

# Warringah Rugby Club

2011

Annual Report

## Presidents Report

During the off season between 09/10 a few of us got together and discussed what we believed to be was the best way to go forward with Warringah Rugby club. This discussion encompassed many facets including our historical performances both on and off the field, where we saw club rugby going and what opportunities and challenges we would meet.

A few things became quite apparent, we had spent considerable amounts of money to win a Shute shield without success, our financial membership was at an all time low, our sponsors were being hit with a downturned economy and there was a deep concern as to where club rugby fitted in within the larger framework and plans of Australian rugby.

We clearly identified a number of points:

- Club rugby could not sustain the level of player and coaching costs
- Super Rugby competition would be extended.
- Super Rugby players would become unavailable to clubs due to the extended Super rugby competition and overseas offers.
- Sponsorship for club rugby would continue to be a hard sell.

We commenced a program in 2010 of building from within our ranks. These ranks encompassed our own WRC community, Warringah Junior's, village clubs and of course schools. We always foresaw this program as a long term proposition and it continues today and has expanded to developing contacts in country areas.

Season 2011 was by no means a successful season on the paddock competition wise. We did show a lot of promise in many of our performances and this can be clearly identified through individual match results. The number of games lost by 10 points or less clearly shows we are on the right track. Our wishful thinking is that we identified the challenges well in advance and hopefully have a jump on some of the other clubs leading into this new stage of club rugby.

Other positives to be taken from season 2011 and the build up to season 2012 is the player numbers and commitment. Our colts development program led by Jed Hogan is coming along extremely well and I believe for the first time in a long time with have become the automatic club of choice for many of our juniors. I know this will be a controversial statement but our colt's numbers have been very poor for the last few seasons and this has been due to key players amongst our junior ranks heading to other clubs once they finish their junior footy.

In grade the appointment of Sam Harris as 1<sup>st</sup> grade coach though controversial at the time has been a very positive move by the club. He has brought a modern approach to the club both in coaching and culture. He expects what he gives which was clearly demonstrated by him strapping on the boots in literally all senior grades this year. The off season program he has developed in conjunction with Greg Highfield and which has been running for the last 6 weeks clearly demonstrates his commitment to a winning culture, it is also truly infectious with great turnouts for this off season program.

My strong belief is that club rugby is at a major turning point and the future of club rugby is in the hands of the administrators and the patrons. What is required is a larger fan base and a higher profile for club rugby. Club rugby must be clearly identified as the development program for super and national rugby. It needs to be marketed that way and all players should be aware that performances shown at club level can be used to catapult them onto the larger stage.

To this end the Sydney Rugby Union has revamped the competition for 2012; this has all been done in conjunction with the ARU and has some very clear identifiers. Bring up the standard of club rugby, strengthen clubs and re introduce the importance of the club championship and ensure that a development program is in place within the clubs. The other concerns was that while clubs are developing young players and these players are regularly coming up against established super rugby players the injury toll from a 22 round season has been a nightmare. No club more than Warringah can attest to that. Blooded 60 players in 1<sup>st</sup> grade last year at one point during the season had an injury list of over 30 players.

The outcome is that season 2012 will be a 16 round season with an 8 team final series. How this will work is as follows.

First 11 rounds are the standard home and away, after the completion of the home and away rounds the competition will be split into 2 pools based on club championship points. (Individual teams will carry over their competition points). The teams in each pool will play each other and a top 8 will be established and move onto the finals. The season will work in unison with Super Rugby and will endeavour to raise its profile by the inclusion of Friday Night and Sunday games with the possibility of some Saturday evening. This will not be a norm as Saturday afternoon rugby is our traditional time and to be frank Saturday afternoon at Rat Park with a few beers and some good company can't be paralleled anywhere.

As a club we feel we have our internal structures in an Ok position, coaching and playing ranks seem very strong. From a back room perspective as a club we desperately need to grow our off field membership. As I mentioned earlier we were at an all time low with only 45 members we have now stagnated at about 210. Our 100 club shouldn't really be called that as it only has 61 members. What I can't believe is that we struggle for membership when other clubs who in my opinion do not have anywhere near the amount of avid supporters can't keep up with membership and 100 club membership, so much so that some clubs have gone from 100 club to 200 club now to 300 club. I think that these clubs have developed a tribal type culture and have also developed a mantra that you played for us and had some fun, now put back in and help us be strong so future generations can enjoy what you enjoyed.

Season 2012 will be a great improvement on season 2011 the boys fully appreciate the support they get and so do I. I would dearly like to thank the current board and volunteers/committee members for their support and input and most of all you the members who through thick and thin are there to support the club.

**Mike Sheeran**

## Vice Presidents report

The Year started off strongly with the tour to Kenya playing the local champions and then Kenya B. We might not have won on the paddock but we certainly won the hearts of many locals including the nearly 1000 kids we helped with a fully stocked library and a bridge to help them get to school. Later in the year we had a Back to Africa fund raiser, several sponsors including Amory catering made this a success. In total we raised \$32,000 to assist the kids of kibera and members and players now sponsor 27 kids monthly.

In 2012 we take a team to Fiji to play the Fijian army side and without doubt this will be a battle but at the same time a great experience for our young men.

