



Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby Football League Incorporated

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Clubs from North Sydney played in a joint competition with Manly. In particular Berowra and Asquith participated in the joint A Grade Competition.

Affiliated Clubs

Avalon Bulldogs

Beacon Hill Bears

Belrose Eagles

Christian Brothers OBFC

Cromer Kingfishers

Forestville Ferrets

Harbord United Devils

Manly Cove Rebels

Mona Vale Raiders

Narrabeen Sharks

Narraweena Hawks

North Curl Curl Knights

Valley United Spartans

Note:

1. Joint competitions were conducted with teams from North Sydney JRL in Saturday and Sunday competitions.

Aims and Goals

- ❖ To foster and manage Junior Rugby League Football throughout the Manly, Warringah and Pittwater Local Government areas in accordance with all rules, regulations and the laws of the game as laid down or determined from time to time by the MWDJRFLL Inc or such higher authority.
- ❖ To promote, encourage, advance and develop Junior League within the area as determined above.
- ❖ To adjudicate on all disputes and difficulties between affiliated clubs within the District, or between individual members of any such affiliated club.
- ❖ To obtain improved facilities and playing areas.
- ❖ To promote skills development and ensure that all coaches, sports trainers and referees are fully accredited before they can officiate at games in our area.
- ❖ To advance the interests of the Clubs within the District and to support the Manly Warringah District Rugby League Football Club Limited.
- ❖ To explore sponsorship opportunities that will benefit and promote the playing of junior league.

Office Bearers

Patron

Ron Dean

Vice Patrons

Manly, Warringah Council Mayors, Bob Reilly, District Club

Vice Presidents

R Butcher, G Farrell, P Collins,
D O'Donnell, P Vescio, W Phillips, S Martin,
P Evans, L Elliott, J Fox, B Friend, M Whittaker,
S Collins, S Tonga, M Hodges, P Harris,
P Kelly, M Johnson, S Johnson, G Malcolm, D Kifooti,
J Titmarsh, P Chipchase, A Kent

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J L Munro*, O Thorley*, C Wardrope, A J Warman*, S Hardie,
A O'Donnell*, D Butler*, D Murdock, C Mills*, H Franklin,
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R Dyer, B Bowtell, M Hegarty, B Langham, F Cridland, P O'Dwyer,
C Ricketts, J Brutnell, E Galloway, G Knox, W Bulmer, B Butcher,
M Nicholson, J Nicholson, C Burdon, N Bertoli,
G Glover, A Skinner

*Deceased

Board of Directors Management Committee 2011

President

E Galloway

MWDRFLRA Delegate to JL

T Smith

Executive Secretary

P O'Dwyer

Delegate to MWDRLFC

P O'Dwyer

Finance Director

M Covey

Senior VP Registrar and Signatories

B Butcher

Competition Director

K Hunter

IT Operations

C Newman (appointed)

Director Judiciary

F Cridland

Delegate to MWDRFL Referees

Association

E Galloway

C & D Manager

D Warwick

Assistants: P Vescio, S Healey, A Kent

Judiciary Committee

B Friend, B Butcher,
C Lovelace, M Brown, J Fox, J McGarry

Auditors

N Bertoli, C Burdon

IT Manager

E Galloway

Senior VP Insurance

P Harris

Senior VP Grounds Committee

J Fox

Qualifications Committee

K Hunter, J Fox, M Covey, B Butcher,
F Cridland, E Galloway

Grounds Committee

J Fox, K Hunter + 4 Club Representatives

JRL Development Liaison

P Vescio

Delegate to MW Sporting Union

P O'Dwyer, W Phillips,
M Covey

Social Committee

E Galloway, D Kifooti, J McCauley

Delegate to NSW JL Council

P O'Dwyer, E Galloway

A Grade Committee

Chairman: M Covey
1 member all registered "A" Grades

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POP HALL MEMORIAL TROPHY 2011

This Trophy for the Best Club in the District is awarded annually

Allocation of Points 1 Delegates Attendance at meetings 2 Response to Junior League Affairs 3 Conduct of Club Officials and A Grade to U 13's

4 General Effect on the Code propagation and Promotions

CLUB						
AVALON	15	3.7	2	4	13.28	22.98
BEACON HILL	5	2.5	2	2	11.71	18.21
BELROSE	18	4.8	5	8	14.78	32.58
CHRISTIAN BROS	9	4.2	10	3	16.29	33.49
CROMER	18	2.2	4	0	16.57	22.77
FORESTVILLE	12	2.9	1	1	13.57	18.47
HARBORD	18	5.0	5	3	16.78	29.78
MANLY COVE	5	2.8	2	0	11.29	16.09
MONA VALE	18	2.9	6	4	16.57	29.47
NARRABEEN	22	2.5	1	3	16.07	22.57
NARRAWEENA	16	4.8	7	3	16.00	30.80
NORTH C.CURL	4	5.2	4	2	10.86	22.06
VALLEY UTD	2	0.7	1	4	10..71	16.41

1st Christian Bros

2nd Belrose

3rd Narraweena

President's Report

The Junior League continues to maintain its numbers and is slowly improving its standards but nothing should ever be taken for granted.

