

# Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby Football League Incorporated

## ANNUAL REPORT 2014



Junior League  
Making the Greats  
of the Future

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## **Affiliated Clubs**

Avalon Bulldogs

Beacon Hill Bears

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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 MWDJRFL 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

### Patrons

Ron Dean, Bob Reilly

### Vice Patrons

Warringah Council Mayor

### Vice Presidents

R Butcher, M Birtwistle, P Collins,  
W Phillips, S Martin, L Elliott,  
J Fox, B Friend, M Whittaker, S Collins,  
S Tonga, P Harris, P Kelly, M Johnson, S Johnson,  
D Kifooti, A Kent, J McCauley

### Life Members

K R Arthurson Snr\*, J W Cameron\*, G Ashton\*, J Martin\*,  
E R Bell, J C Blue, J W Campbell\*, W Crocker, G Gilbert\*, H Hall\*,  
R Hannon, J Huston\*, H Horne, F Hogan\*, W Loader, P Mc Clenchey\*,  
J L Munro\*, O Thorley\*, C Wardrope, A J Warman\*, S Hardie,  
A O'Donnell\*, D Butler\*, D Murdock, C Mills\*, H Franklin,  
R Wheeler\*, A D Butler, B Scanlon\*, V Hannam, R Brown, R Dean,  
B Gleeson, K Edwards, F Hegarty, W Grono\*, K McRoberts\*, S Raffo,  
L Whitehead, D Miller, R Carlisle\*, J Mashman\*, D Ford, M Lamb, G McGuinness,  
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, J Fox, B Friend, D Norton\*, J Parata Halo

\*Deceased

**Board of Directors and Management Committee 2014**

<p><b>President</b> M Covey</p>	<p><b>Delegate to MW Sporting Union</b> P O'Dwyer, M Covey, F Cridland</p>
<p><b>Executive Secretary</b> P O'Dwyer</p>	<p><b>Treasurer to MW Sporting Union</b> C Newman</p>
<p><b>Assistant Secretary</b> J McCauley</p>	<p><b>Delegate to NSW JL Council</b> P O'Dwyer, C Newman, K Hunter, J McCauley</p>
<p><b>Finance Director</b> M Covey Assistant: C Newman</p>	<p><b>MWDRFLRA Delegate to JL</b> L Eisenhauer, S Charman</p>
<p><b>Competition Director</b> K Hunter</p>	<p><b>Delegate to MWDRLFC</b> P O'Dwyer, M Covey</p>
<p><b>Director Judiciary</b> B Friend</p>	<p><b>Senior VP Registrar and Signatories</b> B Butcher</p>
<p><b>C &amp; D Manager</b> D Warwick, S Healey, A Kent</p>	<p><b>Judiciary Committee</b> B Friend, B Butcher, C Lovelace, J Fox, D Kifooti, J McCauley, A Kent</p>
<p><b>Code Of Conduct</b> K Hunter (Chairman) + 4 members</p>	<p><b>Qualifications Committee</b> K Hunter (Chairman), J Fox, M Covey, B Butcher, F Cridland, C Newman</p>
<p><b>Auditors</b> N Bertoli, C Burdon</p>	<p><b>JRL Operations Manager</b> D Kifooti</p>
<p><b>Database Managers</b> C Newman, D Kifooti, J McCauley</p>	<p><b>Social Committee</b> D Kifooti, J McCauley</p>
<p><b>Senior VP Grounds Committee</b> J Fox</p>	<p><b>A Grade Committee</b> M Covey (Chairman) 1 member all registered "A" Grades</p>
<p><b>Grounds Committee</b> J Fox, K Hunter, A Kent</p>	

## Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby Football League

### POP HALL MEMORIAL TROPHY 2014

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

#### Allocation of Points

1. Number of Teams
2. Delegates Attendance (10)
3. Response to Junior League Affairs (10)
4. Judiciary/Code of Conduct Panel/Sin Bin (10) (1 point deducted for each send off & CoC Breach)
5. General Effect on the Code (20)