We retained all major sponsors from 2011 excepting JVC who through Jim Preece came in to assist at the last minute and were greatly appreciated. The Bayfield's have again committed their support for 2012 and we will continue to modify the relationship to reflect the changes both organisations are going through. Talks are well progressed to introduce new sponsors and a full sponsors list for 2012 will be released early in the New Year.

The Club was supported by more volunteers this year assisting in everything from Clean up days to putting up fence signs. In saying that we still would appear to lack the depth of engagement from members and players off the field that perhaps other Clubs enjoy but I do think it is improving and is probably a reflection of the changes to ground control that happened a few years ago.

**Phil Parsons**

## **FIRST GRADE REPORT 2011**

From a season riddled with injuries and near misses, the year couldn't have started better with a victory over the mighty galloping greens with a last minute try to Michael Dalton on Debut. 1 of 35 debutants for the season. We quickly came back down to earth with our biggest loss of the season to our old foes the Marlins.

Round 6 we narrowly lost to East's 16-15 in a night game at Rat Park. The boys were definitely up for the challenge. How could we bottle that intensity? Simple play under lights every game. Second half of season was a different story. We narrowly missed out against Randwick as the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the season had taken its toll. After 12 games we had played our 43 players. That game was the turning point. The next week we lost to Manly in a game that was hard fought with an inferior scrum. But our boys stood up and never gave in. This game also marked the arrival of Danny Cipriani who pulled 5000 through the gates of Rat Park. This kind of crowd brought back great memories. The week after we had our biggest win of the season against Gordon. Again Cipriani played a starring role.

Round 16 we played our 2<sup>nd</sup> game under lights at Rat Park. This was the night we became giant killers. Becoming the only team to beat Eastwood in 2011. There were many brilliant performances that night. But the level of intensity, passion and experience that Brett Sheehan delivered on that memorable night in July will never be forgotten. An honourable mention to Hamish Angus who made 1000 tackles and controlled the game with his pinpoint high balls.

Rd 18 we had the luxury of having some serious big guns slot back into the team.

Mark Gerrard made his 4<sup>th</sup> appearance for the Rats in 2011 and a red hot Beau Robinson coming off his super 15 premiership. We had a comfortable win over West Harbour and the buzz amongst the young guys was immense.

Rd 20 & 21 saw the arrival of Wayne Borzak, Ethan Borula and Chris Arnold, & Tim Donlan from the Colts These guys stepped up to the mark and showed great maturity and ability.

We unearthed many raw talents this year, to name a few: Mark Porpiglia, Sam Ward, Dylan Smouha, Ben Adams and Hamish Angus. We had a lot of young players who probably didn't expect to play 1st grade rugby this season or get exposed to the highest level, state competition in the world. As a coach I thank them for all their efforts .I would like to thank the following support staff, the physiotherapists, the trainers, the managers, and all those who contributed to the well being of the players.

Thank you to Rick Black and Gordon Longrigg (Strop) for your assistance in coaching first grade this year.

To the Directors of the club, thank you for your unstinting support and assistance throughout the season, this made my debut season of coaching very memorable.

**Sam Harris**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Report 2011**

Season 2011 for 2nd Grade was always going to be a challenge, given the success of the team from the year before. Injuries, retirements and lateral movements meant that the bulk of that Premiership team was replaced by a younger and enthusiastic, yet inexperienced squad. A squad that throughout the year kept trying regardless of the challenges they faced. No doubt Sam would have mentioned that he played nearly 60 players in 1st Grade this year which is truly remarkable. However it stands to reason that this places great pressure on the grades below to keep producing players to fill the void. We did this willingly however at the cost of consistency and potentially some on field success. That said, we had some great wins, which were celebrated accordingly.

The club has gone a long way to ensure that our future lay in the hands of our junior products. As members you should be very proud of the efforts of these young men. At the time of writing, many of them are hitting the training park with great vigour in order to alleviate the performances of the past.

Congratulations to Ron Hobden for being named the 2nd Grade Best and Fairest. Thanks to Todd Eadie, Haig Sare and Daniel Bradford for your efforts in getting 2nd Grade into the best possible condition to play the game. Congratulations to Sam Harris on his first year of coaching. It is under his guidance that much of this squad has come together as a group, on and off the field.

Thank you to our off field staff. Everyone lent a hand. Duncan Holmes, Ron Davies, Greg Gerrard, Dave Gardiner, Chris Bailey, Dr Kate Field, Melissa, and Kandice Goodwin. Thank you for being so generous with your time and efforts with this wonderful club. On field could not be done without your assistance off it. Thank you again.

Finally I would like to thank two men who are taking time away from the club next year. Rick Black and Gordon Longrigg. To both of you, I wish you well and thank you for your assistance and counsel. I have no doubt that you will still remain a large influence at the Rat house, however it would be remiss of me not to mention and thank you for your efforts to date.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas with your family and friends. I hope the New Year brings all you could wish for and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

**G.J Highfield**

## 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE – 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

The impact of injuries within the grades made the selection of players for both 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades difficult and we found many players having to double up to get the team on the field come Saturday. Many players backed up – 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade then to be asked to sit 2<sup>nd</sup> grade as reserves and 90% of the time having game time in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade due to player injuries. What was lacking in numbers was made up for with spirit and commitment.