One of our greatest assets is our volunteers and without doubt we have some exceptional volunteers helping the Junior League. These days the games start very early on Saturday morning Club volunteers set out to ensure their Clubs under 6 teams have plenty of fun. People like Frank Cridland Narraweena Bob Butcher Harbord & Brian Friend Avalon have been doing the first team coaching for 20 to 30 years. I am sure they love what they are doing but their experienced actions add stability and growth to the Junior League as well as their Clubs.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of these three. The smiling faces on Saturday morning is one of the best parts of Junior League.

Rugby League remains to me the Greatest Game of All but with its ability to generate unparalleled excitement it also has the ability to send people out of control. Despite a number of completely unnecessary incidents in 2011 the enjoyment of playing and watching Junior League is always there. In today's Society that requires sports administrators to have much greater governance and administration procedures we must be ready for anything. Fortunately Junior League has always had strong disciplinary procedures but today's values require more. While we continue to get told by Governments and head bodies that we have to do more, have the right paper work and qualifications the real issue is we have to educate everyone involved at our games "You cannot do or say anything that will offend others." The problem is these issues often fall back on over worked volunteers.

Code of Conduct & Tough Love policies are more important than knowing the rules. Let must be the Job of every Coach and Manager to ensure all players and team supporters understand while we want than to have fun Clubs will be penalised if their people breach any issue in the Code of Conduct

In my term as President I see it very important that education of everyone is a goal we must achieve.

The Grand Finals at Brookvale Oval were again a major highlight from the Under 8 Grand final won by Mona Vale over Belrose to A 1 Grade won by Narraweena over Asquith. It was very pleasing to see all the Grand finalists receive a medal for the first time. This of course was due to the recommendation passed at a Junior League meeting during the year. From my point of view the A 1 Grade has something different in the second half Narraweena players seem to turn back the clock. All involved in moves that reminded us of how exciting a player their Coach Clift Lyons was.

There were many other highlights during the year however nothing would have happened but for the efforts of so many from the Players Coaches Manager Parents Supporters & Officials. Thank you all for your contribution to Junior Rugby League in 2011.

Over the season every day there were people making contributions with Coralie Newman Jackie McCawley & Danielle Kifooti all playing a big part in getting things done. But again we owe a lot to Bob Butcher who seems to have a photographic memory when it comes to registrations & signatures. The time he puts into his job is unbelievable.

All members of the Board worked well together. Peter O'Dwyer who was always there solving problems and as always required to make decisions that are in the best interest of fostering the game. He has been a tower of strength and does not favor any team. Mick Covey sorted out the A grade issues and kept a firm hand on the funds,

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his book keeping is first class Frank Cridland is our "Colombo" and a man for all issues, while my President Cup recipient Kim Hunter worked his way through many detailed issues as well as being Competition Director and Joint Competition Chairman.

When it comes to being acknowledged for their efforts to contribute to Junior League Christian Bros came through as the top Club winning the 56 year old Pop Hall trophy. This is a real credit not only to Christian Bros but also to their President John Fox who puts in so many often thankless hours to allocate the grounds & Saturday games fairly.

It is now time to look to 2012 there are many issues that need to be addressed. With Manly Sea Eagles grabbing the NRL premiership again it is hoped that our numbers will continue to grow. New Coach Geoff Toovey has a record that all Junior players can dream about. He has played over 200 games in the Junior League winning 10 premierships playing over 250 games for the Sea Eagles as well as scores of Australian & State of Origin games.

Lets get ready to give an opportunity for more players to play in 2012 we have the experienced Volunteers to deliver a great 2012.

Eric Galloway
President

Executive Report (Secretary)

The 2011 the Junior Rugby League review in terms of the season's achievements is certainly one of success. In our Association we have 13 outstanding clubs all under the control of volunteers.

Indeed all members of Management are also volunteers and only a few people get a small honorarium each year to cover all aspects associated with running major competition for just over 2500 registered players.

I am now in my 20th year as the Senior Administrator and it is pleasing to report that over the years we have successfully implemented our major aims and goals namely SPORTSMANSHIP, CHARACTER BUILDING, SHARING AND CARING AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT. This success is without question due to the commitment by all affiliated clubs to adhere to our rules, work with, listen to and implement the decisions reached and endorsed by members in attendance at our regular General Committee meetings. I have no hesitation in recording thanks and praise to all delegates from the 13 affiliated clubs who are regular attendees at these meetings. It is a true that our competitions are the envy of other JRL Associations. Do we make mistakes? Yes. But we learn from them.

I also record that the future of Rugby League rests with the success of JRL clubs, School Football and Country Rugby League. In my opinion Rugby League is under challenge. It is therefore imperative that when the new Commission opens its doors to control the game Australia wide one of the most important initiatives will be to listen to the grass roots administrators of the game. It is paramount that substantial funding must be set aside to support the growth of this section of Rugby League. I register a strong commitment to help achieve the goals inherent in the above statement. I am on a NSW JRL committee to meet with members of the Commission.