CLUB	1	2	3	4	5	Total
AVALON	13	3.1	2.6	2.5	13.84	22.04
BEACON HILL	11	3.5	5	2	13.87	24.37
BELROSE	18	3.15	2.6	6	13.01	24.76
CHRISTIAN BROS	14	3.33	6	0	14.31	23.64
CROMER	17	3.04	4	5.25	14.12	26.41
FORESTVILLE	9	3.46	2.6	5	14.01	25.07
HARBORD UTD	20	3.55	2.3	6.5	14.37	26.72
MANLY COVE	4	2.25	3.6	3.5	10.75	20.1
MONA VALE	16	3.55	2.6	5	13.81	24.96
NARRABEEN	20	3.65	3.6	1.75	14.03	23.03
NARRAWEENA	13	3.49	3.3	1.75	14.18	22.72
NORTH C.CURL	7	3.15	1.6	1.5	10.12	17.37
VALLEY UTD	2	0.8	2.6	1.75	11.75	16.9

**1<sup>st</sup> Harbord United**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Cromer**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Forestville**

**4<sup>th</sup> Mona Vale**

**5<sup>th</sup> Belrose**

**L & V Engineering and Belrose Trophy - Forestville**

**Col Mills Trophy - Beacon Hill**

## President's Report

On behalf of the Board of the Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby Football League, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for season 2014.

This year we had 2,500 players registered in 165 teams across all age groups ranging from Under 6's to A Grade. It was encouraging to see growth in the junior registration numbers with many Clubs fielding two sides in the Under 6's to Under 10's divisions. In fact, Narrabeen JRLFC entered four teams in the Under 6's which is a first for many years.

Our season ended with twenty two grand finals across three venues including Lionel Watts Oval, Lake Park and thirteen first division deciders at Brookvale Oval.

This year's grand finals were washed out when Council closed the grounds due to bad weather. The Junior League Board postponed them for two weeks taking the view that most players would forget about the delay but they will always remember playing at Brookvale Oval.

Looking at the season results, it was pleasing to see that every Club had teams in the semi-finals and nearly all Clubs had at least one team playing in the Grand Finals which suggests that the football talent is evenly spread throughout the junior league.

I watched every Grand Final played at Lionel Watts and Brookvale Oval over three days and was continually impressed with the high standard of rugby league played across all age groups. There are many future sea eagle stars running around in the junior league aspiring to pull on a maroon and white jersey. But the highlight for me was seeing many of the younger kids playing in their first Grand Final. It is a shame we can't get all of the Grand Finals onto Brookvale Oval but we only get one weekend which limits us to about thirteen games.

I would like to congratulate all teams that reached the Grand Finals but more importantly, all of our registered players who strapped on the boots and had a go - win, lose or draw. The benefits of playing in a team sport are significant and you make friends for life whilst having fun along the way.

The task of running the junior league can be challenging but we only succeed because of the huge contribution made by our large band of volunteers who give up their own precious time to help promote football. These people set up the fields, run the canteen, cook the barbecue, clean up the grounds, coach, manage and supervise the various teams and I thank them for their assistance.

I would also like to thank the Referees for their contribution to junior rugby league which at times can be demanding as everyone seems to be an expert on the sideline. I am of the opinion that no



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one is entitled to comment on a Referee's performance unless they have refereed a game themselves as it is more involved than it looks. I would like to encourage anyone who thinks they can do better to get your referees ticket and get involved.

It is also important to highlight the financial assistance provided by the Manly Warringah Leagues Club which has supported the junior league for many years. I have said many times that without the Leagues Club support, the junior league could not function in its current form and I thank the Leagues Club Board for their contribution and assistance including use of the meeting rooms in the Federal Parade car park. If you are not a current member, I would ask everyone involved in junior rugby league to join the Leagues Club and take advantage of its facilities to show our support for its contribution.

Thanks also to the members of the Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League Board and Executive who also give up their valuable time in running our various competitions. Many of these people volunteer at their own Club but also find time to help run the junior league including judiciary matters, Code of Conduct issues, registering and maintaining the date base, monitoring player movements and actually running the competitions which is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of the Sea Eagles including David Perry and the Junior League Development Officers. We were also fortunate this year to have senior Manly players attend our Club training sessions which are greatly appreciated as it helps promote our game.

Thanks also to the District Club who provide assistance in judiciary appeal matters and general corporate guidance when required. It is a major benefit knowing that the Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League can call on the scholarship and support of the Manly Warringah District Club, the Manly Warringah Leagues Club and the Manly Sea Eagles if required.

In my second year as President, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to running the game. At times the commitment to run junior rugby league can be challenging but let's not forget that the main objective in playing football is to have fun.

Hope to see you in 2015.

*Michael Covey*  
*President MWDJRFL*

## Executive Report (Secretary)

The season 2014 was a good but difficult one for not only the Association personnel but for all the clubs.

Problems caused by weather and the availability of grounds for safe play made it very challenging.

