
WARRINGAH RUGBY CLUB



2020
ANNUAL
REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Phillip Parsons - Warringah Rugby Club President

Firstly, a huge thank you to all our sponsors and members who without your continued support we would not have made it through Covid and our 2020 season. It was really one of the most difficult times in the history of the club and that is also reflected in the lives of many of our members.

FOW have again provided incredible support and has enabled us to grow our club and invest in our players. Your contribution is as always greatly appreciated.

The board after careful consideration will be moving our 2020 AGM to Feb 2021. This is driven by our late finishing season and the need to provide audited financials. I would still like to hear from members who are considering becoming directors to support our club. It's important that we continually align our board capability with our objectives, and we have strong plans to grow our club in 2021.

At the beginning of the Pandemic, members of the board met very discreetly leaning on our cars at Narrabeen planning our way out of it, looking at each other suspiciously for a runny nose etc. It was an incredible challenging time, with not only our club in trouble, but community sport having all sorts of issues across all codes. John Maher our commercial director took the lead and working with our commercial subcommittee planned our survival.

Thank you to Guy, Christine and all the Coaching, S&C and Physio staff with the players for your support through Covid. It has enabled us to be in a much better position for 2021. Our welfare director, Phil Jackson again did a wonderful job supporting our family where it was needed.

The 2020 season may not have delivered the results on the paddock we wanted but we certainly fulfilled our social contract with our wonderful supporters and provided a well needed distraction through this difficult period. Every season delivers wonderful memories for me and our last round certainly did that.

Congratulations to the Ratettes and 1st grade colts for making it through to the finals up against very strong competition.

A community club doesn't happen without volunteers and the Rats are no different. Without our 'Rat Pack' of volunteers we simple wouldn't get the gates open and function, your service is deeply appreciated by the board and our community.

We say goodbye to players every year but this year we said goodbye to 4 players with over 700 games between them who have made an incredible contribution to the club and Sydney premier rugby. We also have wonderful new talent stepping up, who I'm sure will also grow into Rats legends across all teams including Rattettes.

I also want to welcome onboard Robyn Watson as the Rats new GM. Robyn's working experience will move the club forward in 2021 and out of our Covid hangover. I look forward to working with Robyn to deliver the board's objectives for 2021.

Next year will be different again. We might not be completely out of Covid and our lives won't quite be as normal as we have known it but we will be there again creating great memories and helping our players to be the best they can be on and off the paddock.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Li Lin Tay - Treasurer

I have the privilege to present the Financial Year 2020 (FY20) Financial Statements for Warringah Rugby Club, which as been reviewed by the accountants, Morton O'Leary.

FY20 has been an unprecedented year and provided immense challenges to the club from both an operational and financial standpoint. The club navigated these challenges through the continued dedication and support of:

- Our sponsors, Friends of Warringah, service partners, volunteers, members, supporters, and the wider Rats community;
- Coaches and players;
- Christine and Guy for their efforts in administering the club;

Board's Commercial committee for tackling the various financial challenges that the Club has encountered this year.

I would like to thank the above stakeholders for their contributions that have enabled the Club to continue operations and meet our commitments in 2020 despite the difficult conditions.

FY20 financial performance recorded a (\$3,589) deficit. Whilst this is a disappointing result following last year's loss, it was expected due to weaker economic conditions, amplified by COVID-19.

- Total Income decline from prior year predominately driven by significant Game Day revenue reduction.
- Game Day revenue reduction was driven by fewer home games and Covid restrictions/protocols.
- Sponsorship revenue and Government Assistance Packages (eg: Job keeper, Cash flow Boost, small business grants) covered the majority of the club's operational fixed costs.
- Reduced expenses particularly in Club and Rugby operations were achieved through extensive cost cutting and optimisation.

With the current environment set to continue into 2021 season, the Club will continue to work closely with our stakeholders and navigate through these financial uncertainties.

To conclude, I will once again like to thank Guy for his hard work over the last two years and welcome Robyn to the Club. I look forward to working with Robyn in 2021 to deliver a sound and sustainable result.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Guy Fraser-Hills

Warringah Rugby Club has an enormous amount to be proud of in 2020.

That may seem a strange sentiment in a year that after the incredible feat of 3 consecutive Grand Finals including a Shute Shield Premiership in the previous 3 years to not making the finals in the 4th year. Everyone and every organisation across the country faced incredible challenges in 2020. Challenges not only to their character and resolve, but to their very ability to survive. WRC was not on its own in this regard. However, not only did the Club meet the challenges thrown at it and survive, in many ways came out stronger and managed to thrive and establish a base for a future of continuing success. It is a year of highlights that include:

- A new young 1st Grade Coach who placed his own stamp and vision on an extremely young team with many new faces. What came out of this is the foundation of a core of incredibly talented and committed players with a hunger to not only succeed but succeed wearing the Rats playing gear in front of the Rats Members, Sponsors and Supporters.
- More Members in every membership category in 2020 than 2019, despite the fact that at one stage the season looked like it may be cancelled and when it did get up and running, was shortened by 5 weeks and 2 home games from the original draw.
- Despite COVID restrictions and a massive change to how we were allowed to sit as opposed to our traditional ways of enjoying the games, there was an increase in crowd numbers for the Sydney University, Norths, Eastern Suburbs and Southern District home games than in 2019.
- Every Sponsor of the Club stuck so incredibly strong with the club, honouring every financial commitment, despite the impediments and impost being felt by their own companies. Friends of Warringah stood right there ready to jump in with any support needed should the Club not be able to navigate its way through such turbulent waters. This is on top of significant financial support, including Scone and our gym, having already come in.
- Northern Beaches Council immediately stepping in to provide relief as soon as the season was stopped and maintained this support through the year.
- Our Volunteers came to all three Norths home games, none of which WRC participated in, and the entire finals series hosted at Rat Park to ensure the Club got every financial benefit possible out of these fixtures. This was a truly remarkable sacrifice.
- An incredible victory over Finals bound Northern Suburbs in the last home game that not only provided a perfect farewell to four legends but demonstrated exactly what this new and emerging team will be capable of.
- Most importantly, and what needs to be understood and applauded, the sacrifices made by every contracted coach and player, PhysioWard and Christine. If these sacrifices had not been made, at the same time as still fulfilling every one of their contractual obligations, there was the distinct possibility that this report would not need to be written nor hold an AGM.

