the front. Very fast and developed a great step. Introduced flourishing dives to score in the back half of the season. Player most resembled: James O'Connor (on the field).

**Conor Kingston** - Had a great first season in rugby, always keen and always with a smile on his face. Moving to Singapore next season - a big loss for the Harlequins and a big gain for Singapore. Player most resembled: Jonny Sexton.

**Edward Stephens** - Our other second-season player. A coach favourite, particularly at training where he proved to be a great listener and soaked everything up. Improved a lot, particularly in defence, although needs to study the offside laws in the off-season. Player most resembled: Richie McCaw.

**Jasper Slusky** - A late starter this season, but thoroughly enjoyed it. A friendly and popular member of the team. Also small but deceptively quick, he was a big improver. Player most resembled: Nick Phipps.



**Jeremy Paull** - One of our big boppers, he had a barnstorming season and struck fear into the hearts of opponents. One to watch as he makes his way through the grades at the Harlequins. Player most resembled: Wycliff Palu.

**Mannix Harridge** - Our unofficial enforcer, opponents usually came off second best when they came up against him. Player most resembled: Wayne (Buck) Shelford / Zinzan Brooke.

**Matthew Hawley** - Shows a good turn of pace and awareness of space. Always has a smile on his face and a very important and popular member of the team. Player most resembled: Matt Giteau.

**Mitchell Bury** - One of the smaller guys but a massive heart. Never gives up and always keen for more. Another very happy and likeable team member who was a pleasure to coach. Player most resembled: David Pocock.

**Oscar Stevenson** - Patrolled the back of the field each week, biding his time before he either cut down an opponent on his way to the try line or injected himself into the Harlequins attack. Holds the ball in front with both hands when he runs - an example for all young players. Player most resembled: Christian Cullen.

**Sam Galway** - Another late starter, he stamped his authority in each game with hard running and great defence. A big unit who will relish tackling next year. Player most resembled: Paul O'Connell.

*Hadyn Stephens, Manager*

**UNDER 6 MAROON**

The Maroon team came together this year with a wide range of abilities and ages, but all worked well together and, by the end of the year, every player was contributing to the game with tags and passes, and was always ready with hands up to receive a pass. We're looking forward to building on those basics next season and continuing to have fun. A quick summary of the boys:

**Isaac Kasprowicz** - A complete rugby nut by the end of the season. Always looking to be involved in defence, as well as attack.

**Olly Wiggins** - Always at training and always willing to learn. Olly came on in leaps and bounds this year and made some great runs and defensive tags.

**Luke Delany** - Once Luke worked out which way to run, he was pretty devastating. His enthusiasm for the ball could make him a great number 7 in years to come.

**Tom Northcote** - Once those long legs of Tom got going, he was pretty hard to stop. Made some bone-crunching tags in defence, where he was the king of the cover tackle. Will be our smiling assassin in defence again next year.

**Hudson Swan** - One of the older players and it definitely showed, especially with his pace and eye for a gap. Scored plenty of tries and made plenty of tags. Another one who will be making the big hits next year.

**Harrison Fear** - The Dodger has such a great step, he could run headlong into a stampede and come through untouched. Coupled with a killer pass, he's always willing to bring others into the game so everyone has a share of possession.

**Jordy Fear** - Turbo, our smallest player, made some fantastic runs. Often the ball looked nearly as big as him as he tucked it under his arm and headed downfield with a determined run.

**Beau Hooker** - Running in support with his Waratah hands ready, Beau was always looking to be involved. When things got crowded, he looked to find space and be ready for the next breakdown.

**Sam Northcote** - One of our youngest, but when asked to make a tag, Sam would hunt down the opposition until that tag was made. His smile after making a tag was awesome!



**Ethan Slusky** - Another of our younger players, I don't think I ever saw Ethan stop smiling at either training or a game. Not afraid to mix it with the bigger boys.

**Jack Gordon** - Probably the biggest boot on the team, Jack would regularly kick off and watch the ball sail over the opposition's heads. A strong runner with good hands, he'll be looking forward to the physical side next year.

Thanks to all the parents who helped this season and a special thanks to Simon Kasprowicz, who looked after the players when both coaches were unavailable. A special mention to Caz Northcote, who stood into the manager role and did a great job.

*Justin Hooker, Co-Coach*

**THE DODGER HAS SUCH A GREAT STEP, HE COULD RUN HEADLONG INTO A STAMPEDE AND COME THROUGH UNTOUCHED.**



**SUPER KEEN FOR TACKLE NEXT YEAR, MANNIX WILL NO DOUBT COME INTO HIS OWN AND LEAVE A TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION.**



### UNDER 6 WHITE

The White Lightning team is back  
And there is nothing that they lack.  
Fun and laughter were the name of the game  
And it was sure to end in fabulous fame.

All the boys strived for their best  
And never really wanted a rest.  
They learned to throw, run and pass all in a row  
While on the go, wow what a show!

Ayden, Sam and Zac had fantastic pace  
And really enjoyed a great race.  
Tom liked to tackle the most  
And made the other team toast.

Connor, Kai and Koby each had a great kick  
Which makes White Lightning very slick.  
James Pearce dodged and weaved, aiming for that line  
Passing to Antony to help him shine.

Beau kept running, no matter what  
While James Ling tagged and gave his best shot.  
Parents stood proud and gave them all a cheer  
And we all agree we'll be back next year!

*Carol Markram, Manager*

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RUN AND PASS, ALL IN A ROW  
WHILE ON THE GO,  
WOW WHAT A SHOW!



### UNDER 7 BLUE

BLUE THUNDER!

Greatest achievement: learning to tackle. The boys were definitely ready for it.

Greatest team skill: learning the Harbord team cheer and singing it with passion after every game, no matter the result.

Biggest loss: our Player of the Week trophy, although it miraculously reappeared in the last week of the season!

We had a fun season with a fantastic group of boys and supportive parents!

*Monique Esplin, Manager*





**UNDER 7 MAROON**

Year two of our respective playing, coaching and managing careers saw the majority of the squad return, which can only be a good sign. Due to age restrictions and some cross-code raids, we did lose a couple of players, but some excellent off-season recruiting (well ok, they just turned up at training) saw some very handy replacements in the shape of:

Speedy fending machine Oliver Ashby - a reliable go-to try machine

Barrel-chested Harry Parker - loyalty divided between codes

Super-cheeky Cooper Stephens - who took to tackling with great effort

17-try hero Henry Troy - he assures me this number is correct!

The rest of the players remained 100% loyal since last season and continued to listen to me 50% of the time, as per last season:

Harley Bennett - five-eighth in waiting and enforcer: "When can we smash them?"

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TO ME 50% OF THE TIME**

Tyler Brown - sheepish at first with tackling, but greatly improved by the end

Lachlan Hammond - master of the late arrival and future halfback in waiting

Oscar Donnan - Mr Excited looks great with the ball when not running sideways

Paddy Donnan - self-appointed halfback, hooker, winger, kicker and Captain

Finn Stanley - also looks great with the ball in hand when running in the right direction

Will Stewart - became a surprising delight to train once tackling was introduced

The two biggest highlights of the year: how well the boys adapted to tackling, showing great technique and effort; and how well they got on with one another, continuing to develop great friendships.

Once again I was well supported in my coaching efforts and thank everyone who chipped in to help make the season a success. Special mention to Matt Stephens, who like me needs to learn how to dish out discipline, second-year veteran Manager Saul Brown, and Team Donnan.

With any luck we'll see the bulk of the Mighty Maroons back for season 2016.

*Adam Stanley, Coach*

**UNDER 7 WHITE**

The Harlequin Whites commenced the 2015 season as more or less a group of rookies, yet finished the season like a World Cup squad.

With limited playing experience, they worked hard at the beginning of the season to grasp one of rugby's most important skills - running forward towards the opposition, rather than running away from them! But once the boys learned to take aim for the try line, they sprinted there with absolute gusto.

Saturdays would see up to four players eagerly waiting on the bench for their turn to fire up and hit the field. Three minutes seems like an eternity to a seven-year-old rugby player, so the seconds were counted down until each interchange. Enthusiasm occasionally took over and a quick head count would confirm too many players were on the field!

As the season progressed, so did the skill level, and it was remarkable to watch this group become a team. Passing the ball, looking for team-mates and supporting each other soon became the norm, and each success was a team success celebrated by all. The bond amongst the players became very strong and they made their coach very proud.

Training was embraced by the boys each week, as they were keen to prove they had the skills ready to take their game to the next level. The tackle bags came out and were given an absolute thumping in anticipation of the introduction of tackle in round 12. Clad with headgear and hardly distinguishable, they played their first four games of tackle with strength and determination, and certainly proved they will be a force to be reckoned with in coming years. They relished the new version of the game and eagerly looked forward to the next game in the final weeks of the season.

Unfortunately we have to farewell one player to an overseas contract, but the rest will be back in 2016 ready to make the Harlequins proud.

*Gabby Timbs, Manager*



**THE SQUAD COMPRISED A HEALTHY 11  
PLAYERS, AND MUCH LIKE A BARBARIANS  
TEAM, THEIR PEDIGREE WAS FROM ACROSS THE  
GLOBE, BRINGING DIFFERENT PLAYING STYLES**

**TO THE GAME.**



**UNDER 8 BLUE**

For many of us, 2015 was our third year together as part of one big happy rugby family. For the boys it was their first full season of tackle, and rucking and mauling.