Special thanks must go to all clubs and in particular the club team managers. They must be commended as they worked overtime to ensure that no matter what the condition of the playing areas it was safe to play. Praise must also be given to all coaching personnel for the very high standard of play.

I would like to congratulate Jacky McCauley for her Volunteer of the Year Award for her contribution in fostering rugby league in the Manly Warringah District. This award is granted every year by NSW Rugby League in appreciation of promotion of the code.

Sadly I must mention that on some occasions at several grounds spectators failed to understand that referees, coaches and ground managers do their very best to ensure that games are played in a very safe and friendly atmosphere. Comments from some spectators were not justified nor indeed added any value for the players and their parents.

For their dedication and hard work during the season I would like to thank President and Treasurer Mick Covey, Competition Director Kim Hunter, Assistant Secretary Jacky McCauley, Operations Manager Danielle Kifooti, Assistant Competition Director John Fox, Director of Judiciary Brian Friend and Senior Vice President Bob Butcher.

In closing I would like to record my appreciation and thanks to Stuart Stanton NSWRL for his advice during the 2014 season. Our JRL is also very thankful for all the support and funding that Stuart was able to access for a number of our clubs.

I would also like to register my appreciation to everyone involved with Junior League for your dedication in 2014 and look forward to your continued support in 2015.

*Peter O'Dwyer*  
Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

On behalf of the Board of the Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby Football League, I am pleased to present the Financial Statements for season 2014.

This year the junior league has been under increasing financial pressure with rising costs including Sporting Union fees and Referees payments.

Fortunately our 2014 budget anticipated many of these increases and I am pleased to say that we operated at a modest financial surplus.

More pleasing is that all of our thirteen Clubs were financial in 2014 having paid their required affiliation fees, nomination fees and senior insurance costs. My thanks to the individual Club Treasurers for their role in monitoring their club's financial position.

In this year's financial accounts, the major expenditure items included player's insurance (\$75,408.50), Referees Fees (\$47,253) and Sporting Union Fees (\$19,474) which represents 64.8% of our total cost in just three items.

It is important to acknowledge the financial support of the Manly Warringah Leagues Club which contributes to the running of the junior league each year. I am sure that the Leagues Club's support during the difficult trading times over the past few years has not been easy but the Board's philosophy of supporting junior rugby league has never wavered and is greatly appreciated by all those involved in our great sport.

Our Grand Final Sunday at Brookvale Oval was a financial success for the junior league and despite the significant running costs with security and other expenses, we hope that the profitability can continue.

The Board will continue to monitor costs to keep our overheads down and I am pleased to report that nomination fees will not increase in 2014 which is a good start.

*Michael Covey*  
*Treasurer*

## Junior League Administration Report

2014 saw us continue to utilise the Sportingpulse system to keep tabs on our competitions and our registered players.

The beginning of the year saw some changes with regards to how we register our players online which took a little getting used to, but once Clubs were all up and running it seemed to go smoothly. I would assume that changes will continue to be introduced over the coming seasons to see further improvements to the system.

We also made changes to the way in which we provided Clubs with Player ID Cards. Instead of individual cards we printed Team Sheets for Clubs to identify their players. This saved the Junior League a significant amount of money but will need some fine tuning in seasons to come if we continue down this avenue.

At the end of the season we had another successful Presentation Night at the Manly Warringah Leagues Club. Every Club in our District attended on the night and we were happy to allow the Men of League organisation to come along and present some deserving volunteers with awards.

Thank you to all of the Club volunteers who do so much behind the scenes work to keep their Clubs running seamlessly. The countless hours that are put in by delegates, secretaries, registrars, Committee members and volunteers, ensure that our game appears to 'run itself' during the season, but without each and every one of your efforts, we would struggle to provide such a rewarding experience to our players and their families.

Thank you also to the Executive of the Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby League. Mick, Peter, Jacky, Kim, Foxy, Bob and Brian (Friendly) have all provided an unmeasurable amount of time along with their unmatched skills, knowledge and experience to running the game in our District.

*Danielle Kifooti*  
*JRL Operations Manager*

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## Competition Director's Report

There were 166 local Manly Warringah teams registered in 2014, up from 157 teams in 2013 (162 in 2012). In addition 11 North Sydney teams played in the joint competitions, down from 20 teams in 2013 (18 in 2012).

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Our Mini and Mod League Competitions continue to be strong in numbers with 52 Mini League teams and 65 Mod League teams in 2014 (a combined total of 117 teams, compared to 113 in both 2013 and 2012).