Our "A" grade competition is first class. We operate under a points system and at grand final time we draw substantial crowds. At this point I have great pleasure in recording thanks to both the Sea Eagles Management and Warringah Council as we work as a team to ensure that all division one grand finals in our JRL from under 8yrs to A grade are held at Brookvale Oval. The dates are in either late August or the first week in September. I

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know of no other NRL club that gives the same level of support to their junior association each season. We have a very good working relationship with the Sea Eagles and indeed with Warringah, Pittwater and Manly Councils. As you all know Warringah Council has a big say in the use of Brookvale Oval

In terms of growth relevant to registered player numbers, it is on the rise. I again salute the clubs for their commitment and at this point I urge all readers to make sure you read the Competition Directors Report. It is very revealing. In short in 1992 we had 800 plus registered players. We now have just over 2500 registered players. I really believe as an Association of 13 Clubs we can all take a bow. WELL DONE

Our Association is very close to The District Club and the Leagues Club. Indeed they are the key supporters in terms of ensuring we get financial support each year. We also have an excellent working relationship with NSWRL Academy, Dave Warwick in consultation with ARLD re the development of junior league skills and our local Referee's. It is with pleasure I record thanks to Scott Penn, Bob Reilly, Peter Spray, the senior staff at all 3 Councils and the President of our local Referees Chris Bignold.

In closing I make the point that the year 2012 should be a year of planning for the future. We need a HQ and on that note I have already had an initial meeting with Council.

We need to embrace the benefits of Social Media and maximize IT operations as I am of the opinion that we are not progressing in that area or keeping up to date with modern technology. This needs to be carefully monitored. I do see a need to have at the very least an operational centre as our temporary HQ, initially, for at least three days a week during the season. It needs to be a paid position. We should aim to start this within 2 months.

In addition we cannot put off a complete review of our current operations. This should not be rushed as we need to understand what plans the Commission has as well as any plans from NSWRL. I will be recommending that we nominate an independent team to tackle this problem as a priority proposal to be driven by the Board and report back monthly to the General Committee.

In closing I pay a strong tribute to all Board members for their commitment, time and knowledge as it was a difficult year. We should all look forward to 2012 being a very challenging time but ultimately a giant step forward. We have the talent in our clubs and we must harness their knowledge and work skills.

Thank you for a great year and I do ask you all to continue working together in 2012 to build a more efficient operation.

Peter O'Dwyer
Executive Secretary

Competition Director's Report

There were 164 local Manly Warringah teams registered in 2011, down from 166 teams in 2010 in addition 26 North Sydney teams, down from 32 teams in 2010, played in the various competitions. Note there were 23 Under 6 teams in 2010 and 18 Under 6 teams in 2011.

Even allowing for the drop in numbers for the Under 6 age group our Mini and Mod League Competitions continue to be strong in numbers with 52 Mini League teams and

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58 Mod League teams in 2011. There continues to be considerable talent in our Mini and Mod League's and the challenge is to retain as many of our Mini and Mod players as possible as they move into International League age groups.

I conducted a comparison of the 2011 season to the 2002 season which revealed the following: -

Note: Statistics are in relation to players and teams from Manly Warringah District JRL only, North Sydney District JRL players and teams competing in Joint Competitions are therefore not included.

- Registered players: - 2,500 (including 24 ladies with Forestville women's team) in 2011 and 1854 in 2002, which represents an increase of 846 players (46% increase).
- Mini League teams: - 52 in 2011 compared to 32 in 2002.
- Mod League teams: - 58 in 2011 compared to 30 in 2002.
- International age teams (Under 13's to Under 19's not including A Grade Competitions): - 39 teams in 2011 compared to 33 in 2002.
- A Grade Competitions: - 15 in 2011 and 17 in 2002. In 2011 and 2002 there were 7 teams in both the A1 Grade and AR Grade Competitions, while in 2011 there was only 1 Manly team in the A2 Competition compared to 3 teams in 2002.

A further comparison with the 2006 season shows that we have increased player numbers by approximately 25%. Total number of teams increased from 131 in 2006 to 164 in 2011 (25% increase).

Mini and Mod League Competitions showed a comparison of 110 Mini/Mod teams in 2011 to 86 in 2006 (28% increase).

In the age groups Under 13 years to Under 19 years there were 39 teams in 2011 compared to 32 in 2006 (22% increase).

In the three A Grade Competitions there were 15 teams in 2011 and 13 teams in 2006, with 5 teams in both the A1 and AR Grade Competitions and 3 teams in the A2 Competition in the 2006 season.

Comparisons with both the 2002 and 2006 season show that we are the right track and that our main challenge continues to be retaining players from the Under 14 years Competition and onwards.

2011 was the fifth year of the Manly Warringah District JRL / North Sydney District JRL Joint Competitions from Under 13 years to A Grade. I would like to thank fellow committee members of the MW / NS Joint Competition, Kevin Nichols and Mark Dowel from North Sydney District JRL and John Fox from Manly Warringah District JRL for their time, commitment, contribution and counsel throughout the 2011.

Our A Grade Competitions continue to be strong and once again we were able to conduct three A Grade Competitions in 2011. Manly Cove was back in the A1 and AR Grade Competitions after a considerable number of years out of the main A Grade Competitions. Narraweena were again Premiers in the A1 Competition defeating Asquith in a very entertaining Grand Final at Brookvale Oval. Valley United continue to dominate the AR Grade Competition winning another Grand Final and retaining their AR premiership title. Berowra Maroon team were Premiers in the A2 Competition.