Over the course of the season, the boys' skill sets grew in all areas. Each boy brought his own unique character to the game, which made playing against the Blues a difficult proposition for opposing teams in both attack and defence:

Cooper - strong at carting the ball up and being a pest in the defensive game line

Felix - terrific vision, fast and nimble in attack, very solid in defence

George - the engine room, always keen to be in the scrums or ruck or trucking it up

Josh - excellent mauler and dangerous broken-play runner, quick!

Mal - a great ball runner and very reliable in one-on-one tackles

IT WAS VERY REWARDING FOR US TO SEE A GREAT BUNCH OF BOYS HAVING FUN AND STARTING TO PLAY AS A TEAM. IT WAS NOTICEABLE HOW WELL THEY LOOKED AFTER AND CARED FOR EACH OTHER.

Oscar - committed in all areas, never left anything in the tank

Otis - fearless in attack and defence, difficult to bring down when in full flight

Sonny - invariably shredded the opposition with speed, balance and stepping

Teddy - champion of the first scissors move, good support player, always looking for an off-load

Zack - one of the most improved in both attack and tackling

We want to give a big call-out to the parents who were always on hand with words of encouragement and happy to give a helping hand whenever called upon. Of course all the other hard-working volunteers also need to be acknowledged and thanked.

*Bill Wright (Coach), Vince Healy & Stu Reeve (Assistant Coaches) & Sarah Reeve (Manager)*

**UNDER 8 MAROON**

2015 saw the Maroons enter a whole new era - tackles, lineouts, scrums and generally full-contact rules. This was a big change for boys who were used to playing basically touch rugby for the previous two seasons.

This year we also welcomed three new players, with Alex, Kelvin and Kai joining the original crew of Matt, Harry, Charlie, Blake, Jasper, George and Thomas.

When the boys were on, they were competitive with the best of them, and we seemed to come up against some very good sides this year.

In my opinion, the turning point of the season was the Harlequins Cup. For the two weeks prior to the tournament, the boys trained twice a week, with a different combination in the second training session. The difference was obvious and instant. Their games, both individual and team-wise, picked up and they clicked into gear.

As a coach, the most satisfying thing is to see your players improve. After the extra training and the tournament itself, where the boys played against some of the best U8s in Sydney, they improved way beyond expectation.

I'd like to send a special thanks to the parents, who supported us all year, helped out at training and game days, and were generally awesome all-round. Special appreciation goes to our manager James Wish, who covered coaching duties for me when I couldn't make it, always had the info on games, kept training happening, offered sage advice when needed and is also an all-round top bloke.

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank all the Maroons players because you boys ARE the team - a great bunch of kids who make me laugh, turned up to everything, always tried hard and gave it a real go. It's been a pleasure to coach you all. Hopefully we can do it all again next year!

*Steve Rudd, Coach*



LIKE MOST THINGS INVOLVING 8-YEAR-OLD BOYS, WE HAD OUR GOOD DAYS AND OUR NOT-SO-GOOD DAYS, GOING FROM ROOSTERS ONE WEEK TO FEATHER DUSTERS THE NEXT.



**UNDER 8 WHITE**

With both trepidation and courage, the Mighty Whites embarked on their 2015 season. Their short, almost forgotten, experience of tackling had given them some insight into what they needed to compete in the big time.

It was at the start of the season that they were perhaps at their most courageous. Leading the charge from the front were Leonardo and Noah, taking on all comers - no matter how big - with great enthusiasm.

However, after a couple of heavy defeats, the whole team began to realise they needed more than a couple of strong players to perform well. They doubled down at training, working on their tackling, clearing out and support play.

Their coaches, Simon Dudley and myself, with help and support from Murdoch Anderson, didn't hold back, pushing them hard week on week. Team manager Ali Dudley made sure they were there for every game and every training session. And the team responded.

Ollie and James started to show their true potential, with ambitious runs. Toby and Raffael started to demonstrate their ability to run, break through tackles and score tries. Fin, with his powerful runs, and Alex, with his out-and-out pace, started piling on the points. Archie and Jonah, two of our fastest, showed great commitment with their support play and contributed to more than a few tries.

As the season progressed, so did the team, really starting to work together and work for each other, clearing

out, running off the ball, and supporting and trusting each other. By the end of the season, this was no ramshackle U8 team worried about tackling, this was a team ready for the big time of U9s rugby next season. They did their coaches and manager proud by taking on much bigger teams.

Of course, special mention to all the parents, whose support throughout the season made this transformation possible. The Mighty Whites - mighty at the start, but so much mightier by the end of the 2015 season!

*Colin Cardwell, Co-Coach*

THEY KNEW THEY HAD A LONG WAY TO GO - THEY NEEDED TO DEVELOP A WHOLE RAFT OF SKILLS, THEY NEEDED TO BUILD THEIR INNER STRENGTH, & MOST OF ALL THEY NEEDED TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY AS A TEAM.

**UNDER 9 BLUE**

2015 was an exciting year for the world-class Harbord Blue U9s, a combination of the best of the best from the 2014 U8 Blue and Green teams. Coach Ryan 'Can you hear me scream?' Blieden was tasked with sculpting this group of superstars into the champion bunch you see today.

The Blues had it all - hard-running enforcers up front and flighty backs who gave opposing teams a slick outfit to defend against. Boys like Nick (The Steam Train), Lucas (Iron Man), Asher (The Terminator) and Ashton (The Enforcer) were relentless in 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 loose forwards of Fin (Thunderbolt), Angus (The Dominator) and Sam (The Flash) loved the fast recycle and only knew one way to run the ball - hard and straight! For continuity from last year, our super coach always actively encouraged the boys to "CLEANOUT!"

Once our nimble halves of Hugo (The Sniper) and Kai T (The Silent Assassin) got their hands on the ball, the opposition had their hands full defending against quality passes to the back line from the base of the ruck, or nippy little runs through traffic. Once in the backs, Ollie (Chop Chop), Coby (The Hitman), Owen (Crunch), Kai H (Running Man), Baxter (Shimmy Shimmy Woosh) and Jayden (The Kamikaze Tackler) took over. The boys showed opposition teams how to work together to attack with great width and impressive skills across the park.

With plenty of point-scoring capability, the main focus was to improve our defence and tackling skills, and improve they did! The big boppers took pride in providing rock-solid defence around the ruck, while a hungry backline was always sweating on opponents, chopping them down with big hits and driving tackles. It was clear Coach Ryan was pumped by this and on occasion almost dived into the ruck from the sheer excitement of the contact.

Speaking of our coach, 2015 proved to be the year that Ryan was finally banished from the field, as coaches were now confined to the sidelines. We will never see the old rugby warhorse hobbling through games, battling muscle strains and encouraging the boys to CLEANOUT from a range of about one metre. However we - and those in the surrounding suburbs - are fortunate that the emotion and encouragement is not lost, just amplified from the sideline. He truly is the complete super coach,



evidently with a great set of tonsils.

We are privileged to have a great bunch of kids playing in the Blues. The boys gelled very well throughout the season and made it very enjoyable for all involved, despite losing three of our toughest players with season-ending arm and shoulder injuries.

We thank the very passionate parents who dragged their young sensations out of bed on Saturday mornings and got them to the games. The Blues get such fabulous support and the parents are all awesome ambassadors for the great Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club.

*Andrew Toon, Assistant Coach*

THEY RAZZLED, DAZZLED, STEPPED AND BAMBOOZLED THE DEFENCE WITH ALL THE SPEED, AGILITY AND SKILLS THAT FRANKLY WE ALL WISHED OUR BELOVED WALLABIES WOULD DISPLAY MORE REGULARLY!





**UNDER 9 MAROON**

Well the 2015 season is over and it's unlikely our illustrious Maroons will ever play together again as one, so I believe it's appropriate to say a little something about each one of the boys, who have all been such a pleasure to coach:

Alex - Developed into a straight-running inside centre, knows his way to the try line, got flattened in many tackles and got straight back up. Great tucker. Doesn't like being benched.

Arthur - This kid knows the bottom of a ruck like the back of his hand. More often than not he's the first to the breakdown, only to be rewarded with a pile of bodies thrown upon him. On the odd occasion when he's last to the breakdown, he still finds his way to the bottom of the ruck! How is that?

Billy - Billy's got your back. If there is any insurrection on the field, Billy's there to sort it out, happy to detain anyone in back play for a little heart to heart. A great team man and every rugby team needs a Billy.

Caleb - Our little twinkle toes, can step off both feet and gained many metres with a quick tap or a dart from the back of the ruck. Hard to tackle given his love of the Benji

step or two. A great leader, often found calling the shots from the back of the ruck or maul.

Charlie - Has a future in the game. Has all the skills, none of which the coaches taught him. Enormous passion and gives 110% in every game with bone-crunching tackles and a wonderful running game. Unfortunately often confused with a team-mate and may have been robbed of a few Player of the Week mugs.