Adversity is a test of character. 2020 was a test that saw WRC not only pass but pass with distinction and develop a path for greater success on and off the field.

There is one other very important lesson.

It is knowledge. We as a Club/group have always known this, but probably taken for granted to some extent. We are the most popular, most followed Club. We know this and this is something we should be justifiably proud of. But what has become apparent, after hosting home games for another club and the Semi-Finals and Preliminary Finals, is that with this comes a big responsibility. The game of Rugby can not grow and get back to where it was in the country's consciousness and popularity without eyes on the game. The game needs Warringah's popularity. It needs the passion of our supporters and sponsors. It needs the noise and atmosphere we generate at home and away games. It's a hard fact then that rugby needs Warringah to be successful year on year. And Warringah needs to be successful for rugby. That's the challenge for the future. To always find success. Always be a Club of choice for players, sponsors and spectators. It's not about a Sydney University type success. It's about the continued growth and improvement in all those areas we already lead the way in.

WRC SOCIAL MEDIA

WRC, World Headquarters



INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

2015 -- 1,200
 2016 -- 2,101
 2017 -- 3,637
 2018 -- 4,505
 2019 -- 5,680
 2020 -- 6,419



FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

2015 -- 1,986
 2016 -- 2,481
 2017 -- 3,952
 2018 -- 4,477
 2019 -- 5,340
 2020 -- 5,684



TWITTER FOLLOWERS

2015 -- 1,551
 2016 -- 1,744
 2017 -- 2,009
 2018 -- 2,128
 2019 -- 2,193
 2020 -- 2,178



SEVEN'S REPORT

Greg Marr

The 2020 Sevens season saw the Rats continue to transition some younger players into the senior squad that has played at a very high standard consistently over the past five seasons and has enjoyed continual success, winning at least one tournament each year.

This year, new faces like Robbie Nelson, Charlie McKill, Oisin Clarcken and outstanding Colt prospect Heath Lancaster, joined regulars Luke Vescio, Harley Attwater, Dave Feltscheer, Guy Rees and Mojee Veremalua to play in the season opening Mick "Whale" Curry 7's at Hamilton, which saw the Rats eliminated by eventual winners Gordon in the quarter-finals.

We then contested the 'famous' Kiama Sevens, the final tournament for the year, and the Rats team played fantastic Sevens all day to go through and win this prestigious tournament against some very strong opposition, and the main prize of \$12,000.00. The squad, which greatly benefitted by the surprise 'comeback' of Rats Sevens legend, Josh Holmes, also included Charlie McKill ©, Harley Attwater, Heath Lancaster, Sailosi Tagicakibau, Mojee Veremalua, Luke Masirewa, Guy Rees, Oisin Clarcken, Dave Feltscheer, Josh Coward, and Jaral Skelton.



VOLUNTEERS REPORT

Lindsay Gordon, Volunteers' Manager

What a year it has been, with our late starting and compacted season.

Never before, have the Rat Pack been required to put themselves at risk, to support the club they love.

I find myself awestruck over the steadfast volunteers we have at our club and with the team we have, I believe nothing is impossible moving forward for our club.

The Stats for the Rat Pack:

- This season we hosted 13 rounds which included 3 Norths home rounds and 4 game days in the semi-final series, condensed into a 17 week season.
- During our home games we had an average of 11 volunteers, great result considering the exclusion of the high risk volunteers.
- Norths games we averaged 4 volunteers.

- Semi-Final Series, 4 games over 2 weekends, with the average of 4 volunteers per game and some volunteers working all day.

We would not have been able to achieve what we did without some very special people, namely Jim Woodhouse & Ian Thomas, whom put in the long hours when needed at some games. While all volunteers did a fantastic job and put in the long hours, Jim & Ian were outstanding and put in more of their time even when not asked.

Looking ahead, taking into account the world epidemic as I write, there is still a dark cloud hanging over our world before we can plan ahead with confidence. I estimate the first trial game will be on the 20 March 2021. We will plan a get together and recruitment day a couple of weeks before kickoff of the season.

I would also like to thank the volunteers who were excluded from working due to being in the high risk category, for the words of support throughout the season.

Guy & Christine really shined this year with their work ethic, and really helped the Rat Pack perform as well as they did. My gratitude cannot be expressed with a simple thank you, but please accept a BIG THANK YOU!!

WELFARE REPORT

Phil Jackson, Welfare Director/Chaplain

The scope of welfare has a club wide focus and responsibility.

Whilst the playing group are a major focus our responsibilities extend to volunteers and staff.

This year we have all encountered new and unforeseen challenges with the COVID19 pandemic. Indeed here on the Northern Beaches this is presenting fresh challenges.

Notwithstanding, the club rose above this in season 2020 and maintained their never give up mantra.

Before the health crisis hit we were able to hold Tomorrow Man workshops for the top squad and a club wide workshop on Domestic Violence.

All workshops had the full support of the club and were well attended. The workshops gave a great insight into mental health, personal development and the confronting subject of domestic violence.

A special shout out to the Head Above Water charity that funded the Tomorrow Man workshops. As a result of this support Head Above Water has been chosen by the players as the charity they wish the club to support in 2021. We will explore practical ways for this to occur and are grateful for Head Above Water's support.

In my role as Welfare Director/Chaplain, I look to enhance and strengthen the support structures already in place at the club.