I would like to thank the referees for their co-operation and contribution throughout the season.

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Acknowledgement for the great work of John Fox, for his tolerance as well as the tireless hours John put in towards the betterment of our junior league competitions. As always John, I enjoyed working with you, thank you for your hard work.

Bob Butcher performed fine service for our Junior Rugby League throughout the season by taking control of the audit of our players and competitions, a very time consuming role, thank you Bob for a job very well performed.

Thank you also to Coralie Newman and Jacky McCauley for their co-operation and contribution throughout the season.

I would also like to acknowledge the considerable contribution made to our District Junior Rugby League by our Executive Secretary Peter O'Dwyer and President Eric Galloway. Thank you to both for your co-operation, advice and assistance throughout 2011. Also I would like to acknowledge the contribution of our Treasurer, Mick Covey for his duties as Treasure and Board Member and for his assistance in relation to A Grade matters as Chairman of the A Grade Committee. Thank you also goes to Frank Cridland our Judiciary Chairman and Board Member for his contribution during the year.

To all club delegates, club officials, ground managers, coaches, managers, sports first aiders, trainers and all the other volunteers many thanks for your contribution in 2011. Thank you to all the players that played in 2011, I hope you enjoyed playing the great game of rugby league and that not only will you come back and play again in 2012 but that you will also bring back some friends to join your club and play too.

Kim Hunter
Competition Director

Judiciary Report

This year we had an increase of charges to be heard. This was attributed mainly to 'Tough Love'. Last year we had 28 cases and 3 Code of Conduct cases, compared to this year 39 cases and 8 Code of Conduct cases. There were 13 cases involving 'Tough Love' and whether there was an overall increase I need to compare the number of teams in the age groups concerned.

I must thank those who helped us look into these cases and make decisions - Craig Lovelace, Adam Kent, Chris White, John Fox, Danielle Kifooti, Matt Brown, John McGarry and Jackie McCauley, if I have forgotten anyone I apologise.

To my right hand, Brian Friend, thank you for your reports and record keeping that made me look as if I knew what I was doing.

Thanks also to the Narrabeen Club and Christian Bros. Club for allowing us to use your Club Houses for Judiciary Sessions.

We believe we have carried out our duties fairly, honestly and to the best of our abilities even though the results were not always accepted with pleasure.

There were some difficult cases this year and we need to streamline the Code of Conduct case that has been discussed and hope to occur in 2012.

Frank Cridland
Chairman

Insurance Report

It is important that I record that during the 2010 season we had 26 claims with a payout figure totaling just in excess of \$25,000.

In the season under review, 2011, we had a total of 24 claims, however, the payout figure was just over \$49,000.

Peter Harris
Insurance Co-ordinator

Avalon Bulldogs JRLFC

What a year!! Rain, rain and more rain. I'm pretty sure we had four seasons in seven months of football. All in all it was a great year for the mighty bulldogs celebrating our 50th year- 1962 to 2011.

This year we had eleven junior teams and four senior teams playing in the Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby League Competition; which is a record for the Bulldogs.

The U/6's finished their year with a gala day at the Doggie Dome which was a great success. Amazingly all games finished in a draw, true bulldog spirit! The U/7 competition was changed after the first week of the semis which meant they would play a round robin knockout. This means next year in 2012 it will be non-competitive in U6, U/7, and U/8.

We ended up having six junior teams in the semi-finals and finals and only the U/9 making it to the Grand Final. Unfortunately they were beaten by a better team on the day.

The U/17s were the only senior team to make the semis; where they lost narrowly in sudden death.

Congratulations to all the Coaches for their tireless work throughout the year and their managers for their support as well.

To all the parents, thank you for helping out when possible and getting your kids to training and early morning cold wet matches mornings.

As this will be my last Presidents Report, I would sincerely like to thank the committee members, coaches, managers and parents that I have worked with over the past five years. Your support has been truly amazing and without all your help half the things we have achieved would not have eventuated.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank my wife Heidi and my three boys Dylan, Tyson and Kane for giving me the opportunity to be part of this great club.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Doggie Dome in 2012.

Glenn Farrell
President

Beacon Hill Bears JRLFC

2011 was another great year for everyone at the Beacon Hill Bears.

We welcomed teams in the Under 6's, Under 7's, Under 8's, Under 11's and A2's competitions.

Our Under 6's, most of whom were new to the Club and Rugby League had a great season of mini games and gala days.

Our Under 7's had a fun season as well with great success on the field culminating in participating in a three Club exhibition game at Brookvale Oval to kick off the Junior Grand Final Day.

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Our Under 8's are getting into the swing of footy now and enjoying a greater level of skill and development as players. They missed out on the Grand Final by one game but had a great season and we look forward to them taking one more step next season.

Our Under 11's had a stellar season going through the entire round undefeated and after a long running battle with the Narrabeen Sharks and coming out on the wrong side of the Division 1 Grand Final scoreboard for the last two years, were victorious in this year's game and took out the Grand Final in extra time in front of a great crowd at Brookvale. Congratulations to all the players and staff involved with our Under 11's this season.