Connor - The Cleanout King. One of the first to the breakdown to let his presence be felt. Beautiful body height and never takes a backward step. Loves the technical aspect of the game, with 1,000 questions per training session. He knows the rules!

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Hamish - Came out of retirement this year when he heard we needed more speed. Our fastest player, just give him the ball and a bit of space and he's gone. Scored a great try at Keirle Park using sheer pace, not a hand laid on him.

Jack - An all-rounder, can slot in with the pigs with gusto, and makes his presence known in the backs with displays of great finesse. Specialist in front-on tackles and there is no-one too big to bring to ground. Jack reads the game well and knows when to run and when to pass. Also a handy goal kicker.

Lachie - When the scores are locked, bring on Lachie. He'll break the deadlock, as well as your shoulder if you try to tackle him. We've had the pleasure of watching his destructive runs all year. The sight of him running with four kids hanging off his back will be with me forever. Bahahahahaha!

Lewis - If you gave one tip to the opposition before the game, it would be: "Don't get tackled by Lewis". This kid loves tackling. He tackles low and hard, right out of the textbook. He is a human torpedo. He also has a big heart. And big hair.

Nelson - A league convert with the potential to take it all the way, just like Izzy. Runs straight and hard, always in search of that extra yard. A true forward, always in the middle of the rough stuff and never comes off second best in any contest. Will only get better and better.

Sam - Can tackle! The Prince of Cover Defence. Your heart drops as the opposition make a screaming run, but hold the phone, here comes Sammy! Ouch! Loves a quick tap and scored some cheeky tries as a result. Sammy is another one to watch. Or was that Charlie?

Taj - A little dynamite. His first year with the Maroons and a lovely injection of talent. Fantastic ball skills and will make a great halfback one day. Gives everything in defence and improves each game. Takes the prize for most blood spilt on the field. Booyah!

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Greg O'Reilly, Sandy Blank and I thank all the parents and boys for a most enjoyable season. We have a great group of kids and parents and I'll have fond memories for the rest of my life of my time as Maroons coach. We'll always have that connection - we were the Mighty Maroons!

Enjoy your rugby and I cannot wait to see you all in 2016.

*Matt Oake, Co-Coach*





**UNDER 9 WHITE**

2015 was the fourth year of rugby for many of our players, and for some it was their fourth year in the Mighty Whites. We gained several new players from other codes, as well as some who were new to rugby.

After a hot and cold start, the boys all slotted in nicely. They all showed great improvement as the season progressed and good mateships were formed. They played on larger fields and with more players than last year, so they had to grasp new positioning and additional rules.

Late in the season, the boys participated in their first Harlequins trial game for selection in the club's

side to compete in the King of the Hills and Harlequins Cup gala days. A number of Mighty Whites represented this year, and our U9 Harlequins team came runner-up in both tournaments - a great achievement! This development program was a great exercise and an important precursor to the grading process that takes place early next season in Juniors.

On reflection, I think the boys can be very proud of what they learned and achieved this season!

*Jason Pitkeathly, Coach*



**UNDER 9 GOLD**

Our player retention from last year's group of young men was good, with eight passionate all-rounders rejoining this team of 14 players. We lost one player to the U9 Blue team to bolster their ranks and picked up an incredibly diverse set of thinking players to complete the team known as the GOLDS, or Grand Old Lads of Deception.

The coaching staff and vocal parents noticed a big step up from last year's U8 team. The main difference was a better understanding of field position and a marginally increased attention span at training (although Craig 'Don't Mention the World Cup' Poynton may disagree with the latter, with hair loss and a swearing disorder being physical characteristics that might contradict this statement). Most importantly, each player improved week on week. The biggest improvement occurred halfway through the season when the coaches were consigned to the sideline and the players were left to their own devices. The kids adjusted incredibly well, while the coaching staff deteriorated miserably, taking every hit and sidestep from behind the white line.

It was a privilege to be a part of a team that presented solid performances week in week out, on and off the field, and really increased their level of skill and love for the game. Most importantly, the kids had a lot of fun and so did we!

*Anthony Brown, Manager*



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LIKE ANY TEAM, WE HAD OUR STANDOUT CAPTAINS WHO ORGANISED AND RALLIED THE BOYS, WE HAD OUR SPEEDSTERS AND TACKLERS, WE HAD OUR TRY-SCORERS AND THOSE WHO GOT IN AND DID THE TOUGH STUFF IN THE RUCKS AND MAULS. ALL THE PLAYERS CONTRIBUTED REALLY WELL TO WHAT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR.





### UNDER 10A GOLD

In a season of twists and turns, our team gelled and learned valuable lessons about believing in, and encouraging, each other, no matter the situation. We had many memorable moments of dominance and tremendous skill resulting in cohesive forward play, quick ball, good passing and wingers scoring in the corner.

We have a very strong foundation for U11s in 2016 and I'm sure all the boys will be back to get those two extra wins we needed to achieve our goal of champions.

Ewen 'Tractor' McBean - Normally found in his natural habitat up the middle, he always made strong yards, intimidated opponents and flew in at the breakdown. Strong rumours circulating that his dad is negotiating with John Deere.

Ngaru 'Narrator' Davis - Improved heaps this year with better body height and strong hit-ups. Always had a comment or two to assist his coaches when they'd lost their voices.

Kai 'Commando' Coetzee - Felt most comfortable over the ball, mimicking his idol Duane Vermeulen. Not scared of the cleanout, he put his body on the line each week, driving through opposition rucks and stealing turnovers.

Tommy 'Hammer' Porter - Put fear into opponents every week with massive defence and maximum work rate. Still remembered for his famous quote: "I just want to cut 'em in half". Never left anything in the tank.

Sammy 'Wrecking Ball' Ifopo - Whether it was out wide or in the tight stuff, our big off-season signing caused more damage than a hand grenade in a china shop with his power and strength. Next year's contract is on the way.

Finley 'Fort Knox' Batchelar - Everything is secure when Fort Knox is in support, locking on hard. Left opponents sore and sorry whenever he took the ball into contact.

Lio 'Lionheart' Vichemont - Uses his massive ticker to steal the ball or knock over much bigger opponents. David Attenborough might describe him as part magician part mongoose. Huge passion for the game and unwavering commitment.

Hugh 'The Jinker' Waddington - Kept opponents guessing all year with his trademark 'gallop step', leaving defenders grasping at thin air. Word from Michael Cheika is that Izzy is refining Waddo's step for the World Cup.

Jesse 'Sniper' Dixon - Patiently finds his range before picking off targets with the accuracy of American Sniper, Jesse's clever decision-making and speed on the blindside caused danger to all comers. A gifted runner of the footy, it was his defensive improvement that impressed most.

Leroy 'Axe' Leslie - Chopped down more timber than a Tasmanian environmental vandal. Part Foley, part Pocock, he provided direction to his mates and gave his outside backs the time and space to use their class. Always backing up, and committed at the breakdown to recycle the ball.

Levi 'All-In' Smith - Hard as nails, he had a great year, which unfortunately ended with a broken arm in the semi. From training to game day, he was always on. His commitment and attitude lifted his team-mates and put smiles on the faces of his coaches.

Tom 'Panther' Bridgewood - Lurking mid-field is where you will find this elusive and powerful young fella. Gliding through defensive lines is what he did all year. Accelerates into contact, with or without the ball.

Josh 'Hat-Trick' Gedz - Added many more skills to his lightning speed. Took full advantage of any space he was given, even when there was none! Formed a lethal partnership with Sniper on the blindside. Very impressive in attack and defence.

Alex 'Ninja' Brigden - Using all three traits of a ninja, he showed interest in learning new skills, was honest in his commitment and performed with maximum effort. Out of nowhere, he would surprise opponents with massive collisions, leaving them asking: "Where did that come from?"

Jedd 'NASA' Thomas - Early in the season, he left many opponents seeing stars with his big hits, but in the back half of the season it was rocketing up the touchline that put him into orbit.



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Many thanks to all the parents who supported our boys, transported them to training and games, and gave enthusiastic, positive encouragement to all. Special thanks to Dave Porter for managing our team and keeping us all up to date with every bit of information, and for his huge support of the boys and coaches.

*Matt Dixon, Coach & David Leslie, Assistant Coach*



### UNDER 10C BLUE

In the first four grading rounds of the season, the boys were able to find their feet and try different positions, allowing them to develop their skills as backs or forwards and work together as a team, something that would be the backbone of the season.

We started well with two convincing wins, then after a washout we lost to Northern Pirates 12-10, followed by a 14-point loss to the Western Pirates.

The boys had belief in their ability and were working hard at training to develop an expansive game, led by dominant forwards giving clean ball to a backline that was willing to spread the ball wide.

The start of the regular season saw a good win over Seaforth 36-10, then a passionate win over St Ives 17-14 in which the boys really showed their desire to work together and hold off a team that was determined to fight back. Blood, sweat and tears!

Every team in the competition played a different style and players came in different shapes and sizes – either big, or small and fast! This was no more evident than in the game against Raptors/RSL, who were big enough to hold off our forwards and played smart rugby to exploit the blind side with their pace. We went down 28-15, probably the only game where we lost by being 'outplayed'.