When supporting players in any capacity it is a reminder to me that everyone matters when it comes to welfare & chaplaincy and no issue is too small not to discuss.

Next season, we have five players in Grade and Ratettes who have volunteered to become Welfare Champions.

The Welfare Champions will be offered access to Black Dog online training that covers Mental Health in the community and response to those in need.

This will add an additional layer of support for players and staff and will enhance visibility of support at the club.

Dependant on health protocols Tomorrow Man/Woman workshops will be expanded to cover all playing groups.

A club wide Domestic Violence workshop will again be held.

If we can support each other in 2021 through the welfare initiatives then the club will be strengthened further.

Go the Rats!

1ST GRADE REPORT

Mike Ruthven - 1st Grade Head Coach

It is no secret that season 2020 produced many unprecedented challenges and hurdles for everyone within our Warringah community. On that note, thank you to everyone for their unwavering support and commitment through a really challenging season.

With my coaches hat on, we certainly didn't reach the expectations and standards that have been set through the success of previous years. Despite all the disruptions and challenges through Covid and the season being put on hold, we managed to get to the start of the season with a very strong squad, in very good order. It was imperative we started the season strongly however two very narrow losses to Uni and Randwick had us searching for our first win heading in to round 3 against a strong Easts team. A really strong performance resulted in a win and a real confidence boost for the team.

The middle of the season was characterised by some moments of absolute brilliance and exciting footy and moments of poor concentration and an inability to ice key moments and results were reflected accordingly. A finals campaign was still alive for us heading into the final 2 rounds against Eastwood and Norths. Unfortunately, an inconsistent effort against Eastwood in the second last round ended any chance of qualifying for the finals in 2020. With Finals off the table but still a lot to play for in the final round against Norths, full credit to the playing group for their attitude and effort to the very end. We were back at home, farewelling some legends of our club and playing group and with the chance to finish the year on a really positive note, we saved potentially our best performance of the year to the end and came away with a very dominant win against a team who went deep into the finals series. A very pleasing way to finish the year, yet incredibly frustrating at the same time. Had we been able to find that level of consistency and execution at key times through the year, we would have been a real threat throughout the finals series.

Despite results, the season also delivered some real positives. We welcomed a number of new players to the club and in particular 1st Grade. Charlie McKill, Robbie Nelson, Rory Suttor, and Alex O'Dell all joined us for their first season and needless to say, each one of them made a significant contribution both on and off field.

Ben Marr had an incredible season and proved a dominant force in the Shute shield. This guy is a genuine footballer and you would like to think we will be seeing him amongst the Super Rugby ranks in the near future.

The emergence of Sateki Latu from our colts program holds our front row stocks in very good shape. He has a bright future and will be called upon in 2021 to really step up.

I would like to extend a huge amount of thanks and praise to the strong support network I was surrounded by. To my assistants, Cam Treloar, Phil Waugh, Hamish Angus and Sam Needs many thanks for your support, commitment and effort. To Tree (Cam) in particular, your passion and dedication to the club and the team is second to none and I look forward to continuing with you in 2021. A special mention to our S&C Coach Dan Tilley (DT). The ultimate professional, no one more passionate about the Rats and his players and the man responsible for holding our playing group and the wider Warringah community together through a very difficult Covid period through his "Rats Together" campaign. Many thanks DT and look forward to doing it all again. To our managers Dickie Harris and Loz Gardiner, the best in the business as far as I'm concerned. Two great men who go above and beyond the call of duty for the benefit of the team. Lastly to our Doctor Tom Harwood and Wardy and Steph from Physioward for ensuring our playing group was well looked after and back on the field as quickly as possible.

I would like to recognise and acknowledge Sam Ward, Josh Holmes, Rob Kelly and Dave Feltscheer. All four men retire with having left amazing legacies at our club that extends beyond their contributions on field. Great men, unbelievably talented footballers and we wish them every success with their lives post rugby and hope to see them remain within our great community.

Season 2021 can't come quick enough for me. A chance to develop as an individual and another opportunity to work with an exciting group of players and get this team back into a finals campaign.

1ST GRADE REPORT

Mike Ruthven - 1st Grade Head Coach



2ND GRADE REPORT

Michael Gee - 2nd Grade Coach

The 2020 Covid 19 impacted season was like no other we had seen before, and hopefully won't be experienced again. However, positives often emerge from adversity and the way the Rats 2nd Grade group pulled together in a season lasting more than 12 months, was a privilege to be a part of.

Whilst a final's berth eluded us, the efforts on and off the paddock were consistently good. The quality of rugby played was best demonstrated by a strong win in the round games over Easts (Premiership Runners Up) and a narrow loss in the rounds to Sydney Uni (Premiers). However, beyond these results the strong performance of the group was particularly reflected in the large number of players who gained opportunities to play 1st Grade through the season – many on debut.

Our team was inspirationally led by Alex Fowles who went on to collect the 2nd Grade Best & Fairest Award in an extremely close fought race (Josh Sheridan, Luke Vescio, Josh Thrum). We had more than 35 players get on the paddock for us throughout the year, so to mention all is impossible. However, to see the progress of our young Front Row cohort (Sateki Latu, Pat La Torraca, Tim Anstey, Jayden Taylor) was tremendous. Pat – your time will come!!

As coaches, it was great to see the players embrace a culture of genuine pride in wearing the Rats 2nd Grade jersey, whilst never losing aspirations to play First Grade. This made for some intense 15 v 15 sessions with First Grade on a Thursday night. With many of the players backing up in 2021, we will surely give the finals a nudge.

A huge thanks must also go to our long-suffering Managers (Rob Miller & Greg Gerrard), along with all the support staff, volunteers and others who contributed to our season. It is through your efforts that we are constantly reminded of what a great club this is.

Lastly, thanks to coaches Greg Highfield and Greg Lee for their wonderful contribution to the team. It was great to work with you and learn from you.