The highlights of the season were, the one point win over Manly at Manly in the first round, cracking the 100 points against Penrith in Round 8, a gutsy effort against Sydney Uni in Round 11, a game which we felt we were in for the whole 70 minutes and again getting over Manly with a 16 to 9 win in Round 13.

Looking forward to 2012 season our preparation will be better in that the player fitness and strength levels will be far greater due to extensive pre-season program put in place by the club which will see us in a far better position than 2011.

Congratulations to:

George Wyllie Best & Fairest 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Lolo Holani a massive 300 games for the club  
Tim Dalecki 100 games

And to all the players who fronted week in week out, even when the going got tough.

Thanks to Greg Gerrard who managed the team and was more like an assistant coach with his help at training and on game day.

Finally to Mike Sheeran who spent as much time on the phone chasing players as did I to ensure we had the numbers to compete on Saturdays, a true club president if there ever was one, working at the grass roots level with only the club in mind. I think Mike attended every game for both 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades.

Looking forward to the 2012 season.

## **Warringah Rugby Club Colts – 2011**

The 2011 Rugby season began in earnest with a changing of the guard occurring with Phil Brown, Head Coach with Colts departing Australia for the greener pastures of the United Kingdom for the next couple of years. Thanks go to him in terms of his dedication and thoroughness to coaching of the players over seasons 2009 and 2010.

Jed Hogan replaced Phil Brown as Head Coach and in so doing the Warringah Rugby Club gained another former 1<sup>st</sup> XV CAS coach this time from Trinity Grammar School, joining the distinguished group of coaches that have coached at Colts level at Rat Park.

2011 Rugby season saw the Club ably led with Colts Coaches in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade being Bruce Nicholas and Andy Fairful while 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade was coached by Adam Smyth and Stu Nolan. Welcome additions through the season saw Graham Collelo returning after a few years absence to assist Jed Hogan in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Scott Reid covering in Jed's absence while on duties with NSW Schools XV in Brisbane with the National Rugby Schools Championships in July. Scott kindly then stayed on for the remainder of the season enabling Jed to assist further all coaching staff and co-ordinate all three Colts grades. Another notable addition was Jasmin Hadzipasic who assisted Adam Smyth and Stu Nolan with 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Colts.

Preseason saw our numbers in Colts fluctuate from a core group of twenty five players before Christmas to more than fifty at various stages before matches against a Central Coast club team, Penrith and finally North's. We were probably as a group, a little hesitant, and underdone before our 1<sup>st</sup> fixture against Randwick away. Not helped by the unavailability of a number of players for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Rounds because of player's commitments with Surf Life Saving and various summer sporting commitments.

In the early rounds we were competitive but lacked that ability to finish games off. In Rounds 1 and 2 against high calibre opposition in Randwick and Manly in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade we were in the matches until various stages in the second half. The ability to focus and stick to the game plan faltered because of lack of intensity and general fitness. Our match against Manly in particular emphasized the difficulties of players unavailable for the early rounds of the season.

In my book both of these matches were winnable but certainly were matches where we saw players putting their bodies on the line.

The next couple of matches saw us back in the winner's circle for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade with positive results in wet conditions against Gordon, Parramatta before being outclassed by an Eastwood side that we were competitive against for the first 25 minutes of the match but didn't show a resolve in the later 55 minutes of the match. Both players and coaches were disappointed with all three Grades against Eastwood, encouraging being the closeness of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Colts match. This team throughout the season would show some grit and determination in a number of matches and it will be interesting to see how these players develop into 2012 and 2013. Encouraging results which in the weeks ahead may see them surprise a number of opposition teams.



We then travelled across to Woollahra to play East's. Unsure of what happened in the travel across the bridge or whether the physical nature of the match had taken its toll but in 2nds and 3rds we were certainly shown lessons in playing field position and getting the little things right, particularly at the breakdown - commitment of numbers and taking our opportunities. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade players would agree that with a 3 to 0 lead at half time the need to play field position and the onus and pressure on the home team placed us in a good position. These experiences we hopefully learnt from. Another trying difficult day at the office!

Round seven saw us pitted against West Harbour at home. This was a physical encounter where all three Grades learnt a little about broken play from anywhere on the field and the ability of the opposition to take their opportunities. Each Grade had their opportunities but didn't finish the opposition off – this was as the season panned out – the way of the season, so close but so far away from the goal of winning matches.

Our next round of matches saw us play Penrith (only 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Colts), North's, Southern Districts and Sydney University. Wins against all three of these sides in all Grades was encouraging before our final home match of the first round of competition matches against University. Each of our teams certainly gave it their all, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade pushing the opposition, leading at half time and then giving the opposition too much space and field position. The coaches were certainly disappointed knowing that it was a match that had got away! 2nds and 3rds were certainly not outclassed and it would be interesting to see how we did against them later in the season.

A weekend off at Queen's Birthday saw us regroup ready for the second round of matches. Critical injuries were certainly starting to test our depth and these next three or four matches were certainly going to determine whether the sides were going to be in semi-final contention.