As always, the boys enjoyed training, without taking it too seriously, and were able to come together at game time to build on learnings from previous games. This

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allowed us to win all remaining games of the regular season, which was no mean feat. We beat all the teams ahead of us on the ladder, including Hills, who were undefeated at the time, a great accomplishment. We finished equal first with Hills on 34 points, although second based on points for and against. The season stats: 8 wins, 1 loss, 257 points for, 117 points against.

With delays due to wet weather, the final series was sudden death and our semi-final was against St Ives. When we last played them, it was a hard-fought battle and this game was no different, especially since the winner would progress straight to the Grand Final. We were ahead 5-0 at half time, but St Ives hit back early in the second half with two quick tries to lead 10-5. We were a bit shell-shocked by this quick turn of events, but showed true spirit like we've done all year. The boys never gave up! Everyone stepped up to dominate the rest of the game, mounting wave after wave of attack, but to St Ives' credit, their vigorous defence stopped us each time. The final score was 17-5 and, although the boys were disappointed, they should be very proud of their efforts in this game and what they achieved all year.

It was most pleasing to see all the boys improve throughout the year. We should all be proud of the way the boys played and bonded as a team. It was great to watch! Thanks for a great year. Well done to all the boys and we look forward to seeing you in 2016.

*Chris Stapleton, Manager*



### UNDER 10E MAROON

What a year! With 14 enthusiastic boys and 28 equally enthusiastic parents, we embarked on the 2015 season. Nine of the boys were new to rugby, but very keen to learn, and we started with a 72-5 win. The games ebbed and flowed throughout the season, and when we lost on the scoreboard, the boys more than made up for it in character by giving their all every week.

Midway through the year, we were lucky enough to be joined by Callum and Toby, who brought our numbers to 16. These boys really added to the fun and played with great heart and composure. We also recruited Martin Benson as a secondary coach, along with Jo Tabley.

Through the year, every boy earned points for the Best and Fairest award, showing they were all improving and contributing. All in all it was a great learning year for all of us, one of keeping the team together through adversity, re-learning the joy of simply playing the game, and learning to support one another when the chips seemed down.

*John Carroll, Manager*



AFTER EACH TRY AGAINST US - AND THERE WERE A FEW! - THE BOYS ALWAYS RACED BACK TO HALFWAY READY TO TAKE ON THE OPPOSITION AGAIN. RARELY WAS ANYONE DISHEARTENED AND THEY ALL WORKED WITH, AND FOR, EACH OTHER.



THE BOYS WENT FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH, SHOWING SOME VERY IMPRESSIVE SKILLS AND TEAM PLAY. IN FACT, MANY OPPOSITION COACHES CONGRATULATED US DURING THE SEASON AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE WONDERFUL SKILLS OUR BOYS POSSESS.

**UNDER 11A GOLD**

This year was an absolutely fantastic year for the U11A Gold team. We started the season with two new players, who were happily welcomed into the team as all the boys love their rugby and were overflowing with enthusiasm to start the season with a bang!

This is exactly what the boys did. Every single game was played with so much gusto and energy that they soon became the #1 team in the competition. It soon became evident that our opposition were always nervous when they had to play the Harbord Harlequins.

With Brandon Ward, Damien 'Turtle' Cummins and Dave Warneford coaching, the boys had so much support and expert advice, it was inevitable that they would develop further as excellent rugby players. The parents on the sideline were nothing but outstanding, always excellent examples of great sportsmanship, encouraging and supporting all the boys, not just their own.

The mateship that developed was an added bonus, not just for the boys, but also the parents. We had some very sad news when one of our players was diagnosed with a brain tumour and could no longer play rugby. We all rallied together and bought him a custom-made surfboard. With so many emotions flowing, the presentation of this gift was just wonderful to see, there was so much happiness on Harvey's face. We

have also had a few team dinners, finishing with some guitar-playing and singing. We've been very lucky to have such a wonderful group of boys and parents, making the season so enjoyable.

We lost our Grand Final last year against Chatswood after being undefeated all year. This year we lined up against Chatswood in the Grand Final again, so the boys were extremely keen to level the scoreboard. After an incredible season, not losing a single game and notching up some huge scores, we were finally victors, winning the Grand Final 19-7. The relief and smiles on the faces of the boys - and the parents - will last a lifetime.

Looking forward to another fantastic season next year with the boys in the U12s!

*Libby Grady, Manager*



**UNDER 11D BLUE**

The season started slowly, with the Blues losing the first few games in B grade. After regrading, we were moved to C grade, where we played the top two teams and again lost both games, but the boys put up a good fight and never lost the desire to work hard.

Then sanity prevailed and we were moved to D grade, where we had our first win and there was a real spring back in our step. We seemed to improve every week, playing better footy and moving the ball wide to make use of our fast outside backs.

We remained undefeated and ultimately met Hillside (Eastwood) in the Grand Final. It was a tense battle, with Hillside scoring the first try, before the boys responded well with a try and a conversion from out wide. That remained the final score, and the 7-5 win was a great feeling.

Thanks to Jeremy Kaye and Jon Kaye for all their efforts in coaching the Blues. They did an excellent job in developing the skill level of the boys, whose passing and tackling improved markedly through the season.

*David Walsh, Manager*



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### UNDER 12D GOLD

2015 was another exceptional year for this talented team. A rather meagre squad of 19 players was brought together from all three of our U11 Gold, Blue and Maroon teams from 2014, so when we found out we were to play in B grade, Pete 'The Negotiator' Beaumont stepped up and managed to convince the powerbrokers to move us into a much more palatable D grade.

For a team with such a broad mix of size, abilities and rugby experience, we quickly proved to everyone in the competition that we could score tries from anywhere. Our first game against Wests seemed to set the tone for the year - we sustained the first of many season-ending injuries and, down by about 25 points with 15 minutes to go, we came close to a memorable win against tiring opposition.

This demonstrated that, despite missing three key players, this team had ticker! Wests went on to contest the Grand Final, only losing by six points to an unbeaten Hills, so it shows how competitive we were right from the start of the season.

Despite starting with a squad of 19, our numbers were depleted halfway through the year by an unfathomable amount of injuries, some from playing

good hard rugby, some from growing too quickly, and some from other activities such as skateboarding. It was testimony to our team that the players welcomed the mid-year ring-ins with open arms and immediately made them feel part of the unit.

There were too many highlights over the year to mention – the team itself is what was such a success. We had good numbers at training each week and every single boy was keen to put in for their team all year.

The boys should be rightly proud of what they achieved. They finished fourth after being tenth in round 9, and were in front after 10 minutes of the cup semi against the unbeaten top team at their home ground - a massive achievement!

The Melbourne Harlequins tour was also a great success and helped immeasurably with our bonding. Some might say it helped us turn our season around. Despite our heavy loss on the first day to a spectacularly large and capable Melbourne Harlequins, the kids and dads had an absolute ball, representing our club in a professional manner both on and off the pitch. There are now another 19 kids who know what it would be like to play rugby in England, or New Zealand every weekend!

Thanks again to all the parents who supported the boys and the coaches through the season, especially Jon Primmer, Brendan Foley and Craig Poynton, our trusted and capable Assistant Referees. Here's to 2016!

*Tony Crane, Assistant Coach & Richard Smith, Coach & Pete Beaumont, Manager*

BOYS OFTEN PLAYED OUT OF THEIR PREFERRED POSITION AND THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMEONE INSISTING THEY COULD PLAY WITH AN INJURY BECAUSE THEY KNEW WE WERE SHORT ON NUMBERS. ON THE PITCH, EVERYONE STOOD UP FOR THEIR MATES AT ALL TIMES.



U12 teams in Melbourne



U13 teams in Melbourne

### MELBOURNE HARLEQUINS TOUR – U12 & U13

In the July school holidays, we departed for the inaugural Harbord Harlequins v Melbourne Harlequins tour weekend.

36 boys from our U12s and U13s, as well as coaches, managers and a number of other parents, enjoyed great hospitality in Melbourne, and we look forward to the return visit of the Melbourne Harlequins in Sydney next year.

Saturday saw Melbourne prevail in the U12s, while our U13s balanced the ledger in the next game, played in great weather and good spirit.

Sunday saw Melbourne turn on a wet and cold day, which did nothing to dampen the fun for the boys, and the fireplace was welcomed by the parents.

The Harlequins boys did the club proud in their presentation, performance and behaviour. Special thanks to all those behind the scenes who contributed to making this trip such a great success. Can't wait until next year!

*Peter Rankin & Brad McBean*



U13 Melbourne touring team



## UNDER 13A GOLD

2015 was another extremely enjoyable year for this talented team. It was, however, the year that both the boys and the coaching crew knew was coming! The dreaded issue of size was well and truly upon us. We often ran out against teams that dwarfed us in height and outweighed us by sizable margins. To the boys' credit, they never shirked the challenge.

Despite a heavy loss in round 1 to Easts Wallaroos, then another heavy loss in round 7 to Canterbury, the side went about their business, picking themselves up and climbing back up the ladder with win after win.

Possibly the most satisfying win was a thriller at home in round 8 against Easts Wallaroos again where the boys looked out for the count, only to score two late tries and nail a conversion from the sideline after the bell, the ball hitting the crossbar on its way to success!