3RD GRADE REPORT

Greg Marr - 3rd Grade Head Coach

It is very difficult to write about the 2020 rugby season with any real enthusiasm. After a strong preseason build up the 'virus' arrived, which saw us throw all our initial plans out the window and the competition descend into chaos. Our only 3rd grade game before the 'virus-enforced' break saw us defeat last year's premier Gordon convincingly in a trial at Chatswood Oval.

By the time the season finally got restarted some three months later a lot of the early season excitement had somewhat waned amongst many of the boys. The virus and the resulting enforced 'working from home environment' and shortened rugby season saw some players opt to take the rest of the year off, others to advance their education by taking up more studies, some resort to improving their golf handicap, and others to simply spend time with those who matter most.

The shortened season also saw 3rd grade 'enjoy' two three-week long periods with no games at all!

That said, I would really like to thank all players, managers and coaches for their support, perseverance, attitude, efforts, and commitment to the cause in what was a very difficult and disrupted season. Despite a horror draw and a lot of injuries, which I believe were due to the very short 'second' preseason we were forced to endure, we only just missed the semi-finals – the first time in 7 years! What made this even more difficult to swallow was the fact that the 'powers that be' only decided to reduce qualification for the finals from being the top 6 to the top 4 only 4 weeks before the semi's commenced! We finished 5th!

Our B & F this year was deservedly won by Jordan 'BDJ' Reid, who just shaded his brother Cal, Adam Bate, Jimmy Muir and Andy Lloyd. Others deserving honourable mention include Tim Anstey, Luke Hurditch, Harold Suters, Jonny MacMahon and Jack Slack-Smith. The leading try scorer was Jimmy 'Twinkle Toes' Muir.

Thanks again to Scott Reid for his much-appreciated, well-received and tireless input, in what was a very difficult year for he and his family, to our trainer Paul Amiradaki for his S & C support, to our managers Phill Bate and Nigel 'What's his name' who both did an excellent job, and to Scott Gourley for his assistance at training and for being the most highly qualified water boy in the Sydney rugby competition.

Special thanks to Scott Ritchie for his commitment, support, input, and organisation in doing a great job with 4ths, and to Guy Fraser-Hills for doing 'Luke's' job really well in trying circumstances!

Thanks also to Rivo, Hamo, and Tree for their help and support. Sung by the Warringah Quartet....



4TH GRADE REPORT

Scott Ritchie - 4th Grade Head Coach

An Interesting season for 4th Grade.

Pre-season was looking impressive with large numbers of returning players and graduating colts attending. A well organised weekend away in Scone, cemented some good foundations for a promising season.

Covid 19 disrupted this preparation. With the uncertainty of a lower grade season, a few players opted to play subbies rugby. Also, many clubs did not compete in 4th grade which meant for a 13 round competition where we only had 8 matches to play. This resulted in 4th grade having consecutive bye weeks.

Our season kicked off very promising with a cracking 24-7 win over Sydney Uni. From there we went on to a narrow loss to an aggressive Randwick and then a good win over Easts. Injuries throughout the club left the 4th grade roster slightly depleted, as players were promoted to higher grades. Credit to the playing group who fought valiantly through the rest of the season, with some close losses and finished with a 2 win and 6 loss record.

Some highlights for the 4th grade squad include, playing against and along side ex international players. Two Blues had Tatafu Polota-Nau playing in the back row and we were thankful that Sailosi Tagicakibau offered his assistance and experience where possible around his own coaching commitments. A number of players who started the season in 4th grade finished the season in higher grades, some making it to 1st grade, which is an excellent achievement. The squad also benefited from this as players stepped up to fill leadership roles of those promoted.

Thanks goes out to all those who have assisted with the 2020 4th grade season. From those who filled the roster when we were short, the 3rd grade Staff and most importantly Ross Bidencope who managed the team.

4th Grade's best and fairest player was Bryce Reneman.

Personally, I am immensely proud of every individual in the playing group. They all contributed to a successful season under trying circumstances. The players stepped up, played out of position if necessary and gave their all for the benefit of their mates around them. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for this group.



COLTS REPORT

Sue Barry-Cotter - Colts Rugby Director

The 2020 season which was a positive one for Colts.

Pre-season started early in November and there was a Colts bonding/getting to know you day in January. Unfortunately, COVID stopped everything even before we got to play a trial game. Spirits were low but the coaches kept in contact with the players through Whats App, giving them challenges and keeping them interacting with each other throughout the social isolation.

When the season did commence, I don't think we could have asked for a more difficult start, playing the top 4 colts teams in the first 4 rounds. It was looking pretty grim after round 4, but the coaches and players, in true Rats fashion, never gave up. Round 5 started the winning streak, particularly for 1st Colts.

3rd Colts, of which at least half are players aged 18 or younger, had a strong season narrowly losing to Uni in round 1 by 7 and Gordon in round 4 by 5. That was followed by successive wins against Souths, Manly and finished the season with a nail biting win against Norths. They finished the season in 5th position. There is plenty of talent from this team to watch in the future, with many of those players trialing for the Sydney under 18s team.

2nd Colts suffered at the start of the season with injuries to key players in 1st Colts depleting their team but had a good win against Souths and a massive 73-5 win against Eastwood followed by another very close win against Norths in the last round. They also finished 5th on the ladder and many of the boys were in the squad for 1sts preparing for the finals.

1st Colts after a tough start, had solid wins against West Harbour, Penrith and Souths followed by a good win against Manly at Manly Oval. The boys finished the season in 6th and played Randwick in the elimination final. It was so close, closer than the score on the score board. The coaches had the right game plan and the boys executed it really well. The boys never gave up and I personally was so proud of all of them.