Our A2's grew in numbers from 2010 and we welcomed a host of new players who have embraced the culture at Beacon Hill. We had our first win in two and a half years up at Berowra! The boys enjoyed the celebrations and we look forward to more of that success in 2012.

Thanks to all of our coaching and management staff for these teams for the year.

2012 sees Beacon Hill competing in the Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby League for the 30th year. Keep a Saturday night in October free for the celebrations!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee of the Manly Warringah District JRLFC for all of their efforts in 2011.

Danielle Kifooti
President
Beacon Hill Bears JRLFC



Under 11s Premiers

Belrose Eagles JRLFC

I would like to thank and congratulate all players officials and club members after another great season in 2011.

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The club increased team numbers this year and hope to further increase registrations following Manly's Grand final success. With premierships in under 11 & under 16 and under 9 & under 12 making grand finals we certainly enjoyed success across all ages.

I extend my thanks to all the loyal club sponsors without whose generosity we could not meet the burgeoning costs of Junior Sport.

Belrose Rugby League like all clubs survives year after year thanks to the contribution of a number of hard working individuals. Whether it is coaching working in the canteen or packing gear away every little bit helps to keep the Club ticking along. I thank everyone who helped out in 2011. Special thanks to my fellow Board Members despite there being only 5 of us this year their commitment made up for our numbers and this year's results are a direct result of their hard work and those of previous years who laid such strong foundations.

This year saw more people prepared to put up their hand to volunteer for a wide variety of jobs and players & the Club certainly benefited.

Another good season for Belrose.

Scott Collins
President
Belrose Eagles

Christian Brothers OBFC

The year started on a sad note with the passing of a highly respected life member Ernie Rowley. A member of the club for many many years, Ernie was loved by all those he came in contact with. Bill Crowley organised a remembrance afternoon for Ernie at the club and it was a privilege to hear tales of yesteryear from so many original members of our club.

On the football side of things I thought the club had a successful year. In all we fielded 9 teams although it was unfortunate that we were unable to field an A Grade side. It has become a reality that the A Grade competition is out of reach unless you are sponsored by a wealthy benefactor. Our junior sides all performed well with our Under 9's and Under 8(w) winning competitions. To all our sides you should be very proud of yourselves and the spirit in which you play the game.

Many thanks go to our coaches, trainers, managers, mums and dads who contribute your time and effort to make the club an enjoyable experience for our players.

A highlight of the year was the golf day. This was a huge success and to those who organised the event, my sincere thanks. To club sponsors your generosity is appreciated especially in times when Council is implementing "user pay" policies on volunteer sporting bodies. These policies will have a direct impact on this club as early as next year with costs for electricity usage being introduced and sporting union fees increasing. These expenses will put extra pressure on our finances.

Last but by no means least; I must thank Jacky and Karen for their support and all those who help on game day with the BBQ, Canteen, ground set-up etc. Your work helps the club run smoothly.

In closing I wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in 2012.

*John Fox
President
Christian Brothers OBFC*

UNDER 9'S DIV 1 PREMIERS CHRISTIAN BROTHERS



Recipients of The E. A. Ireland Trophy for 2011

Cromer Kingfishers JRLFC

Firstly I would like to congratulate all our players, coaches, managers, committee members and volunteers for the dedication they have shown for the 2011 season.

We had some brilliant results from our players in 2011.

8 teams made the Grand Final & 5 teams were Premiers 2011 all the other teams did the club proud though out the year & also had lots of fun along the way. Thank you to all our wonderful coaches and managers for a job well done!!!

2011 Premiers
U/8 div2, U/9 div2, U/10 div3, U/11 div 2, U/14 div2
2011 Grand Finalist
U/7 div3, U/8 div3, U/17 div1

To our many sponsors both large and small your continued support to this club is greatly appreciated by one and all. The support of all the organizations that have been in partnership with us this year is truly a major contributing factor to our success.

I must also make special mention to our hardworking executive committee Debbie Gyde, Sharon Forysth & Tom Akhurst for their passion, commitment and drive to see the club grow.

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To every single Volunteer Member who has worked in the background and on game days I say thank you. This Club would not be where it is today without you.

I will again thank all our Coaches and Managers, in addition to supporters, members, parents and especially all our players that play the greatest game their mates.

Looking forward to next season where we will all be moving in the same direction taking this club forward and remembering that the Cromer Kingfishers is a family orientated club.

*Adam Kent
President
Cromer Kingfishers JRLFC*

Forestville Ferrets JRLFC

As the 'football' year now comes to an end I am very pleased with the year we have had and more importantly, based on what we have achieved this year, I am very confident about the years ahead.

It is true that we won only one premiership, courtesy of the dynamic under 10's but there were many other achievements which are worth noting.

Firstly on the field we had 2 other sides make the Grand Final in the Ladies and the under 14's, we had 4 teams dip out at final time and another three who played in semi finals. This is an improvement over last year and except for actually winning all 3 grand finals we competed in 2 years ago was our best year for quite some time.

Next we dropped an age group which is disappointing, but our overall player numbers were up slightly on last year. This is a clear indication that in the main we are providing a place where players want to be and parents are happy for their kids to play.