By the finals, we were outright second on the ladder and the boys believed they could give the competition leaders a fright, if they could just make the big one. In the semi, we were up against Easts Wallaroos again, who seemed to think they were in a UFC title fight, not a game of rugby, but our boys kept their composure and ground out a well-deserved victory. Typified by a late try when they caught Easts asleep off a scrum and went down the blindside to score a 60-metre try, sealing the win.

So then we were into our fourth straight GF, this time against Canterbury, who had only faced token opposition for most of the year. We were unbackable outsiders. But again the boys showed up on match day and proved they were unafraid of much bigger opposition, ripping into the

Canterbury boys at every opportunity. By half-time we were only down 19-10, three tries to two, and were giving Canterbury the game of their season. Unfortunately half-time was our enemy and the Canterbury boys regrouped, scoring straight after the restart. The boys soldiered on, but it was not to be, going down 31-10 in the closest game Canterbury had played all season. Despite the disappointment of the loss, the boys all returned to Manly Bowling Club with their families for a great afternoon of camaraderie and mateship - which after all is one of the great things about the game of rugby and something the boys are learning and really enjoy. The mums and dads enjoyed an afternoon of fun and merriment over a few cold drinks too.

This year we welcomed several new players into the team, who quickly learned that our style of play requires a high degree of skill and fitness. The coaches expect the boys to play a fast and skilful game and to do that they have to work very hard at training and on the field. I think anyone who watched them play this season, or over the previous three seasons for that matter, would agree that the style in which they play, and the spirit in which they play, is a credit to them.

This year saw a heavy representative schedule again for most of the boys, the highlight being the Manly U13 team winning the state championship - well done to all involved!

Thanks to all the parents and helpers this year, on and off the field. Get out and enjoy the beautiful northern beaches over the summer and we'll see you back on the rugby field next year.

*Rob Gallacher, Jason Little & Cameron Douglas, Coaches*

## UNDER 13E BLUE

"As much as you want to do well, this game is not an individual sport. It's a team sport."

When you have a mixture of boys from different teams and grades, with a wide level of ability and with new boys to rugby, you're never sure what you'll end up with. One thing we did work out is that the boys are involved because they just like playing rugby with their mates. Winning is a bonus. Catching up at training and playing on Sunday was always more important than winning. The attitude was always positive, so with that came some really great games of rugby, the boys willing to chance their luck at every opportunity. The goal was set early: if we could win 65% of our games, it would be a successful season. Anything above that would be a bonus.

We started with 23 boys, but as we all know, 13-year-old boys find other interests, and a few decided early on that they weren't so keen on playing and training, and after four rounds we settled in with 19 boys.

The first few games were tough and we were on the wrong end of some brutal losses. With the support of Peter Rankin, Age Group Manager, who could see the boys were more about playing than winning, the team was moved to a grade where they could better compete and enjoy the season, a decision that in the long run will see many boys return in 2016.

What was strange was we had more forwards than backs this season. This turned into a positive as a few boys moved from forwards to backs and really enjoyed their season playing in a new position, whereas they probably thought they'd been branded as forwards for life. Having boys who could play in multiple positions also made life much easier when dealing with injuries and subbing. Coaching is so much easier when you have boys happy to play front row, then move to fullback, wing or centre without missing a beat!

The year turned out to be more than successful and the boys went through winning 90% of games. Their attack was all class and their defence was rock solid.

With all this came a Grand Final appearance. This was a tough game and, with a few boys backing up from a rugby league Grand Final the previous day, the boys were a bit flat. In saying that, they did their parents, the club and themselves proud. They played in the right spirit and never gave up. They started as a team and finished as a team. We had no superstars, just boys wanting to play rugby and have fun with their mates. The season was what it should be: enjoyable!

A successful year would not be possible without the support of all the parents who ensured we had



all the boys at training and games. The parents were a credit to their kids, always offering encouragement and support from the sideline, yet more than happy to acknowledge great play from opposition teams. Thanks to Stuart Guthrie, who caught every game on film. I'm sure this video will give everyone a smile when we watch it down the track. To everyone who played ground marshal, linesman or BBQ chef, thanks for helping out, every little bit helps.

On behalf of Adam Adair (Manager), Phil Reid (Trainer), Ryan Blieden (Coach) and myself, thanks so much boys for being a great bunch to coach and manage - it was a very rewarding season!

*Danny Carter, Assistant Coach*

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### UNDER 14A VIKINGS 1

In the first year of the Vikings concept for this group of boys, we fielded two U14 teams, with the first team in A grade. With a disrupted pre-season and limited training, the A team's season got underway with a flogging by Easts (or was that the all Australian Easts?) at Easts. Everyone went away from that game worried about the season ahead. Everyone, that is, except Saia, who had a cunning plan to make the team more competitive moving forward...

Over the next few rounds, after the introduction of a few new players and Casey Greer joining the coaching team, results started to improve. At the mid-point of the season, the boys were near the bottom of the table, but at least heading in the right direction. The start of their charge to the finals came with the return clash against Easts, with the Vikings turning the tables and running out big winners. The boys now had real belief in themselves, in the structures that were in place and in what could be achieved.

Five wins in the second half of the season had the boys into the qualifying final. Campbelltown were meant to steamroll the boys and cruise into the GF, but someone forgot to tell the Vikings. Instead, we gave as good as



we got, pushing Campbelltown all the way. If not for a slice of bad luck, we would have been into the Grand Final, but unfortunately fell just short, going down 12-7.

The year saw the team's rugby and social skills grow, friendships develop and self-belief soar. This is something that may not have happened without the Vikings concept.

The coaches and managers thank all the parents for their assistance and encouragement, and for understanding that we were working towards a long-term goal. Mostly we want to congratulate all the boys, who showed that with dedication and belief, great things can be achieved.

All the best and see you all for a bigger and better season in 2016.

*Saia Latu, Coach & Casey Greer, Assistant Coach & Steven Painter, Age Group Manager*



### UNDER 14C VIKINGS 2

Like all other Vikings teams, we started the season introducing ourselves! Coaches, players, managers and parents - some of whom were completely new to the game, not just the team. However it wasn't long before coach Anton Gain had the boys completing their drills and, within a few weeks, the plays were learnt and the positions for each boy established.

It took a couple of games to find their mojo, but the boys tasted victory against the Hills, and from there things started to take shape, taking us all the way to a semi-final against Lindfield.

From their impressive blue, red and yellow jerseys to their 'Go Vikings' war cry as they charged onto the field (ok, and the Viking helmet too), it's fair to say the Vikings spirit was alive and well in this team. Each week the boys took themselves up a notch (sometimes only minutes before the final whistle - not good for the health of anyone on the sidelines) and played for the full 50 minutes every Sunday. Their commitment to themselves, each other and the coach was clear.

Thanks to the Vikings parents for all their support - getting the boys to practice, cheering on every week and embracing Teamer! Special mention for Ray Porter, who carried most of the linesman duties, and Tony Johannson

for marshalling, signing on and line-running, while Anton could not have done without the help of Mark Zanon and Charlie Puddicombe in getting the boys into shape each week. Thanks to you guys for your commitment.

Go the Vikings and roll on 2016!

*Lisa Rees-Allen, Manager*

**EACH BOY PUT IN 100% EVERY WEEK. WHAT MORE COULD A COACH ASK FOR? THEY STARTED TALKING TO EACH OTHER AND WORKING TOGETHER, CELEBRATING VICTORIES AND ANALYSING DEFEAT. IN SHORT, THEY BECAME A TEAM.**



U15 Manly rep team, including 14 Vikings players

## UNDER 15A/B VIKINGS GOLD

Unfortunately this was a season that promised so much early, but ultimately delivered disappointment for a team that did not get the rewards they deserved for a lot of hard work at training and a willingness to play for each other on the pitch.

We all learned some lessons in terms of needing a big squad of players and keeping that squad fit and on the pitch. The team started with an excellent pre-season, most players returning from prior years, supported by several new players. With over 40 players registered in the U15s, we were wondering how we'd give everyone sufficient game time.

Sadly for the Gold team, this problem only lasted for the first three games of the season. We won all games in emphatic fashion, scoring many great tries, leaving us wondering how we might get tested more to see how good we were.

They say be careful what you wish for! After the regrading process, we were moved into A grade and quickly learned the reality of life in a tough competition where the sometimes brutal, physical and always clinical nature of rugby took its toll on the confidence and health of our playing group.

After returning from reps in Mudgee on the June long weekend, where we supplied 14 players to the Manly rep team, we experienced some major collateral damage with about 10 players regularly unavailable due to injury. Combined with routine unavailability of other players on game day, we were stretched to the limit across our two teams, often requiring players to backup for a second game. The last men standing stuck boldly to the task of trying to complete the season. With help from the Blues and unfortunately the odd forfeit, we got ourselves through the season to finish on a high with a win over local rivals Narrabeen - always satisfying!

Overall this was a season of mixed emotions and some missed opportunities, allied with a lot of hard work. Our biggest regret is that we were never able to put our full-strength side on the pitch after round three, and therefore never got to find out how competitive we would have been in A grade, something we were very confident of doing after our first few games.

The message to the players is clear: we have unfinished business, so come back next year and let's finish what we started.