It was an amazing team effort by all the players and the coaching staff. Thank you to Liam for scoring for 2nd Colts during the season and to Shane for preparing the jerseys every Thursday and scoring for 1st Colts. Thank you to Phil for his assistance with welfare during the season, to Benny for his strength and conditioning and health and well being checks with all the boys. To Bernie for all his strapping, first aid and physio assistance. Thank you to Mike Ross who assisted Losi during pre season and for the first 4 rounds. A massive thank you to Kyle for all his scrum training for all 3 grades and to Scotty for his S & C assistance and halves skills coaching for all 3 grades and to both Scotty and Kyle who together coached 2nd and 3rd Colts. At times they had over 40 boys at training of varying skill levels, a difficult task which they managed very well.

Thank you to Craig for his line out training for all 3 grades and for stepping up and assisting Losi with coaching the forwards for 1st Colts. I know the coaches put in hours behind the season analysing videos, preparing game plans and training drills and the hard work paid off with you all having the respect of the players and resulting in a very solid season.

Thank you also to all the parents and supporters who attended all the games this season.

To the players, I have really enjoyed this season. Thank you for your efforts during a very difficult season. I hope to see you all back at Rats next season either in Colts or Grade.

COLTS REPORT continued

Sue Barry-Cotter - Colts Rugby Director

Congratulations to George Kanongataa for notching up 65 Colts games for Warringah during the season and to Unga Latu and Witika Rees-Hatu for being selected in the Under 18 Sydney squad and to the following players for awards for the 2020 season.

3rd Colts – best and fairest – Witika Rees-Hatu

2nd Colts – best and fairest – George Kanongataa

1st Colts – best and fairest – Mathew Meafua

Colts top try scorer – Cory Hooper

Colts top point scorer – Heath Lancaster

Colts Rats Rat – Henry Slack-Smith



RATETTES REPORT

Mark Wilson - Head Coach

For all the disruption of 2020, the Ratettes put it all behind them to finish strongly at the business end of the season, about 12 months after pre-season 2020 officially started. Keen to kick on after an underwhelming season in 2019, the squad came back off the Covid enforced break, fresh and ready to go.

Although we struggled to get into a rhythm through the year with wins followed by losses, we managed to make it into the finals, made some fond memories and made sure that the new additions were well and truly welcomed into the fold. The quick fire nature of the season and the number of new faces we welcomed into the mix meant that things took time to build and some of our performances were testament to that, however amidst the chaos comes beauty and we certainly had some fantastic moments throughout the year.

With a good mix of youth and experience, we managed to earn our place into the major semi final vs. Randwick Magic in which we came 2nd. Along the journey there were some fantastic wins vs. Eastern Suburbs at Rat Park in our second game of the season and a come from behind win vs. Parramatta Two Blues at Lidcombe to make the major semi. There were also some tough losses against a very strong Sydney Uni 1 outfit and a tight loss at home to the combative Hunter Wildflowers which we just let slip.

Our 7's season followed a similar pattern, with some good results but not enough consistency across the year to get into a rhythm. Thanks to Pete Hammond, again steering the ship in the early comps way back in Feb 2020. With a lot of new combinations and without a whole lot of preparation we managed to make two finals at Hamilton and Kiama, coming up short in both to a very strong Southern Districts outfit.

In addition to the experience brought by the likes of Emily Robinson, Clare Isley, Cheech Barker, Tui Ormsby, Sarah Laman, we also welcomed in some special talent in Chloe Dalton, Ellia Green, Sharni Williams, Alysia Lefau-Fakaosilea. All four, disappointed not to be on the plane to Tokyo 2020 and with their own connections to the Green and White, seamlessly made the transition into the squad and contributed greatly both on and off the field. Aside from the obvious talents the four possess, the best part was to see the positive effect they had on those around them. For some of our younger players, many of whom were just making their first steps into senior rugby, the opportunity to play alongside such accomplished players was fantastic.



RATETTES REPORT continued

Mark Wilson - Head Coach

A strong contingent of Rattetes made the rep squads at the end of the year with; Louise Sheridan, Emily Robinson, Sabine Blakeman, Margot Vella, Paris Ingineri, Holly Lay (Sydney) and Cheech Barker (Country) taking part in the end of season Chika Cup. Special mention also goes to the players that made their first steps in senior XV's rugby in 2020; Poppy Mayhew, Lia Thomas, Summer Witt, April Smith, Charlize Grace., Tamar Millar, Teagan Myerscough, Kristen Sales, Holly Lay.

A big thank you must go to all the players who put in week after week, without them nothing would be possible. The way you all came together is a testament to you as individuals as well as the spirit which you built.

Erin Morton was again indispensable as Team Manager/Coach and every other role as needed. Alana Patison was also a key cog with her rugby nous and assistance throughout the year. As mentioned, Pete Hammond again worked his magic and got 2020 off to a strong start with strong showings at Hamilton and Kiama 7s. Thanks to you all for what you did and continue to do for the team.

From the club side, thanks to Guy and Chris who helped keep the wheels rolling. Thanks to Wardy and his physio team, Steph and Bernie. Thanks to DT and Ben B for their help and guidance when it comes to getting the squad ready to play.



FOWRF REPORT

Brendan Paddison - FOWRF Treasurer

The Friends of Warringah Rugby Foundation (“FOWRF”) is the supporters group which provides invaluable financial support to Warringah Rugby Club.

What has the FOWRF contributed to WRC in 2020?