Randwick and Manly at were going to be big asks. With Randwick, it was the adage of the one that got away- the catch phrase for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Colts a 26 – 20 loss, so close but unfortunately not the victor. For third Grade a credible 13 to 12 win against Manly certainly set the cat amongst the pigeons that day. Again depth and the size of the opposition certainly told on the day "Danny" came to play. The Colts boys were again disappointed but certainly gave their all on the day. Early missed opportunities placed us on the foot in both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Colts and this placed us behind the eight ball and caused us to start having to take chances which are always difficult Rugby.

The local derby against Gordon was a cracker with matches seeing Warringah the winner in 1sts and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Colts. 3rds had a storming game and put the cleaners through them. Then we hit Parramatta on back to Parra Day at Death Valley. This was to be the defining moment particularly in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Colts. The boys had certainly not come to play! They went through the motions and were beaten by a team who out enthused and generally took their opportunities on the day. A great deal of soul searching went on after this match and certainly for coaches and players alike was difficult to contemplate as we had shown throughout the season a much better team that was shown on the day.

Our next set of matches saw us play Eastwood at TG Milner, East's at home and West Harbour away. All three matches were critical for all teams making the Semi's. Unfortunately it wasn't to be but the

Warringah pride and ability to fight well above ones weight certainly showed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade side against Eastwood certainly gave the opposition a run for their money. Right to the final play of the match Warringah was winning only to be denied in the last 20 seconds. Oh so close, a great match to watch where Eastwood were rattled and were certainly on the ropes. This display was encouraging as a number of these boys will be back for next year. These rounds of losses certainly put pay to our semi-final aspirations however even with four rounds to go we still had a slim chance in a couple of Grades. Pride was on the line and over the last few weeks the boys certainly took it to each of the teams we opposed.

Northern Suburbs in the wet at home, reminded me more of a pleasant day back home in New Zealand rather than beach weather in Warringah. A resounding thumping in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and the running on of a few players in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Grade made for interesting chatter amongst the spectators and certainly showed to all that the future at Rat Park will be in these young players coming through the ranks from Colts.

Southern Districts was a dull affair with a great deal of negative play from the opposition making more of a physical contest in each of the matches. All grades were won by Warringah. Our final match of the season saw us play Sydney University at St Paul's College Oval. Sydney University playing area is certainly an impressive ground within the confines of the University. Each Grade gave it all and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade once again gave its all, nearly winning in the dying stages of the match and getting across the line. Both 2nds and 1sts once again had their opportunities but gave the opposition too much latitude in terms of space and territorial advantage.

Special thanks to Linda and Dave Preston for their assistance as Managers for all the Grades this year. They have and did an amazing job and without their help my job as Head Coach of Colts would have been that much harder. Their efforts were certainly something as a person new to the club I found was amazing. The time effort they both put in was tremendous. I thank you both on behalf of the coaching staff and players. Enjoy your well earned break next after many years of loyal service. Thanks to our honorary touch Judge Mr. Ian Ritchie who each week ran the line for each of the teams as official. Your efforts were certainly appreciated.

To all the parents of the players thanks for your words of wisdom and ongoing support. The players, coaching and management staff appreciated your support throughout the season.

Thank you for your efforts and support to the physiotherapist and strappers who all assisted to make it a team effort.

To the administration staff of Mandy Morton and Mike O'Carroll thanks you for your efforts in supporting Colts at Warringah week in week out. To Grade coaches and Management thank you for your support through the season particularly Sam Harris and Rick Black. I appreciated your cordial support and words of wisdom through the year.

Thank you also to the coaching staff in all Colts Grades in my first season at the club. Thank you for your support, patience and understanding throughout the season. I appreciated your help and words of wisdom.

Finally to Mr. Mike Sheeran President, Lance Walker, Phil Parsons and other members of the Board, thank you for the opportunity to coach and manage such an enthusiastic and enjoyable group of young men and people.

**Jed Hogan**

## **Warringah Women's Rugby – 2011 Annual Report**

Season 2011 was always going to be a challenging year for the Ratettes. After providing 6 players to the World Cup team at the end of 2010 we experienced a substantial changing of the guard. This season saw a few retirements and half a dozen pregnancies (6 future rugby stars have been born or are on their way!). Unfortunately we have to wait a few more years for the offspring to pull on the green and white, so in the interim recruitment was, and remains a major focus.

We picked up a few new players at the beginning of the season and a few more through the "bring a friend to training" sessions. Add a few international visitors and you have a team. What we may have lacked in experience and numbers we more than made up for with a team spirit that was impossible to break. This was personified by players such as Lui Foliaki who travelled from Bathurst to play, and Chris Ross who played 5 weeks after giving birth to Rocky the future Wallaby. These are but a few of the stories that helped us achieve this year.

The Ratettes finished the season 3 rd on the ladder after suffering defeats to Sydney Uni and Merrylands. Although we lost a few matches this year we never lay down, pushing both Uni and Merrylands each time we faced them.

When reflecting on the season 2 matches stand out in my mind. The first was against Sydney Uni at Uni. We opened the scoring with a try to Anne "Ranger" Rutledge before Uni hit back with their try own just before half time. The second half was a war. We had 2 reserves compared to their 8 and our girls played busted and hurt. Heart breakingly they kicked a penalty to win, but every player in the Green and White that day left the field head held high.