*Neil Barnett, Coach & Billy Connolly, Assistant Coach*

## UNDER 15E VIKINGS BLUE

*"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times... it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness"*  
Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities



The U15 Vikings' season was a bit like that, but at the end of the day for this squad of boys, friendships were strengthened and skills developed, which is what matters most.

Unlike the Gold team, the Blues benefited from the early grading rounds and we remained in our grade, which was a fair representation of the ultimate competition. We started slowly, losing our first two games to Lindfield and Beecroft, who went on to become our opponents in the semi-final and Grand Final respectively.

The season was tough at times, with numbers spread thinly across the Blue and Gold teams, but with a strong and committed backline defence and a forward pack that held their own all year, the performances started to come as the season progressed. There were some memorable games where the Blues successfully defended for long periods, while a number of games were won in the final 10 minutes. New players to rugby excelled and new boys to the area were welcomed as the team grew in confidence with the nurturing style of our coach, Palale Semisi.

We finished second on the ladder, but more importantly were improving rapidly at the business end of the season - when we faced three games in a row against Lindfield. Our boys lost the first of the trifecta by one point, won the second by two points, then had a convincing 43-15 win in the semi, a good reflection of just how well the boys were coming together as a team.

The Blues saved their best rugby till last against an undefeated Beecroft in the Grand Final. Boys became men as they put their bodies on the line for each other, resolutely defending their line for the first 15 minutes before finally getting their hands on the ball and racing downfield to score!

Strong in the forwards, fast and slick in the backs, the Blues played the game of their lives to take the premiership with a 26-17 win, delighting the large crowd of supporters and giving all the dads the best Father's Day present ever!

As Palale said: "Everybody put in a very good performance this year. We started a bit unstructured, but put it together well in the end. All the boys improved. The new boys stood up and the older boys grew into seasoned players, many having played in our district since the U7s."

The Blues could not have had the season they did without the support of the whole age group and the flexibility and support of families who rushed between Gold and Blue games in the middle of the year to get both teams on the field with reserves.

Thanks to Blithe Robinson for his tireless work as Age Group Manager, and thanks to Palale, Andrew Semisi, Neil Barnett and Billy Connolly, who trained the boys each week and were there for them on Sundays. We hope everyone comes back next year and brings a friend. It's never too late to start this wonderful game of rugby!

I'm sure our lads will meet in years to come and fondly recall that drizzling September day in Concord when they became Premiers!

*Mark Twidell, Manager*

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FIRST 15 MINUTES...**

# 16



## UNDER 16B VIKINGS

What a year we had! It was at least as good as all the others!

No tour this year (alas, we must fix that next year), but plenty of drama, only two losses, and a lot of memories of what good rugby is all about.

The U16s are the first of the modern Vikings, a merging of the U13 Manly Roos and Harbord Harlequins, forming two strong teams. The A team had a rest this year after many top comp and rep battles, with only one of their number, Oli Evans, coming back to play with the Vikings. More on him later.

In a city of declining teenage rugby participation, the Vikings U16s quickly filled their squad with 24 great boys, friends roping in four new players, and were forced to turn away another four who we may well see next year. We had the usual share of injuries and family holidays, so pre-season plans to roster players did not eventuate. Jake Abraham joined us mid-year from the other game, a signing of which Michael Cheika would be proud.

We entered the SJRU U16C competition, which was quickly merged with the U16B comp, with the joker addition of two teams from the U16As. What had promised to be a good chance at a flag (at last, after two Grand Final losses in the previous three years!) now looked like a very tricky proposition indeed.

Still, the team knuckled down to the task. Many of the boys benefited from their first opportunity to play

in a representative team and gain additional coaching from a great Forest man, Adam Martin. The Dad's Army coaching staff pushed their charges on, training twice a week for the first time and drawing on the Marlins' Andrew 'Tank' Collins to help with scrums, also adding the remarkable Scott Foketi for our last month.

What a season! The second best defensive record in the comp was testimony to the heart of this team. The number of try-line saves was awe-inspiring. For most, this team is their only rugby, and their guts and spirit for the Vikings and their team-mates was incredible. It has shown every game. Even Pete says so!

The team did not lose a game to an U16 opponent all season. Where our opponents could only trundle up the middle, we unleashed forwards who could sparkle, then send it fast and wide to outside backs who would challenge Izzy.

Our semi-final was a win in every way except the scoreboard. Our young men took on a bigger, criminally older team (16 of whom were over-age) and gave them a lesson in what good rugby and spirit are all about. How they held us to just 10 points remains a mystery. How they scored 14 points is not: a converted try right on the bell of each half, as weight finally overcame heart.

The Vikings U16 team had the leader it needed. After joining us for our incomparable 2014 New Zealand tour (DO IT!), our captain Oli Evans cut down anything



Harry White - Best Back

WE SOARED IN THE LINEOUTS, SCoured THE CLEANOUT, RAN 'DIAMONDS' UP THE MIDDLE, WORKED OUR 'FRESHIE' MOVE IN THE CENTRES, HELD UP PASSES, PUT RUNNERS INTO GAPS, BROUGHT THE CROWDS TO THEIR FEET AND A SONG TO THEIR HEARTS.

in his path and calmed heated heads. The team are as proud as the club in awarding Oli the Player of the Year Award. In his first season not playing as hooker, Harry White picked up the Best Back trophy, while newcomer to the team Jamie Campbell picked up the Best Forward trophy. Plenty of other players could easily have taken these awards - we were rich with talent across the park in all positions.

The boys, parents and coaches thank all the boys, parents and coaches for a year to remember! We'll be playing as a team in the local touch football comp over summer, as well as Sunday social touch at Keirle Park. Otherwise we'll see you at the Vikings next year!

*Grahame White, Mike Dickson, Josh Dowse & Pete Leventis*

*The Dad's Army Coaching Staff*



All smiles at Vikings Presentation Day

In late August this year, Justin Hooker (a coach in U6s and U10s) and I took our families to Treasure Island in Fiji. While there we established a relationship with Vuda Rugby (pronounced 'Vunda').

Vei Sei Sei Vuda, located between Nadi Airport and Lautoka on the east coast, was the very first village settlement in Fiji. Vei Sei Sei Vuda are the traditional owners of Bounty, Treasure and Beachcomber Islands. Just as the Harlequins are a feeder club to Manly Marlins, Vuda is a feeder club to Lautoka Maroons, who play in the premium provincial competition in Fiji.

Vuda Rugby have produced many famous players, some of whom have represented the Wallabies or the All Blacks. Current representative players include Samu Karevi (Queensland Reds), Radike Samo (Wallaby #789, 23 Test Caps) and Henry Speight (Wallaby #888, 2 Test Caps).

As a nation, Fiji are rugby mad! Everyone from the 60-year-old village chief to the 8-year-old barefoot kid in the street plays rugby. It brings smiles to their faces, and you can hear their laughs for miles. These guys will play rugby anywhere, mostly barefooted on coral-filled beaches, or pitches that resemble a gravel quarry, and occasionally even on a proper rugby pitch!

Fiji is a very poor nation and they need every bit of help they can get. Last year, the Australian government contributed \$40 million in aid to Fiji, a paltry amount relative to our total foreign aid budget of \$4 billion. One of our 10-year-old kids gave a rugby ball to an 11-year-old Fijian boy who had never owned one and he hugged our little Harlequin with tears in his eyes. We then handed out 15 Juniors jumpers to kids in the village and the excitement and passion was unbelievable.

Harlequins have donated rugby jerseys and equipment to Fijian villages in the past, but we have now established a true partnership. How can we Harlequins help? Simply by donating any jerseys, footy boots or other rugby gear that our kids have outgrown or don't need. If you're planning a trip to Fiji and are able to take some gear with you, please let the club know.

If you prefer to make your donation independently, you may wish to contact Osea Baleinausori, who owns a bus/transfer business called Mereke Tours & Transfers and is Treasurer of Vei Sei Sei Vuda and Vuda Rugby Club. He will meet you at the airport and would love to take care of you and your family.