- In March 2020 we paid for the gym at the Rats to be “deep cleaned” before the lockdown to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infections;
- Sponsored the Rats 7s program for 2020;
- Sponsored the Club’s trial matches/training weekend at Scone in March 2020;
- Contributed to the cost of game day video services for use by the Coaches and players;
- Funded Rats First Grade front rower, Sam Needs and Rory O’Connor, and First Grade Colts Coach Sailosi Tagicakibau to provide specialised coaching sessions throughout the season for our Junior Clubs and Warringah Representative sides. Unfortunately, this program was curtailed due to COVID-19 but it is our intention to re-introduce in 2021;
- Contributed to the Richard Tombs fundraising lunch at Mona Vale Golf Club;
- Purchased additional GPS machines and training App for use by the trainers and players;
- Paid for ground hire at the Narrabeen Sports Academy in February 2020 to enable pre-season training to continue;
- Funded the Warringah Junior representative teams to undergo the Sandhill Warriors training at Palm Beach;
- Paid for First Grade to attend the C42 gym and complete a boxing class as part of the pre-season training;
- Funded the production of the weekly newsletter “Rats Tales” by former News Limited gun reporter, Jon Geddes (a big thank you to Luke Holmes and Karen Watson for assisting in the production of Rats Tales); and
- Financial assistance to relocate some of the interstate players.



FOWRF REPORT continued

Brendan Paddison - FOWRF Treasurer

Warringah Rugby Club would like to acknowledge the loyalty and generosity of the Friends of Warringah Rugby Foundation and thank them for their on-going support. As at December 2020, the current Friends of Warringah Rugby Foundation members were as follows:

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The FOWRF would like to acknowledge the passing of long time FOWRF member, Peter Macdermott during 2020. Peter was a warm, generous man who loved his Saturday afternoons in the Spencer Creek Box cheering on the mighty Rats. He will be missed.

Further details on the **Friends of Warringah Rugby Foundation** can be found at our website:

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The Friends of Warringah Rugby Foundation, keeping the Rats strong!!!!!!

FAREWELL TO 4 GREAT PLAYERS OF OUR CLUB



WRC GRADE - PLAYING RECORDS

Name	2020 Games Played						Total Games Played						Total Points Scored				
	Cofts	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Tries	Goals	Pen Goals	Field Goals	Total Points	
ANDERSON, Louis	34		1	2		3	4	48	41	2	95	26	69	13		307	
ANDERSON-BROWN, Harry		6	10			16	12	23	14	1	50	12	5			70	
ANSTEY, Timothy	27	2	9	4	1	16	2	9	4	1	16	2				10	
ASHBY, Joshua					2	2				2	2					0	
ATTWATER, Harley		5	3			8	44	30			74	16	48	16		224	
BANNER, Jacob					2	2		1		2	3					0	
BARRATT, Peter	35	1	6	7	1	15	3	20	48	20	91	10				50	
BARRETT, Jacob	34				1	1				1	1					0	
BATE, Adam	74			4	1	5	6	35	42	10	93	13				65	
BATE, Josh	53		1	7	6	14	1	1	9	19	30	3				15	
BEGG, Lachlan	23			1	3	4			1	3	4					0	
BORSAK, Wayne	46	10				10	80	3	1	1	85	3				15	
BROWN, Joshua			11			11		11			11	1	6	3		26	
BRYDEN, Ben	31		1			1		1			1					0	
BUTLER, Rhett	60		12			12		21	12		33	8				40	
CHARLEY, Lachlan	38				4	4				4	4	1	4			13	
CHEE-KAM, Esera	20	7	2			9	23	8	1		32	17				85	
CLARKEN, Oisín		1	2			3	1	2	7		10	7	1			37	
CONSIDINE, Matt				6	3	9		1	18	34	53	10	2			54	
COOK, Jermayne					5	5				5	5	1	1			7	
DAVIES, Andrew	42	13				13	23	38	1	1	63	2				10	
DAVIES, Sean			1	2	3	3	1	35	33	35	104	20				100	
DAVIS, Tyson	14	13				13	87	10	2		99	31	6			167	
DEY, James					3	3				14	14					0	
DINGLEY, Angus					6	6				6	6					0	
DUDLEY, Jack	13				1	1				1	1		1			2	
FELTSCHER, David	55			8		8	143	46	23		212	109				545	
FOULDS, Matthew		1				1	19				19					0	
FOWLES, Alex		2	12			14	2	25	37	1	65	9				45	
GEE, Tom	41		7	8	1	16		11	8	13	32	3				15	
GERRARD, Josh	49			1	4	5		28	43	67	138	31	6	1		170	
GIRDLER, Max		2				2	43	16			59	16				80	
GLEESON, Sam		4	11			15	4	11			15	3				15	
GRAHAM, Matt	25		2		1	3		2		1	3					0	
HAGGERTY, Thomas R				3	1	4	1	21	58	12	92	12				60	
HALSE, Thomas		8	4			12	22	8			30	2	40	7		111	
HICKEY, Conor	28		1			1		1			1		1			2	
HOLMES, Josh	40	13				13	190	10	3		203	133	1			667	
HURDITCH, Luke	42		8	5		13		8	10	15	33	4				20	
IRISSOU, Thibaut					7	7			7	51	58	8				40	
JACKSON, Mark	56				2	2	1	31	65	17	114	10				50	
JONES, Harry		1				1	76	16			92	70	4	6		376	
JONES, Maclean		2				2	37				37	2				10	
JONES, Max	31			3	2	5	9	24	29	15	77	48				240	
KELLY, Robert	60	5	4	1		10	77	90	37	14	218	29				145	
KILLINGWORTH, Boyd	1	5				5	68	8		3	79	13				65	
KILLINGWORTH, Scott	35				4	4			1	15	16	2	2			14	
LA TORRACA, Patrick	48	2	5			7	2	9	19	18	48	2				10	
LATU, Sateki	73	7	3			10	7	3			10	1				5	
LLOYD, Andy	37		3	2		5		3	9	15	27	5	4	1		36	
LLOYD, Osuka			10	4		14		10	4		14	5	4	1		36	
MARR, Benjamin	15	12				12	44	17	1		62	26	20	1		173	
MASIREWA, Luke		1				1	1				1					0	
MASON, Mungo		9				9	9				9	4				20	
McBRYDE, Harry	38			6	2	8	4	41	48	20	113	31				155	
McBRYDE, Tom	17				2	2				29	29	5				25	
McCARTHY, James				1	2	3			1	2	3					0	
McKILL, Charlie		13				13	13				13	3				15	