The second match that helped define our season was the Semi Final against Merrylands. We travelled to their home ground and fought a battle against what is a fierce team. Again the scores were all tied up with 5 mins to go and after a few bemusing referee calls Merrylands scored a late try to secure a place in the Grand Final. I have been involved with a number of final losses and victories in the past, but this match ranks right up there for the bravery and courage shown by the team. Of course the girls were disappointed not to be in the big game the week after, but each one of them should be proud of the spirit they displayed in 2011.

Thank you to everyone who helped build the spirit this year, the players, the partners, the club and the Rat boys who always support us. 2012 will be a year for growth, a year for change and a year to

build on last year's experience. The spirit we have shown will surely help us achieve our goals. Let's get that trophy back in 2012.

**Erin Morton**

## **WRC Club Chaplains report**

One of the highlights for me this year as chaplain for the Rats was touring Kenya with a great group of men. It was great to see the players at the training clinics teaching the children rugby skills and at the school in Kibera slum reading books and engaging with the kids. The joy of this experience for each player was evident on their faces.

In August it was great to host Manasses (a rugby coach from Kenya that the tour in February had involvement with) who got involved in some club training sessions and promoted 'boots for Kenya' at local schools.

I took the opportunity near the end of the season to go back to Kenya and also Ethiopia in my long service leave with my family. My family and I were able to visit poorer families whose boys were involved in rugby in Kenya and provide them with daily necessities through gifts that people had given in Australia. In Ethiopia where we lived for 6 weeks we were able to teach children in a sports ministry program the game of rugby. They loved it!

Another highlight for me this year (as always) was continuing to meet up with players to have a coffee and talk about life's joy's and struggles and if they like talk about God. I see it as a privilege to support players and staff and their families in whatever way I can, whether it is a listening ear or prayer support. Please don't hesitate to give me a call 0407 891 306/ 99994321 or catch me at trainings, or games, or at the gym (early mornings). I look forward to 2012.

**Grant Gallant Club Chaplain**

## **Friends of Warringah**

The Friends of Warringah ("FOW") has had several reincarnations over the last 20 years or so. More recently, the FOW was re-formed in mid-2010 for the express reason to assist Warringah Rugby Club meet the challenges of club rugby. As at October 2011, the FOW have around 35 current members. The name of the current members is listed below.

Warringah Rugby Club would like to thank the FOW for their assistance during 2011 and we would encourage other interested parties to join. Details on how to join the FOW can be found on the Rats website.

# **Warringah Junior Rugby Union Presidents Report.**

## **OVERVIEW**

The juniors experienced another successful year with most village clubs reporting a growth in registration numbers. The Representative program was enjoyed by all and the juniors continue to enjoy a Sydney-wide competition, though it does come with the extra burden of travelling.

The Mini's enjoyed another great year, combined with our neighbours, Manly, saw a very committed Mini's competition. On the local front, the Narrabeen Club celebrated its 50th year anniversary.

## **COMMITTEE**

It would be amiss to not acknowledge the hard work from the dedicated, volunteer junior committee who put so much time and effort into making junior rugby so successful in the area. I would like to thank Michael Gullick (Secretary), Cathy Hurditch (Treasurer) and Stephanie Paavola (V P Reps) for all standing again for the 2012 season and to Tim Lockrey for coming on board as VP Minis.

Finally, the Committee could not function properly without the input from all of the Warringah Junior Rugby Clubs delegates, who front the committee meetings regularly and provide such important insight into the standing of rugby generally, which is great appreciated.

## **2012 SEASON**

A focus for the 2012 season will be on our Representative program, with some improvements being planned. We conducted a recent 'think tank' and there were some real synergies which were brought to the table and some obvious links in juniors, colts and seniors were identified and a willingness to consolidate which might not necessarily have been there previously.

## **LINKS TO THE RATS**

The 2011 season brought about renewing and strengthening our ties with associated/related bodies/organisations. As President, I attended as many meetings as possible throughout the year, including being very local on behalf of Rugby, in turn on behalf of the Sporting Union, fighting against the increased player levy fee introduced by Warringah Council, joining the new development discussion group (under the SJRU banner) where representatives from the ARU, NSWRU, SJRU and all Sydney districts come together once a month to discuss the development of Rugby, attending Council Meetings, MNZ meetings, Representative meetings and most importantly the Warringah Rats Meetings, where the bond between the Junior and Senior Club has strengthened significantly, evident recently with both the Senior's President, Mike Sheeran, and General Manager, Mike O'Carroll, attending the Juniors AGM. We look forward to further strengthening these ties in the future.

## **OUR COMMITMENT.**

As President of Warringah Rugby, I would like to commit to an open, honest and transparent committee as we continue to improve

- Enjoyment of rugby union
- To participate and increase the participation in local rugby union
- The promotion of rugby union
- Observing and promoting the safety of players
- Prepare the most competitive Warringah representative teams possible
- The development of junior Warringah players to progress to Warringah senior club and even higher representative honours.