*Dave Leslie, Co-Coach & Tour Guide*



**U6 Blue**

Mitchell Bury  
Sam Galway  
Alex George  
Mannix Harridge  
Matthew Hawley  
Carter Howison  
Conor Kingston  
Jeremy Paull  
Jasper Slunsky  
Edward Stephens  
Oscar Stevenson

**U6 Maroon**

Luke Delaney  
Harrison Fear  
Jordan Fear  
Jack Gordon  
Beau Hooker  
Isaac Kasprovicz  
Samuel Northcote  
Thomas Northcote  
Ethan Slunsky  
Hudson Swan  
Oliver Wiggins

**U6 White**

Sam Ashby  
Kai Dudley  
Zac Gedz  
James Ling  
Antony Markram  
Tom O'Brien  
James Pearce  
Beau Potter  
Connor Slade  
Ayden Toon  
Koby Want

**U7 Blue**

Owen Bamford  
William Buckley  
Mack Chisholm  
Patrick Holden  
Liam Joyce  
Oliver McDonald  
Beau Patterson  
Zade Pitkeathly  
Oliver Priddis  
Rory Toole  
Oscar White

**U7 Maroon**

Oliver Ashby  
Harley Bennett  
Tyler Brown  
Oscar Donnan  
Patrick Donnan  
Lachlan Hammond  
Harry Parker  
Finn Stanley  
Cooper Stephens  
William Stewart  
Henry Troy

**U7 White**

James Bruen  
Jack Davis  
Jack Del Grande  
Noah Kingston  
Jack Lumsden  
Benjamin Murray  
John Natilli  
Harry Smythe  
Rory Timbs  
Will Troselj  
Lachlan Will

**U8 Blue**

Cooper Dickson  
Zack Evans  
Teddy Healy  
Felix Hodgkinson  
Sonny Ifopo  
Joshua Lowe  
Otis O'Neill  
Oscar Reeve  
Malcolm Westcott-Byron  
George Wright

**U8 Maroon**

Harry Ashby  
Blake Davidson  
Matthew Jarrett  
George Pearce  
Thomas Rudd  
Kelvin Smolenski  
Charlie Studden  
Kai Thomson  
Alex Williams  
Jasper Wish

**U8 White**

Leonardo Anderson  
Finlay Cardwell  
Archie Delany  
Noah Dudley  
Jonah Inchley  
Alexander Morgan-Giles  
Raffael Morris  
James Olde  
Toby Robinson  
Ollie Slade

**U9 Gold**

James Ashby  
Barnaby Brown  
Cooper Cohen  
Harley Cohen  
Jake Cook  
Paddy Hearn  
Finn Mulligan  
Cameron Paull  
Charlie Poynton  
Andy Roberts  
Sam Roberts  
Joe Walsh  
Xavier Walsh  
Abraham Whitfield

**U9 Blue**

Owen Blieden  
Lucas Briggs  
Oliver Hannan  
Samuel Henwood  
Kai Hush  
Fin Inchley  
Angus McInnes  
Jayden Prinsloo  
Asher Puddicombe  
Ashton Quilter  
Nicholas Reeve  
Baxter Stewart  
Coby Toon  
Kai Turner  
Hugo Wrightson

**U9 Maroon**

Hamish Brooks  
Nelson Brownbill  
Charlie Blank  
Sam Blank  
Arthur Carroll  
Jack Donnan  
Samuel Henwood  
Lachlan Jacobs  
William Natilli  
Caleb O'Reilly  
Alex Oake  
Connor Schmidt  
Taj Stephens  
Lewis Young

**U9 White**

Angus Cardwell  
William Crozier  
Hugo Davidson  
Ollie Davies  
Morgan Elvy  
Tully Gilbert  
Finley Hendry  
Jelle Hollander  
Austin Jeffery  
Lachlan Munnings  
Felix Perego  
Caelan Pitkeathly  
Isaac Swann  
Max Williams

**PLAYER NUMBERS**

	2014	2015
U6	32	33
U7	24	33
U8	51	30
U9	47	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>153</b>



# juniors

**U10A Gold**

Finley Batchelar  
Thomas Bridgewood  
Alex Brigden  
Kai Coetzee  
Ngaru Davis  
Jesse Dixon  
Joshua Gedz  
Samuel Ifopo  
Leroy Leslie  
Ewen McBean  
Thomas Porter  
Levi Smith  
Jedd Thomas  
Lio Vichemont  
Hugh Waddington

**U10C Blue**

Dylan Brownbill  
Jack Burt  
Nicholas Clancy  
Darcy Davies  
Nicholas Douneen  
Jordan Dunn  
Cohen Ferguson  
Albert Ingleton  
George Lawson  
Lukas Mateju  
Jack Rankin  
Cooper Stapleton  
Ruben Stones  
James Wathen  
Levi Welsh  
James Wheen

**U10E Maroon**

Lucas Adair  
Lucas Bennett  
Oliver Benson-Sparkes  
Angus Brain  
Nicholas Carroll  
Charlie Chandler  
Sebastian Cox  
Tyler Dransfield  
Oscar Gamborg  
Xavier Gillspie  
Callum Henaghan  
Harry Hinde  
Ziggy Jones  
Jamie Mulchahy  
Toby Savage  
Lachlan Skellet

**U11A Gold**

Angus Campbell  
David Campbell  
Jack Colbran  
Harvey Cordukes  
Caden Crouch  
Oliver Cummins  
Ben Di Staso  
Noa Faatui  
Joshua Feledy  
Flynn Grady  
Edward Hannan  
Oliver James  
James Morrissey  
Cooper Oxley  
Liam Toole  
Daniel Ward  
Archie Warneford

**U11D Blue**

Daniel Allen  
Harry Austin  
Angus Brooks  
Thomas Brown  
William Chapman  
Ethan Dodson  
Liam Doughty  
Fletcher Gee  
Finnegan Hearn  
Oliver Kaye  
Flynn Lumsden  
Billy O'Brien  
Harrison Pearce  
Zander Schmatloch  
Luiz Segundo  
Nicholas Walsh  
Harry Whiston  
Julian Wynne

**U12D Gold**

Max Barnes  
Sam Barnett  
Angus Beaumont  
Nathan Black  
Luke Cook  
Ryan Crane  
Kieran Deane  
Liam Delaney  
Ethan English  
Gabriel Foley  
Liam Hart  
Nelson Hill  
Jack James  
Jed Langby  
Joe Lord  
Angus Mawson  
Lukas Percy  
Max Poynton  
Will Primmer  
Saxon Reber  
Oscar Smith  
Rory Smyth

**U13A Gold**

Griffin Bamford  
Josh Coetzee  
Benjamin Dines  
Tom Douglas  
Adam Eglesz  
Benjamin Gallacher  
Nathan Gartner  
Jeremy Gategood  
Thomas Jarrett  
Oliver Little  
Flynn Martin  
Marcus Mastroianni  
Akemi M'au  
Angus McBean  
Toby Newey  
Samuel Rankin  
Campbell Richardson  
James Roche  
Riley Roebuck  
Flynn Stapleton  
Tom Vekas  
Max Von Appen  
Teddy Wilson



**U13E Blue**

Callum Adair  
Taine Allen  
Carson Amate  
Joshua Beachley  
Ethan Blieden  
Oscar Brownbill  
Ewan Carter  
Lucas Carter  
Ben Cleverly  
Jeremy Gategood  
Liam Grady  
Hamish Guthrie  
Joshua Hack  
Sunny Marney  
Joe O'Brien  
Jack Reid  
Caleb Ripley  
Oliver Russel  
Louis Valente  
Tom Vekas

**U14A Vikings 1**

Decan Ahipene  
Daniel Ala  
Angus Allen  
Max Awdford  
Lachlan Bamford  
Josh Blank  
Junior Filimaua  
Langi Gleeson  
Joel Halliday  
Addison Hawke  
Harry Herbert  
Paul Latu  
Tom Latu  
Wil McBean  
Levi Moger  
Isaac Morrell  
Luke O'Shannessy  
Liam O'Sullivan  
Mitch Painter  
Noah Perego  
Nick Pollack  
Jacob Ratcliff  
Hanz Sale  
Brendan Toleafoa  
David Vei  
Jasper Welsh

**U14C Vikings 2**

Jonny Austen  
Aidan Campbell  
Sean Deane  
Murray Gain  
Tim Gavid  
Damian Grace  
Ben Harris  
Aidan Heap  
John Jeffrey  
Harry Johansson  
James Lewis  
Julian Miller  
Angus Partington  
Elliot Porter  
Max Puddicombe  
Nick Rees-Allen  
Michael Ryan  
Will Stanton  
Adam Tuifua  
Lincoln Zanon

**U15A/B Vikings Gold**

Will Barnett  
Liam Connolly  
Josh Cox  
Finlay Dennison  
Max Douglas  
Conor English  
Jacob Gall  
Dominic Gay  
Robbie Grant  
Liam House  
Michael Hughes  
Luke Huijsen  
Liam Kent  
Mitch Lockie  
Tua Marsters  
Max Moon  
Jamie Regan  
Callan Sparkes  
Kyle Spiteri  
Jack Walsh

**U15E Vikings Blue**

Will Abbey  
Jaiden Brazier  
Liam Burke  
Tom Cullen  
Liam Davidson  
Harrison Fisk  
Ryan Hamilton  
Connor Hearn  
Sam Main  
Lachlan McGrath  
Lachie Miles  
Ewan Nicholl  
Jake Oakhill  
Matthew Paul  
Campbell Robinson  
Isaac Semisi  
Callum Stiggants  
Max Stiggants  
Hamish Twidell  
Tim Whyte  
Ryan Woodger

**U16B Vikings**

Daniel King



Harry White (U16) and Will Abbey (U15) at Vikings Presentation

PLAYER NUMBERS	2014	2015
U10	47	47
U11	42	35
U12	56	22
U13	27	43
U14	18	46
U15	16	41
U16	15	1
Total Juniors, including non-Harlequins	221	235
less non-Harlequins:		
U14	-	(21)
U15	-	(16)
Total Juniors (Harlequins only)	221	198
Total Minis	154	153
Harlequins Club	<b>375</b>	<b>351</b>