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	Colts	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Tries	Goals	Pen Goals	Field Goals	Total Points
McMAHON, Jon			4	4		8		18	8		26	3	1			17
McMURDO, Scott	17		1			1		10	15		25	22				110
MEREDITH, Jordan	12		2	3	2	7	2	14	36	32	84	15	67	6	1	230
MILHAM, Connor J	15				4	4			3	44	47	3				15
MILHAM, Luke	44		8		2	10		8	14	36	58	10				50
MILLING, Cameron	53			2	4	6			3	28	31					0
MUIR, James			3	6		9		4	16	22	42	26				130
MUNCHOW, Richard			1			1		8	8	10	26	4				20
NAREKI, Joji			1			1		1			1					0
NEEDS, Samuel		9				9	37				37	3				15
NELSON, Robbie		10	8			18	10	8			18	3				15
NETTLETON, Jack	30	4	12			16	5	13			18	4				20
NORRISH, James	11			1	5	6		1	5	24	30	1				5
O'CONNOR, Rory		2				2	84	1			85	9				45
O'DELL, Alexander		9	3			12	9	3			12	1				5
POMARE, Michael					1	1				11	11	1				5
REES, Guy	33	4	6			10	8	12	4		24	8	8			58
REID, Callum	32		1	8		9	1	24	80	1	116	17	11			107
REID, Jordan	26			8		8	1	16	69	18	104	8	1			42
REID, Sam	14			7	1	8	2	47	100	3	152	17				85
REIMER, Sam				2	7	9		3	12	40	55	13				65
RENEMAN, Bryce	60		2	4	5	11		2	6	44	52	2				10
RENEMAN, Jake	39		2	4	8	14		2	6	51	59	6				30
RILEY, Christopher	41				3	3				3	3	1				5
RITCHIE, Scott					1	1				1	1					0
ROBERTS, Craij					2	2				2	2					0
ROONEY, Ben	38			3	1	4			5	14	19	4				20
RUBIE, Peter	47				1	1				1	1					0
SHERIDAN, Joshua		4	11			15	4	22	2	1	29	2				10
SILA, Faavae		6				6	40	22			62	7				35
SIMPSON, Billy	30				3	3				15	15	3				15
SLACK-SMITH, Jack	34		4	6	5	15	3	25	49	23	100	2	1			12
STARIHA, Jackson	52		1	2	3	6		2	4	19	25	5				25
STARIHA, Kurtis	69	1	11	3		15	1	28	19	15	63	4				20
STARR, Elliot	27			1	1	2		3	17	1	21	1				5
SUTERS, Harrison	55		1	8	2	11		8	59	21	88	20				100
SUTERS, Thomson				1	8	9			1	8	9	3				15
SUTTOR, Rory		11				11	11				11	3				15
TAGICAKIBAU, Sailosi					3	3	31	8		4	43	6				30
TAYLOR, Jayden	16	7	7			14	9	16	16	15	56	2				10
THOMAS, Quinby	34		1	3	6	10		2	4	11	17	1				5
THOMAS, Wes	38	13				13	31	20	9		60	19				95
THRUM, Josh	33		10			10		10			10					0
TUILAGI, Andrew					1	1			1	6	7					0
TUPU, Charlie		12				12	21	1			22	3				15
VALE, Jake	60				2	2				15	15	2				10
VEREMALUA, Mosese		1	8	2		11	5	36	8		49	31				155
VESCIO, Luke		2	11			13	13	35	45	4	97	19	4			103
WARD, Sam		11				11	144	4			148	19	1			97
WEDLAKE, Matthew				3	5	8	2	18	42	32	94	11				55
WHEATLEY, Jack M	53			4	8	12			14	43	57	7				35
WIDDICOMBE, Giles					5	5				5	5					0
WILEMAN, Sebastian	13	11				11	103	26	9		138	40				200
WINDON, Liam		1				1	19				19	4				20
WOOLLETT, Ben	14	7				7	19	3	14	3	39	19	7			109