Our major priority remains to increase the participation in rugby within our local area. Rugby provides an opportunity for our children to develop into responsible young adults, to provide character building opportunities and assists the children to form friendships and enjoy camaraderie they may not necessarily find elsewhere.

The 2012 committee will commit itself to work closely with all the Warringah junior rugby clubs but in particular, forge a greater bond with the senior club and its committee

**Chris Hegarty**

## 2011 Presentation Night Award Winners

<b>Top Try Scorer – Grade</b>	<b>K J Dickson Trophy 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Best &amp; Fairest</b>
MICHAEL DALTON - 12 tries	TOM SHERIDAN
<b>Top Try Scorer – Colts</b>	<b>Bill Simpson Trophy 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Best &amp; Fairest</b>
MITCHELL PUGH – 8 tries	GEORGE WYLLIE
<b>Top Try Scorer – Women</b>	<b>T J Purcell Trophy 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Best &amp; Fairest</b>
ANNE RUTLIDGE – 16 tries	RONALD HOBDEN
<b>Top Point Scorer – Grade</b>	<b>RJ Grier Memorial Trophy 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Best &amp; Fairest</b>
HAMISH ANGUS – 96 points	MARK PORPIGLIA
<b>Top Point Scorer – Colts</b>	<b>Grade Rats Rat Award</b>
	RYAN TRBJOVICH
CHRIS ARNOLD = 123 points	
	<b>Col Fogden Memorial Trophy Rookie of the year</b>
	SAM WARD
<b>Womens Top Point Scorer</b>	
	<b>Ron Manion Trophy Colts Progression Award</b>
ANNE RUTLIDGE – 80 points	MICHAEL DALTON
	<b>R J Grier Trophy Most Improved Player – Grade</b>
<b>Most Improved - Women</b>	TOM GLYDE
LI LIN TAY	
	<b>Colts Most Improved Player</b>
	BEN BIDDENCOPE
<b>Best &amp; Fairest – Women</b>	
	<b>Colts Rookie of the Year</b>
LISA FIAOLA	LALATEA FOTOFILI
	<b>Best Clubman – Colts</b>
<b>Noddy Sawtell Trophy</b>	LINDA PRESTON

<b>Women's Rats Rat Award</b>	
LINDA DAVIS	
Colts Rats Rat Award	
ETHAN BORULA	
	<b>Most Honour to the Club</b>
	BEAU ROBINSON
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Colts Best &amp; Fairest</b>	
	<b>B J Young Memorial Trophy</b>
	<b>Best Club Person</b>
JAKE ROBINSON	MANDY MORTON
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Colts Best &amp; Fairest</b>	<b>Supporter of the Year</b>
MITCHELL PUGH	MIKE & DI LEE
<b>Mal Grey Trophy 1<sup>st</sup> Grade colts Best &amp; Fairest</b>	<b>Presidents Award</b>
PIERCE HOWELL	PETER HASSETT
	<b>Coach of the Year</b>
<b>Tony Miller Trophy</b>	
<b>Most Outstanding Colts Player</b>	John Sullivan
PIERCE HOWELL	

**PLUS: 3 MILESTONE AWARDS (PEWTERS)**

Lolo Holani 300 games

Greg Highfield 200 games

Tim Dalecki 100 games

Cheryl Soon 100 games

Sarah Laman 100 games



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## WARRINGAH RUGBY CLUB LIMITED ABN 57 000 497 398 FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2011 DIRECTORS REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 September 2011

### Directors

The names of the Directors in office at any time during the reporting period, their qualifications and meetings attendances are set out on the attached table.

### Operating Results

The Profit for the company for the financial year amounted to \$6,974.

### Review of Operations

A review of the operations of the company during the financial year and the results of those operations found that during the period, the company continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

### Significant Changes in State of Affairs

No significant changes in the state of affairs of the company occurred during the financial year.

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the company during the financial year were the development and promotion of the game of Rugby football, primarily on the Northern Beaches Peninsula of Sydney, New South Wales.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

### After Balance Date Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in the future financial years.

### Likely Developments

The company expects to maintain the present status and level of operations and hence there are no likely developments in the company's operations.

### Environmental Issues

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

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Our telephone service is now digital which has necessitated new numbers. notwithstanding, our previous telephone number – (02) 9290 1633 and fax (02) 9262 1408 will remain current.

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**Dividends Paid or Recommended**

No dividends were paid or declared since the start of the financial year. No recommendation for payment of dividends has been made.

**Options**

No options over issued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the end of the financial year period.

**Indemnification of Officer**

During or since the end of the financial period, the company has neither provided any indemnity nor entered into an agreement to indemnify an officer of the company.