**HARLEQUINS IN MANLY REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS - 69 PLAYERS**

U10		U11		U13		U14		U15	
1	Thomas Bridgewood	1	Angus Campbell	1	Griffin Bamford	1	Decan Ahipene	1	Will Barnett
2	Alex Brigden	2	David Campbell	2	Josh Coetzee	2	Daniel Ala	2	Josh Cox
3	Kai Coetzee	3	Jack Colbran	3	Ben Dines	3	Max Awdford	3	Max Douglas
4	Jesse Dixon	4	Harvey Cordukes	4	Tom Douglas	4	Langi Gleeson	4	Conor English
5	Joshua Gedz	5	Caden Crouch	5	Adam Eglesz	5	Harry Herbert	5	Robbie Grant
6	Samuel Ifopo	6	Oliver Cummins	6	Ben Gallacher	6	Paul Latu	6	Liam House
7	Albert Ingleton	7	Ben Di Staso	7	Nathan Gartner	7	Tom Latu	7	Liam Kent
8	Leroy Leslie	8	Noa Faatui	8	Tom Jarrett	8	James Lewis	8	Mitch Lockie
9	Ewen McBean	9	Joshua Feledy	9	Oliver Little	9	Noah Perego	9	Jamie Regan
10	Thomas Porter	10	Flynn Grady	10	Akemi M'au	10	Nick Pollack	10	Kyle Spiteri
11	Levi Smith	11	Edward Hannan	11	Flynn Martin	11	Jacob Ratcliff	11	Jack Walsh
12	Cooper Stapleton	12	James Morrisey	12	Angus McBean	12	David Vei		
13	Jedd Thomas	13	Daniel Ward	13	Toby Newey	13	Jasper Welsh		
14	Lio Vichemont	14	Archie Warneford	14	Max Von Appen				
15	Hugh Waddington	<b>U12</b>		15	Teddy Wilson				
		1	Oscar Smith						



U15 NSW team including Harlequin, Jack Walsh (front row, second from right)

**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 (North 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



Former Harlequin James Sidery (U16 NSW Schools) with Jack Walsh (U15 NSW)

**COMPETITION LADDERS - END OF REGULAR SEASON**

Grade	Team	Place	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Bye	FFT	PF	PA	PD	Points
U10A	Harlequins Gold	4	9	6	2	0	1	0	179	100	79	32
U10C	Harlequins Blue	2	9	8	1	0	0	0	257	117	140	34
U10E	Harlequins Maroon	6	9	0	8	1	0	0	45	319	-274	19
U11A	Harlequins Gold	1	9	9	0	0	0	0	382	36	346	36
U11D	Harlequins Blue	1	7	6	0	1	0	0	209	88	121	33
U12D	Harlequins Gold	4	9	4	5	0	0	0	256	206	50	26
U13A	Harlequins Gold	2	9	7	1	0	1	0	233	126	107	34
U13E	Harlequins Blue	2	9	7	2	0	0	0	288	108	180	32
U14A	Vikings 1	4	13	5	6	1	1	0	249	236	13	39
U14C	Vikings 2	3	9	7	2	0	0	0	219	114	105	32
U15A/B	Vikings Gold	11	6	1	8	0	0	3	104	301	-197	14
U15E	Vikings Blue	2	9	6	2	0	1	0	285	126	159	32
U16B	Vikings	4	9	6	2	1	0	0	196	122	74	31

This report has been created by the passionate people at the Harlequins. Edited by Al Abbey & designed by Kris Abbey. Enjoy!

# 2015 honour board

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## CLUB AWARDS

Coach of the Year - Minis	Jason Pitkeathly (U9)
Coach of the Year - Juniors	Justin Hooker (U10)
Manager of the Year - Minis	Sandy Blank (U9)
Manager of the Year - Juniors	Brad McBean (U10)
Kristin Wall Award - Supporter	Alan Abbey (U15)

Alan Abbey - Supporter of the Year with son Will



## 10-YEAR MEDALS

Connor Hearn  
Noah Perego  
Campbell Richardson  
Campbell Robinson



10-Year Veterans: Noah Perego, Campbell Robinson, Connor Hearn & Campbell Richardson



Jason Pitkeathly - Minis Coach



Sandy Blank - Minis Manager



Brad McBean - Juniors Manager



Justin Hooker - Juniors Coach



## 2015 CUP GRAND FINALS

U11A	<b>Harlequins</b>	19	v	Chatswood	7
U11D	<b>Harlequins</b>	7	v	Hillview	5
U13A	Canterbury	31	v	<b>Harlequins</b>	10
U13E	Lindfield	30	v	<b>Harlequins</b>	10
U15E	<b>Vikings</b>	26	v	Beecroft	17

## CLUB PATRON

George Smith

## LIFE MEMBERS

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



## HARLEQUINS CUP - PAST 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

## 2015 GALA DAYS - FINALISTS

**Harlequins Cup**  
U8 - Clovelly v Rockdale  
U9 - Harbord v Hills

**King of the Hills**  
U8 - Seaforth v North Rocks  
U9 - Harbord v Hills

## PLAYER AWARDS

	George Smith Best & Fairest	Most Improved	Team Player
U10A Gold	Thomas Bridgewood	Josh Gedz	Thomas Porter
U10B Blue	Jordan Dunn	James Wheen	Nicholas Clancy
U10E Maroon	Oscar Gamborg	Charlie Chandler	Angus Brain
U11A Gold	Oliver Cummins	Liam Toole	Ben Di Staso
U11D Blue	Luiz Segundo	Fletcher Gee	Zander Schmatloch
U12D Gold	Liam Delaney	Joe Lord	Rory Smyth
U13A Gold	Griffin Bamford	Toby Newey	Flynn Martin
U13E Blue	Josh Hack	Ben Cleverly	Tom Vekas
	<b>Best &amp; Fairest</b>	<b>Player's Player</b>	<b>Team Player</b>
U14A Vikings 1	Langi Gleeson	Jacob Ratcliff	Addison Hawke
U14C Vikings 2	Tim Gavidì	Michael Ryan	James Lewis
U15A/B Vikings Gold	Michael Hughes	Robbie Grant	Jamie Regan
U15E Vikings Blue	Lachlan McGrath	Isaac Semisi	Connor Hearn
	<b>Player of the Year</b>	<b>Best Back</b>	<b>Best Forward</b>
U16B Vikings	Oli Evans	Harry White	Jamie Campbell

**Teams & Players**

Age	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
6		1	2	2	2	3	5	3	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	40
7	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	3	3	2	4	4	4	3	3	38
8		1	1	1	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	4	4	5	3	37
9			2	2	2	2	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	41
Minis	1	3	6	6	9	11	13	12	11	13	14	14	15	15	13	156
10				2	2	3	2	3	3	3	5	5	3	3	3	37
11					2	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	3	2	30
12			1	1		2	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	3	1	22
13				1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	19
14					1	1	1	2	3	2		1	1	1	2	15
15							1	1	1	2	1		1	1	2	10
16							1	1		1	1			1	1	6
Opens									1			1				2
Juniors	-	-	1	4	6	9	11	13	13	15	15	15	13	13	13	141
Club	1	3	7	10	15	20	24	25	24	28	29	29	28	28	26	297
Players	12	26	68	138	206	275	332	331	349	400	421	402	385	375	351	4,068
Change		117%	162%	103%	49%	33%	21%	0%	5%	15%	5%	-5%	-4%	-3%	-6%	

Team numbers: include the Joint Venture teams in Juniors. Player numbers: only include players registered with Harbord Harlequins.

**Manly Rep Players**

Age	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
10						18	13	11	10	11	21	13	10	12	15	134
11						13	16	12	5	9	12	9	10	7	14	107
12			4			1	12	13	11	7	10	11	9	15	1	94
13				8	8		2	8	14	4	4	10	11	12	15	96
14						2			4	14	14	9	9	9	13	74
15							1	2		11	9		7	13	11	54
16							2							5		7
17												12				12
Total	-	-	4	8	8	34	46	46	44	56	70	64	56	73	69	578

**Premierships**

Age	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
10					10B	10A	10A	10C	10B	10A, 10E	10A, 10E	10A				10
11						11B	11A	11D		11A	11A, 11G	11A	11A		11A, 11D	10
12			12B				12A					12A		12A		4
14					14C											1
15							15B								15E	2
Total	-	-	1	-	2	2	4	2	1	3	4	3	1	1	3	27



# office bearers

Year	President	VP Juniors	VP Minis	Treasurer	Secretary	Administrator	Sponsorship & Marketing	Social	Other Committee Members
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	-	-	-	David 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	Rochelle Robinson	David Grayling	John Burgman	Paddy Douneen
2012	Andrew Sidery	Paul Reid	David Morrisey	Colin House	Campbell Forsyth	Rochelle Robinson	Sean Richardson	Sean Richardson	-
2013	Andrew Sidery	Paul Reid	David Morrisey	Colin House	Campbell Forsyth	Rochelle Robinson	-	-	-
2014	Colin House	Paul English	Colin Cardwell	Campbell Forsyth	Craig Poynton	Rochelle Robinson	Barry Smyth	Andrew Sidery	-
2015	Colin House	Blithe Robinson	Colin Cardwell	Ryan Blieden	Craig Poynton	Rochelle Robinson	Barry Smyth	Lyndsay Hendry	Scott Hendry



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