Finally our results across the year were vastly improved over the previous few years. More even competitions had a lot to do with this but also the fact that we have been able to keep our teams together and attract some new players (and coaches and managers) has made a huge difference. Our challenge now, from Under 6 to A Grade, is to keep this on field momentum going and build on what we have established this year. Off the field the year has also been a success with some positive changes and innovations introduced. Club training nights have been a big success and will be a feature of our program for next year. An increase in volunteers, particularly from the junior teams, has had a big difference to the running of the club in relation to the improvement of our amenities, coordination of Saturday games and events and an improved website. Finally, we not only have "new blood" on the board, but young blood and this is already having a positive impact on the plans for the year ahead.

All our social events this year were an outstanding success. Launch Day, Ladies Day, Old Boys, Sportsman's Dinner and Sponsors Day were well organised and supported. A general increase in mums and dads being involved in the club's activities has provided some additional energy and enabled more people to enjoy what the club has to offer, besides of course the footy.

Finally, thank you to everyone who contributed in some way to the success of the Ferrets in 2011. Our sponsors of course, who provide the very necessary funds we need to operate. But also to the parents who may have helped out once or twice when they could. We all have many commitments outside of footy that make it difficult to do

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all the things we would like, but I assure you every little bit of help is greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to our Board of Directors who work tirelessly, year round to put the Ferrets on the field. In some cases, well beyond what most people would imagine. Enjoy the long summer days ahead and we look forward to seeing everyone back for what promises to be a bigger and better year in 2012.

Scott Johnson
President
Forestville Ferrets JRLFC

Harbord United Devils JRLFC

Year 2011 was a very successful year for the Harbord United Devils on and off the field. We fielded 18 sides the U/6s and U/7s were non competitive and 14 competitive sides. While most sides made the semi's we had 8 in grand finals. Winning 5 was a great result for the club. 3 of those were in First Division with 2 winning premierships. Also the U/7 maroons had a great year only losing their last game which earned them a start in the Tom Bishop shield played at Cronulla.

Congratulations to all the sides who participated for this year and to all the coaches and managers for a job well done .I know all the parents and the committee appreciate your efforts.

Harbord U/11 and 12s travelled to Queensland this year to play trial matches against Tugun. I would like to thank the organizers for a wonderful job in raising the money and looking after all the kids while on tour. I understand everyone had a great time.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers that make our great club run. From Carol who works tirelessly at the canteen and her helpers Jacqui and Lucy to our Vice President John Winsor, all the BB staff especially Ralph and Howie and for the people who help set up and pack up the park on a Saturday. Special thanks must go to the Club's Secretary Paul Chipchase and also Bob Butcher for all their support to me throughout the year.

I also take this opportunity to congratulate Paul Chipchase on receiving his life membership to the club.

I place on record thanks to all our sponsors who without them the club would not be the success it is. Thank you to Harbord Bowling Club, Freshie Chickens, Your Style Home Additions, Harbord Bendigo Bank, Barry Taylor and Partners, Sydney Wide Radiators, Chester's Gourmet Meats, Print and Signs, Cheries Pies, Drip Dry Bathrooms, Dairy Farmers, Green Grass Gardens, Maloufs Manly Pharmacy and Trade force Aust. Once again I would like to thank everyone who contributes to help make Harbord United so enjoyable

Finally a big thank you to the all the kids who are the future of this club.

Scott Martin
President
Harbord United Devils JRLFC

UNDER 10'S DIV 1 PREMIERS HARBORD UNITED DEVILS (M)



Recipients of The Jack Munro Shield for 2011

Manly Cove Rebels JRLFC

This year has been a difficult year off the field financially but we are proud to have fielded our first A1 grade in years. It was coached by Adam Hennessey and were competitive throughout the season. Our under 6 team had a great time running out with manly 1st grade and many thanks go out to Willie Baines for getting them together each week. Many thanks to Vice President and U13's coach Dennis Keene for his persistence and hard work this year. Thanks also to TeHira Niha and Viv and Marlene Winterburn for keeping the very difficult U16's age group together and putting in an excellent season special thanks must go to the parents, coaches and club members who worked so hard to make this season run so well.

Also big thanks to our treasurer Renee O'Donnell for keeping our heads above water in this difficult season, our Registrar Doug Armstrong, our Secretary Sue Tonga and Sharon Kennedy for doing all the hard stuff they do behind the scenes. Special mention goes to Errol Douglas, founding Life Member, for keeping us afloat this season and we wish him the best of luck for his new life in Parkes.

I would like to wish everyone in the junior league community good luck and happiness.

*Marty Whittaker
President
Manly Cove JRLFC*

Mona Vale Raiders JRLFC

The 2011 season has come to an end!!!

I have been involved with this great club for the last 11 years and I believe 2011 has been the most successful year for many reasons.

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This year we fielded 17 teams with a total of 260 players. We had 15 junior sides and 2 senior sides. Out of these 17 teams, 9 qualified for Grand finals with the club walking away with 5 1st Division premierships. This is a huge effort considering our two under 6 and under 7 teams are non competitive.