WRC COLTS - PLAYING RECORDS

	2020 GAMES PLAYED						TOTAL GAMES PLAYED						TOTAL POINTS SCORED					
	1	2	3	4	U/19	T	1	2	3	4	U/19	T	T	G	PG	FG	T	
AHIPENE, Decan		4	5			9		4	5			9	1	1			7	
ALLANSON, Harry		1	5			6		1	19			20					0	
BAKER, Joe	5	3	2			10	5	3	2			10	1				5	
BARNABAS, Jake			1			1			1			1					0	
BARRETT, Jacob	11	4				15	22	12				34					0	
BARRY-COTTER, Aidan	12	2				14	23	5	3			31					0	
BASSETT, William		5	3			8		5	3			8	1				5	
BLAIR, Kye	2	1				3	4	4	1			9	2				10	
BRYDEN, Ben	12					12	29	2				31	39				195	
CHEE KAM, Livingstone			1			1			1			1					0	
COLLISON, Angus	11					11	11					11					0	
COUTET, Jemuel		1	2			3		1	2			3					0	
CRANE, Ryan			1			1			1			1					0	
DIXON, Mackenzie		4	4			8		4	4			8					0	
DON, Lachlan	3	7				10	3	18				21	9				45	
DUDLEY, Jack	11	2				13	11	2				13		1			2	
ELL, Patrick			1			1			1			1					0	
FLAHERTY, Harry	10					10	10					10	2				10	
FOSTER, Jayden		1	4			5		1	4			5					0	
FRANK, Zane	4	4	3			11	4	4	3			11		1			2	
GARLING, Max		2	3			5		2	3			5					0	
GAVIDI, Tim	8	5	2			15	15	30	13			58	9				45	
GAZEY, Thomas	1	4	2			7	2	11	11			24		2			4	
GRAHAM, Matt	12					12	28					28	14				70	
GROENEWALD, Keegan	3	3				6	3	3				6					0	
HERSEE, Blake			1			1			1			1					0	
HEYMAN, Bill			3			3		2	13			15					0	
HICKEY, Conor	1					1	24	3	1			28	12	9	3		87	
HOOPER, Cory	11	1				12	26	10	3			39	27				135	
HOPPING, Caleb	10					10	27					27	10				50	
HURD, Finley	5	6	1			12	5	6	9			20					0	
KANONGATAA, George	11	7				18	20	33	12			65	8				40	
KINAHOI, Paula		1	3			4		2	25			27	12				60	
KINAHOI, Siosiaua	6	3	2			11	7	8	14			29	4				20	
KINAHOI, Thierry		2	2			4		2	14			16					0	
LA TORRACA, Joseph	4	5	1			10	4	5	1			10					0	
LANCASTER, Heath	13					13	13					13	9	42	6		147	
LATU, Unga	3	2	1			6	4	13	21			38	6				30	
LEA, Viliami	5					5	5					5	8				40	
MAKEHAM, Nicholas		1	1			2		1	1			2	1				5	
McGRATH, Lachlan	2	6	2			10	2	6	2			10		1			2	
MEAFUA, Mathew	12	1	1			14	12	1	1			14	4				20	
O'DONNELL, Angus	8	6	1			15	8	6	1			15	1				5	
O'NEILL, Barry Miquel	6	1	3			10	10	3	5			18					0	
OVENDEN, Hilton	2	6	1			9	2	6	1			9		4			8	
PAI, Cody		7				7		12	12			24					0	
PAKI, Lachoneus		6	5			11		6	5			11	1				5	
PALU, Viliami		4	4			8		4	4			8					0	
PIKE, Nicholas		3	1			4		3	1			4	1				5	
RANDALL, Alex		1	5			6		1	5			6	2				10	
REES-HATU, Witika	1	3	6			10	1	3	6			10	2				10	
RILEY, Sean		4	2			6		4	2			6					0	
ROBERTS, Joshua	12					12	30	4	5			39	14	1			72	
RUDGLEY, Ben			1			1			1			1	1				5	
RUDGLEY, Martin	2	5	1			8	2	5	1			8					0	
SAVAGE, Kane		2	1			3		2	1			3					0	
SIALEMAKA, Taran			1			1		22	22			44	11				55	
SIME, Paea			1			1			7			7	2				10	
SLACK-SMITH, Henry	13					13	18	8				26	4				20	
SWALES, William		3	5			8		3	5			8	1	7			19	
TAGGART, Jye		1	3			4		1	3			4					0	
TAUKITOKU, Tyrone			4			4			4			4	1				5	
TUPOU, Christian	1	4	4			9	2	15	11			28	2				10	
VAENUKU, Sione	2	5				7	2	5				7	1				5	
VAN DER HEIDE, Jerome		8	4			12		15	19			34	10	1			52	
VAN LATHUM, Finn	1	1	2			4	1	1	2			4	1				5	
VAUGHN, Charlie	2	8				10	2	10	4			16					0	
WALKER, Kaya			2			2			2			2					0	
WEYMOUTH, Hugo	5	1	1			7	5	1	1			7					0	
WEYMOUTH, Luc	11	3				14	11	3				14	4				20	
WILLIAMSON, Angus	13					13	21	8				29	9	2			49	
WILSON, Dane	9					9	10	2				12	3				15	
WOOD, Cooper	9					9	9					9	4				20	

2020 WRC RATETTES PLAYING RECORDS

NAME	2020 Games	Total Games	T	G	PG	FG	Total Points
AMADEE, Lauren	5	5					0
BARKER, Alex	4	4					0
BARKER, Katrina	10	40	11				55
BLAKEMAN, Nikita	7	7	1				5
BLAKEMAN, Sabine	10	44	1				5
BONOMI, Jasmine	6	18	1				5
CARRINGTON, Sarah	9	104	15				75
DALTON, Cloe	7	21	20	25	1		153
DIXON, Raevyn	8	8	1				5
DUARTE, Laura	8	8					0
GRACE, Charlize	9	9	1				5
GREEN, Ellia	3	11	19				95
ILLSLEY, Clare	9	31	1				5
INGEGNERI, Paris	8	18	6				30
JONES, Quinci	10	10					0
LAMAN, Sarah	11	241	55	5			285
LAY, Holly	7	7	3				15
LAUI, Veoheilala	9	20	5				25
LEFAU-FAKAOSILEA, Alysia	3	3	5				25
MAYHEW, Poppy	9	9					0
MILLAR, Tamar	7	7	1				5
MYERSCOUGH, Teagan	3	3					0
ORMSBY, Tui	7	148	36	225	6		648
PALU, Ruhama	8	8					0
PARKER, Shanice		17	8				40
PEARSE, Raylene		2					0
PETROWICZ, B		2					0
PIASO, Taako Jane		5					0
PIUKALA, Susana		26	5				25
READING, Jessica		5					0
REES, Heidi		4					0
RIGBY, Chantelle		8	2				10
ROBERTSON, Lynda		290	60	220			740
ROBINSON, Emily	5	119	21	29	1		166
RUTLIDGE, Anne	2	94	29				145
SALES, Kristen	1	1					0
SHEARER, Maddy	10	14					0
SHERIDAN, Louise	9	19	1				5
SMITH, April	4	4					0
STALDER, Rebecca	9	63	2				10
TAY, Li Lin	4	173	6				30
THOMAS, Lia	9	9	3				15
VELLA, Margot	6	14	10				50
WILLIAMS, Sharni	6	6	4				20
WITT, Summer	10	10	3				15