There considerable talent in our Mini and Mod League's and the challenge remains in being able to retain as many of our Mini and Mod players as possible as they move into International League age groups.

For the second season in succession we only had one A Grade Competition. A number of leading A Grade players joined the newly formed Peninsular Seagulls which entered a team in the Sydney Shield along with Belrose.

Nine Manly teams and only two North Sydney teams played in the A Grade Competition and the gap between the top teams and the middle and bottom tier teams was much closer than last season.

The result being a very good A Grade Competition in which the Narrabeen Sharks were able to avenge their 2013 Grand Final loss to Valley United with a fine 16 to 4 win over Valley at Brookvale Oval.

Due to consistent rain during mid to late August our Final and Grand Final Series were severely disrupted and the main Grand Finals were delayed by two weeks to allow the games to still be played at Brookvale Oval.

2014 was the ninth 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 MWDJRL / NSDJRL Joint Competition, Greg Florimo and Brent Pigram from North Sydney District JRL and John Fox from Manly Warringah District JRL for their time, commitment and contribution throughout the 2014 season.

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

Acknowledgement for the great work by John Fox, for the tireless hours John volunteered for the betterment of our junior league competitions. As always John, I enjoyed working with you, thank you for your hard work.

Thank you to Jacky McCauley and Danielle Kifooti for their co-operation and contribution throughout the season.

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I would also like to acknowledge the considerable contribution made to our District Junior Rugby League by our JRL Secretary, Peter O'Dwyer. Thank you for your co-operation, counsel and assistance throughout 2014.

Also I would like to acknowledge the contribution Mick Covey for his duties as both President and Finance Director. Mick worked very hard to ensure that 2014 was a successful season for our Junior League and we are in a much healthier financial position than we were when he took over as President.

Thank you also to Brian Friend our Judiciary Chairman 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 2014.

Thank you to all the players that played in 2014, I hope you enjoyed playing the great game of rugby league and that not only will you come back and play again in 2015 but that you will also bring back some friends to join your club and play too.

*Kim Hunter*  
*Competition Director*

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### **Judiciary Report**

The 2014 season was a challenge for my first year as Director of Judiciary when I replaced my learned colleague Mr Frank Cridland who, after many years decided to retire. Over the past few years Frank and myself have conducted the 'process' of Judiciary in a manner that was required when dealing with players who were charged with Misconduct under the Rules and Regulations of the NSW Rugby League. Frank was always fair in his dealings with players of all ages and I must say, I learnt a hell of a lot on how to control these proceedings in a just and fair manner. I suppose my 32 years as a copper also helped when dealing with all types on individuals on what was fair and just.

My regular assistants during the season were Craig Lovelace, Adam Kent, John McGarry and of course my back up of Big John Trbojevic, Warwick Phillips, Matt Brown and of course my advisors of serious matters, Frank Cridland, Bob Butcher and John Fox. I thank all these people for their time and effort (without payment) over the 2014 season.

All the reports have been submitted in a very comprehensive manner that have withstood the challenges of 'appeals' at a higher hearing and I thank the Referees and Officials for this. I thank the

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Narrabeen club for their co-operation in allowing us this venue for our hearings. Also Christian Brothers went out of their way to assist when the Narrabeen club was unavailable.

On a different tangent, I am disappointed in the amount of 'Sin Bins' for younger players being recorded for the 2014 season. Up to the final series there were 74 players sent to the 'bench' for a period of time by the Referee or Touch Judges. Most of the reasons being 'abuse of an official' and the age group between 14 and 16 years of age. Perhaps Coaches may be spoken to in relation to this increase as they have the control of these young players.

Send Offs this year have decreased slightly from last year with 15 players sent from the field of play. Last year there were 26 players sent from the field of play for Misconduct.

Another matter that has improved this season is the 'send off reports' submitted to me by the Referees. The information and evidence portrayed on the required sheet has made our job a lot easier and most of the times, the player has admitted that this is exactly what happened during the game. I thank Shane and Luke for this.

Finally, a huge thank you to Michael Covey and his Executive for their support during this season. It is very hard to please everybody but we seemed to have a lot less complaints this season with the way the competition has been run.

*Brian Friend (OAM)  
Director of Judiciary.*

## Avalon Bulldogs JRLFC



Wow what a Season 2014!