A huge thank you must go to our fantastic coaches and managers who have dedicated their time, skills and knowledge to our players. An extra special mention must go to the following coaches who are not parents of players but coaching for the love of rugby league;

Kev Marr	u/6
Fiona Kelsall	u/8B & 12W
Matt Logue	u/11
Chris (foof) Lewis	u/12W
John Grieve	u/13
Steve Wilson	u/15
Nathan Gamage	u/19

Our senior coaches Nathan and Steve also offer continual help and advice to the juniors. Nathan has been known to run the water for many sides whilst, Steve is an expert at inspirational speeches. The junior players look up to these coaches and appreciate their efforts.

This alone shows the strength and commitment of Mona Vale Raiders, and for that the committee is extremely grateful.

Before the players can take to the field there is a group of people who arrive at Newport oval in the dark to set up the day. This involves checking the ground, setting up the fields, opening the canteen, starting the BBQ and the list continues. A BIG thank you to our regulars David O'Donnell, Mitch Murphy Jeff Stevenson, Scott Burdon, Jake Trbojevic, Brett Delmege, Terry Binding and Murray Warner (C Grader).

I would also like to thank our ground managers and first aid officers who give up hours of their time to help the day run smoothly. Thank you to Warwick Phillips, Paul Vescio, Jeff Stevenson, Fiona Kelsall, Murray Warner, Mitch Murphy, Karen Gaynor and David O'Donnell (DHS).

This year the committee has tried to encourage our junior players and families to come and cheer the seniors on! The social committee have organised a bit of fun for the kids with face painting, coloured hair and a jumping castle while enjoying the games.

Off the field the Raiders also had some fun!! A BIG thank you once again to Kev and Tania Marr who organised a fantastic and successful golf day. This is the clubs major fund raiser for the year and Kev and Tania have it down pat!! I am sure all those that played would agree the day was a great success.

Also, fun was had by all at the Raiders Social dinner. This was held at Newport Arms who are one of the clubs new sponsors this season. It is always a great night to get together with parents and socialise. Thanks to Mel M and my wife Mel (Lucky)!!

Before the kids can play footy there is a lot of work behind the scenes. The Raiders are very lucky to have such a well organise and committed group of people. I would personally like to thank our committee who I have been privileged to work with; Karen Gaynor, Noel Gurney, David O'Donnell, Tahlia Binding, Jade Warner, Paul Vescio, Warrick Phillips, Kev Marr, Robyn Menzies.

I am sure the committee would agree with me in saying that, " You get a great a deal of satisfaction helping out at Mona Vale Raiders and watching the kids play the game we all love!!"

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This season we ran without a President! Hopefully this won't happen again, and next year we will have some new faces on the committee, working with the old, and helping our club to move forward and grow.

I hope all our Raiders families enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2012 for some more great footy!!!

GOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO RAIDERS

John Trbojevic (aka Big John)
Vice President
Mona Vale JRLFC

Narrabeen Sharks JRLFC

Firstly I would like to congratulate all of the players, parents & officials from our U/6s through to our A Grade for such a great year. The behaviour of our players all year has been exceptional.

Congratulations to our 6 teams for making it all the way to the Grand Finals, but the bounce of the ball did not go the Sharkies way in every game. Our club took out 2 Grand Finals so congrats to Shane's U/13s & Tony's U/12s.

I know our club might have only won 2 Grand Finals but as far as I am concerned we are so proud of every team, all we can hope is that all of our players have fun, meet some new friends & maybe pick up some pointers along the way.

To run a club this size takes a lot of work behind the scenes, we all know who you are, and without you the club would not be the success it is today, I can't thank you enough! I hope to see you all back next year.

I would also like to thank the Sponsors for again coming onboard this year namely Narrabeen RSL, AOR Cranes, AB Roof tiling with a very special thank you to J & M Quality Meats – John Thew for his tireless support yet again.

GO THE SHARKIES!

Paul Evans
President
Narrabeen Sharks JRLFC

Narraweena Hawks JRLFC

The 2011 season has been a reasonable success for the Hawks, both on and off the field.

On the field, we entered ten teams in competitions and seven of those progressed to grand finals, with four coming home with the trophy. My thanks go to all those who helped us during the season, win lose or draw.

Off the field we started the year with a revamped executive team, with a new President, Vice President and Registrar, and they all performed well. This augurs well for the future, and I think our club is in good hands. By the time you read this, there should be a new secretary as well. Generational change is a good thing.

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We have also been given council approval to upgrade our lights to Australian standard for night competition, so we should have new lights for next season.

My thanks go to the Junior League board for their efforts this season, particularly to Kim Hunter and John Fox for administering the draw. It must be very difficult trying to keep everybody happy. Also thanks to all the club delegates who give up their time to ensure the smooth running of the competition.

Peter Harris
Secretary
Narraweena Hawks JRLFC

North Curl Curl Knights JRLFC

The 80th Anniversary was the milestone that we at the North Curl Curl Knights celebrated this year. We are one of only two of the foundation clubs still in existence.

Overall the 2011 season can be viewed as a moderate success. Our club this season was represented in the U6s, U7s, U9s, U11s and U12s and all teams performed really well.