**Proceedings on Behalf of the Company**

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or part of those proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors

Director \_\_\_\_\_  
M Sheeran

Director \_\_\_\_\_  
M Thompson

Date: November 2011

**WARRINGAH RUGBY CLUB LIMITED****ABN 57 000 497 398****ATTACHMENT TO THE DIRECTORS' REPORT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2011****TABLE OF DIRECTORS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Duties</b>	<b>Qualification/ Occupation</b>	<b>Years in Office</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	
				<b>Attended</b>	<b>Eligible</b>
Mike Sheeran	President	Businessman	4	8	8
Phillip Parsons	Vice President	Businessman	3	8	8
Martin Thompson	Treasurer	Chartered Accountant	1	5	8
Nicola Adams	Secretary	Solicitor	1	5	8

**WARRINGAH RUGBY CLUB LIMITED**

**ABN 57 000 497 398**

**INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR**

**ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2011**

	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Gross revenue from ordinary activities	361,847	390,984
Direct expenses	( 87,779)	( 94,586)
Playing, coaching and medical expenses	( 267,094)	( 277,536)
Other indirect expenses - 2009	-	( 29,921)
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities	<u>6,974</u>	<u>( 11,059)</u>

**WARRINGAH RUGBY CLUB LIMITED**

**ABN 57 000 497 398**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2011**

	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank and on hand	29,450	8,939
Receivables	7,894	85,510
Prepayments	-	4,390
Stock on hand	4,000	1,500
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>41,344</b>	<b>100,339</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Plant and equipment	29,021	34,298
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>29,021</b>	<b>34,298</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>70,365</b>	<b>134,637</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade creditors	25,585	86,918
Sundry creditors and accruals	136,964	101,269
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>162,549</b>	<b>188,187</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Non-interest bearing loan	92,840	92,840
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>92,840</b>	<b>92,840</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>255,389</b>	<b>281,027</b>
<b>NET LIABILITIES</b>	<b>( 185,024)</b>	<b>( 146,390)</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Opening balance	( 146,390)	( 116,078)
Profit (loss) for the year	6,974	( 11,059)
Adjustment to prior year losses	( 45,608)	( 19,253)
Closing balance	<b>( 185,024)</b>	<b>( 146,390)</b>

**WARRINGAH RUGBY CLUB LIMITED**

**ABN 57 000 497 398**

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial report is a Special Purpose Financial Report.

The financial report is for the entity Warringah Rugby Club Limited as a single entity. The Warringah Rugby Club Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, except for the following directors' determination.

The directors have determined that the financial report be prepared as a Special Purpose Financial Report. The directors' determination is made cognisant that the company is a reporting entity under the provisions of Part 2M of the Corporations Act 2001. The directors' determination is based upon the premise that a General Purpose Report places an unrealistic administrative requirement on the company.

The following Australian Accounting Standard has been applied in the preparation of this report:

AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements

No other Accounting Standards or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs. It does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(b) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated, less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

**WARRINGAH RUGBY CLUB LIMITED**

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**(c.) Property, Plant and Equipment (cont.)**

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the directors to ensure it is not in excess of the amount recoverable from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employed and their subsequent disposal.

The depreciable amounts of all fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives to the company commencing from the time the assets are acquired and held ready for use.

**(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and net of bank overdrafts.

**(e) Revenue**

Revenue from rendering of a service is recognised upon delivery of the service to the customers. Other revenue is recognised when the right to receive that revenue has been established. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

**(f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of any GST except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or the expense item. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST components of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

**WARRINGAH RUGBY CLUB LIMITED**

ABN 57 000 497 398

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2011**

	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>
	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Subscriptions received	65,384	51,507
Sponsorship receipts	171,361	172,670
Grants received	109,200	69,300
Interest received	183	-
Corporate boxes receipts	21,900	-
Other receipts	48,806	47,296
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	416,834	340,773
Player payments and expenses	( 132,877)	( 146,713)
Coaching and training expenses	( 105,697)	( 91,879)
Medical expenses	( 39,793)	( 31,640)
Insurance - players	( 18,208)	( 13,118)
Fundraising and special events	( 28,781)	( 19,429)
Administration and office expenses	( 27,731)	( 13,167)
Marketing and sponsorship expenses	( 34,470)	( 24,552)
Other expenses	( 18,455)	( 16,467)
Prior year expenses	( 21,504)	( 29,921)
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Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	( 10,682)	( 46,113)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	4,000	-
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Net cash from investing activities	4,000	-
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Funds received from borrowings	67,293	25,802
Repayment of borrowings	( 40,100)	( 11,135)
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Net cash received from financing activities	27,193	14,667
Net increase in cash held	20,511	( 31,446)
Cash at beginning of financial year	8,939	40,385
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Cash at end of financial year	29,450	8,939
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**WARRINGAH RUGBY CLUB LIMITED**

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2011**

	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>
	\$	\$
<b><u>CASH FLOW INFORMATION</u></b>		
Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with net profit		
Net profit(loss) from operations	6,974	( 11,059)
Costs from 2009	-	( 29,921)
Prior year losses adjustment	( 45,608)	-
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operations		
Non-cash flows in profit		
Depreciation charge	3,225	940
Loss on disposal of fixed asset	2,052	-
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Decrease (increase) in debtors and prepayments	77,616	( 45,472)
Decrease (increase) in inventories	( 2,500)	10,000
Increase (decrease) in current payables	( 4,390)	6,430
Increase (decrease) in sundry creditors	( 48,051)	22,969
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>( 10,682)</u>	<u>( 46,113)</u>