Congratulations must go to our U7s, and U9s who both made it through to the Semi Finals. Our U9s team found this season to be that of a very difficult one, due to the fact that all season they played with a maximum of 8 players and struggled mightily. We at the North Curl Curl Knights were very proud of their consistent efforts to play the game as best they could each week with the numbers they had.

A further pat on the back must be awarded to our U11s and U12s who both played strong in the seasons Grand Finals. Unfortunately neither team took the title as premier winners, however, they both played outstanding football in a keenly contested competition, and stretched both opponents to the limit.

A successful season can not at all occur without a great deal of effort by too few workers. Thanks to all our Coaches & Managers, Gear Steward and Canteen Co-ordinator Caroline Elliott, Registrars Todd and Caretta Campbell, Bbq expert Joe Askew, the 2 club all rounders Mark Messenger and our president Les Elliott who, all without exception, put in a tireless performance. Our sponsors are also to be thanked, without them our club would not have been able to offer a FREE registration to all players. We look forward to the season to come.

Keep safe in the off season and Merry Christmas to all.

Josie Parata Halo
Club Secretary
North Curl Curl Knights JNRLC

Valley United Spartans JRLFC

We started 2011 with 3 teams and plenty of confidence that the Club would be a force across all grades. Unfortunately due to lack of numbers the Club was forced to make the very tough decision to withdraw the U/19 team from the competition. This decision was not made lightly and it was made in the best interest of both the players and the Club.

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Our Reggies once again dominated the competition with Head Coach Darren Sing once again taking the boys to the title and a comprehensive Grand Final victory. Congratulations to everyone involved including players and support staff.

The A grade had a mixed year with some very good results also mixed in with a few shaky ones. Injuries played a part as they always will. The end result saw us limp out the back door after two consecutive semi final losses. I would like to thank Head Coach David Hoban, who has worked tirelessly as coach over the last 3 years. David has decided to not reapply for the position in 2012.

At the time of going to press the VU Board of Directors were working through a group of 5 applications for the A grade coaching position.

On behalf of the Club and its Directors, I would like to thank all of our sponsors for their support. Special thanks to our major sponsor, Harbord Beach Hotel for their continued support as well as Bendigo Bank, who not only are a sleeve sponsor, they are also the major sponsor of the very successful Valley United Ladies Day, which continues to go from strength to strength.

Kane Mason/Members Day was a well attended day even though it was moved to HBH due to games being called off. Kane's family again travelled down from Goodooga – as always it was great to see them all. An important part of the day was the scattering of Sko's ashes in the hotel garden by the McRoberts clan – a very moving moment for all.

A big thank you to Wahoo Pools, Your Style, Tooheys, Jim Beam, Tradeforce Australia, Strathfield, Le Kiosk, Rain-Again, Premier Displays, Harry's Butchery & Freshie Chickens for your continued support.

Also I would like to acknowledge the work put in by Carol for all of her hard work in maintaining and running our canteen on games days. A lot of time is put in and it is very much appreciated.

Finally to the Board of Directors, this Club could not operate without your work behind the scenes. We each give up our time and effort on a voluntary basis and at times you wonder is it all worth it. On behalf of myself and the entire Valley United members and supporters I thank you for all of your hard work.

Our aim as a Club in 2012 is to climb back to the top and bring home an A grade premiership. It's been a long time between drinks and as a Club we work together towards achieving the title in 2012.

*Peter Kelly
President
Valley United JRLFC*

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2011 Grand Final Results

A1	Narraweena	33	def	Asquith	8
AR	Valley	26	def	Asquith	8
A2	Berowra	22	def	Willoughby	12
U/19	Mona Vale	38	def	Asquith	10
U/17	Mona Vale	30	def	Cromer	16
U/16	Belrose	28	def	Narrabeen	18
U/15	Mona Vale	32	def	Narraweena	16
U/14 Division 1	Harbord	16	def	Mona Vale	14
U/14 Division 2	Cromer	28	def	Forestville	6
U/13 Division 1	Narraweena	24	def	Manly Cove	12
U/13 Division 2	Narrabeen	14	def	Mona Vale	6
U/12 Division 1	Mona Vale	18	def	North Curl Curl	4
U/12 Division 2	Harbord	18	def	Belrose	6
U/12 Division 3	Narrabeen	24	def	Harbord	22
U/11 Division 1	Beacon Hill	18	def	Narrabeen	16
U/11 Division 2	Cromer	40	def	Harbord	18
U/11 Division 3	Belrose	34	def	North Curl Curl	12
U/10 Division 1	Harbord	30	def	Mona Vale	0
U/10 Division 2	Forestville	26	def	Narraweena	14
U/10 Division 3	Cromer	26	def	Narrabeen	14
U/9 Division 1	Christian Bros	40	def	Harbord	12
U/9 Division 2	Cromer	32	def	Narraweena	24
U/9 Division 3	Harbord	38	def	Avalon	18
U/8 Division 1	Mona Vale	12	def	Belrose	6
U/8 Division 2	Cromer	6	def	Narrabeen	4
U/8 Division 3	Harbord	16	def	Cromer	14
U/8 Division 4	Christian Bros	28	def	Mona Vale	26

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