**WARRINGAH RUGBY CLUB****PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2011**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>INCOME</b>		
100 Club members subscriptions	6,100	5,000
Financial members subscriptions	59,284	51,507
Fundraising/special events - Oasis	29,179	-
- other	20,556	23,125
Sponsorship	136,146	187,480
Corporate boxes	21,900	-
NSW Rugby Union grant	67,200	104,000
7's Prizemoney	1,000	-
Club merchandise	7,014	5,590
Raffle income	4,567	2,083
Donations - Friends of Warringah	1,900	2,154
Sundry income	7,002	10,045
Total income	<u>361,847</u>	<u>390,984</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Competition and affiliation fees	1,432	2,132
Sponsorship, advertising and marketing	31,337	24,552
Fundraising/special events - Oasis Africa	18,277	-
- Oasis donation	11,000	-
- other	26,165	20,279
100 Club Membership expenses	1,000	2,209
Coaching costs - grade - 2011 season	20,000	66,377
- 2010 season	7,255	-
- colts	20,000	24,142
Player payments	44,744	96,967
Player expenses	11,090	-
Physiotherapy	19,645	15,410
Strapping tape and medical supplies	12,776	12,655
Video costs - 2011 season	6,160	-
- 2010 season	23,619	5,172
Player medical expenses	3,755	12,761
Training gear	24,102	5,502
Playing gear	7,138	5,826
Off field gear	8,508	6,984
Sports insurance	18,208	15,373
Administrative expenses	14,709	17,243
Telephone and internet	5,039	4,457
Website management	1,359	-
Newsletter	2,397	-
Laundry	1,371	4,339
Travel	2,620	1,657
Bank charges and interest	2,500	2,456
Depreciation and loss on sale of assets	5,277	940
General expenses	3,392	13,789
Expenses 2009 season	-	29,921
Stock writedown	-	10,000
Donations	-	900
	<u>354,873</u>	<u>402,043</u>
<b>PROFIT (LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>6,974</u>	<u>(11,059)</u>

# Annual Report From Duncan

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Minutes of the forty-sixth (46<sup>th</sup>) Annual General Meeting of the Warringah Rugby Club Limited held at Warringah Rugby Club, Walsh Street, Warriewood, on Sunday, 5 December 2010 at 11.00am

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1. **PRESENT:** See annexure
2. **APOLOGIES:** See annexure
3. **WELCOME**

*Mike Sheeran, as Chairman, welcomed all those present, and in so doing declared open the forty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Warringah Rugby Club Limited, as convened in accordance with the Notice of Meeting as published on the website of the Rugby Club since October 2010.*

4. **MINUTES OF AGM 2009**

The Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting were taken as read and the motion proposed by Bill Simpson, seconded by Chris Birch to confirm the Minutes was duly passed.

5. **BUSINESS**

- (i) The Annual Report – the Treasurer spoke to the financial report and noted that the 2010 year had been a tough year. Southern Cross had been lost as a sponsor. The Bayfields however had signed up for 2011 with back of the jersey and some signage rights released. There were verbal agreements with some other interested parties as to sponsorship and there was a proposal for individual back of jersey sponsorships for next year. It was noted that the NSW grant had dropped last year. It was further noted that the sport and recreation loan would be investigated by the incoming committee.

Mandy Morton proposed that the Annual Report be adopted, seconded by Di Lee and the Motion was passed.

- (ii) Election of Directors – a vote of thanks was given to Phil Wilson as Treasurer and Duncan Holmes as Secretary, both of whom were not standing again, and all positions were declared vacant.
  - (iii) Election of President – Michael Sheeran was the only nomination for President and was duly elected unopposed.
  - (iv) There was only one nomination for Vice President, being Phil Parsons and he was duly elected unopposed.
  - (v) There was no nomination for secretary and the position was declared vacant and Duncan Holmes would assist until a replacement could be found.
  - (vi) There was no nomination for Business Director and the position was declared vacant.
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- (vii) There was only one nomination for Treasurer being Martin Thompson and he was duly elected unopposed.
- (viii) There was only one nomination for Rugby Director being Lance Walker and he was duly elected unopposed.
- (ix) It was noted that Chris Hegarty was continuing as a Director as the President of Warringah Juniors.

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- (i) A Motion was carried that the remaining Directors' positions of Secretary and Business Director be left in the hands of the presently elected committee.
- (ii) Michael Gee asked for coaching reports and further suggested that a "former player package" for membership should be developed.
- (iii) Elley Bennett spoke to the plans that he has to "give everyone a job" within the Club.
- (iv) Noted that there were 7 Wallaroos selected from the Rats this year.
- (v) Phil Parsons provided a short overview of the forthcoming Kenya trip.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.00pm.

Mike Sheeran  
Chairman

## ANNEXURE

### ATTENDEES

Ian Boroughs  
Elley Bennett  
David Preston  
Paul Schober  
Brendan Paddison  
Phil Wilson  
Lance Walker  
Michael Sheeran  
Michael Gee  
Chris Birch  
Mike O'Carroll  
Rick Black  
Duncan Holmes  
Amanda Morton  
Phillip Parsons  
Gavin Hogan  
Mike Ruthven  
Diane Lee  
Mike Lee  
Warren Poole  
Billy Simpson  
Jim Maspero  
Chris Hegarty

### APOLOGIES

Martin Thompson  
John Sullivan  
Stephen Doyle  
Clive Tulloch