This year we had a Club record of 6 teams making the Grand Finals. Our U/10s, U/11s, U/13s, U/15s, U/19s and A Grade. Of those 6 we secured 4 Premierships! Congratulations to our Premiership winning Teams - U/10s, U/11s, U/13s and U/15s. Special mention must be made of our U/11 Team who went thru the whole season undefeated. Huge effort boys. Our U/15 Team successfully defended their Premiership win from last year too. Well done boys.

To all the other boys the feedback I was getting in regards to how you all played and how you were all improving fills me with Bulldog Pride. Congratulations on a great season.

Also this year we had our highest representation of players who were involved with the Manly Sea Eagles Representative Teams. In the U/16 Manly Harold Matthews Team we had Charlie Anderson, Cameron Matthews, Finn Heath, and Sam Verrills. In the Manly SG Ball Team from our U/19 team we had Aaron Groom, Judd Hanlon, Billy Verrills and Moses McGreal.

Overall it was another busy year with the season kicking off with a historic Hybrid game against Newport Rugby Club. Unfortunately the weather gods were against us with a massive storm washing the game out after the first quarter.

Our U15s toured New Zealand in July and from all reports it was another successful tour.

To all our wonderful loyal sponsors I would like to say "Thank you" for without your support we would not be able to provide the level of support we do to all our players.

Thank you to all our tireless volunteers who back up each home game without question and to all the parents for ensuring our boys make it to training and to the games.

To my Committee thank you so much for ensuring everything flows so smoothly and is so well organized for all the boys at the Club

I look forward to seeing you all at the Doggie Dome next year.

*Michael Birtwistle*  
*President*  
*Avalon JRLFC*



## Beacon Hill Bears JRLFC



2014 was another strong year for the Bears.

We had an increase of player numbers and added two new teams and saw some familiar faces in our coaching staff, but some new faces as well.

We had success across the board with our players enjoying their football all the way from our Under 6's through to our A Grade.

If we measure our success with Premierships then it was possibly our most successful season.

Four Division 1 Premierships – Under 9's, Under 10's, Under 11's and Under 14's.

Our Under 14's were standouts. They dominated their age group and played an outstanding level of football throughout the entire season. We look forward to seeing this team continue to develop through the stages of Representative Football over the next few years.

They were a credit to their coach Jason Lussick who led the team with strength and dedication.

Our Under 9's, Under 10's and Under 11's were all coached by Brett Fulton. The time that he put into the teams this season was astounding. A great commitment by him paid off with some great results for all of his teams at the back end of the season.

Thanks to all of our coaches, managers, trainers and club volunteers who make the experience at Beacon Hill fun and enjoyable for the kids all year.

We would like to thank the Executive of the Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby League for all of their efforts in 2014.

See you all on the paddock next season!

*Danielle Kifooti*  
*President*  
*Beacon Hill Bears JRLFC*

## Belrose Eagles JRLFC



Where did this season go it seems that this year was over in a flash even though the season was extended due to the heavy rain in Sydney? At the time of going to press with my report we had not tasted Grand Final success in 2014, however our Sydney Shield side was one game away from what will hopefully be successive Grand Final appearances.

We had 3 junior teams make to the their Grand Finals this year headed by the mighty U8's coached by Peter Asprey, U9's coached by Paul Clyne and U11s coached by Mark Tam.

Congratulations to all teams, coaches, managers and players for your efforts this year.

Every year we seemed to be burdened with more administrative work this takes up time and also distracts all of us away from what we enjoy doing and that is getting kids on the field playing the game of Rugby League.

Managing up to 20 teams is a lot of work and it simply would not be possible firstly without our generous sponsors but also our hard working volunteers. We can never have too many volunteers and while most contribute in some way we are extremely fortunate to have a number of people who deserve special thanks and recognition for their hours and hours of commitment to the Belrose Eagles, Clarissa Wilson, Andrea and David Paterson, Kerrie and Tom Nugent, Vicki Collins and Sue Abrahams. I have no problem in saying that we would not have survived this year without these people.

Thank you to the Board who work tirelessly to ensure that everything continues to tick along merrily. Our monthly board meetings are never dull, we seem to survive and the club continues to go from strength to strength.

Our touch football competition will start in the next few weeks and it is now being played on Friday nights, we hope to see many of you there enjoying what is now a great community event.

Finally, thanks to all the parents and players of Belrose Eagles you make the club what it is.

*Scott Collins*  
*President*  
*Belrose Eagles*

## Christian Brothers OBFC



2014 has been a successful year for Brothers. All of our Junior and A Grade teams gave their best effort all through the season, played hard and exhibited the spirit expected by Brothers by both on and off the field.

A raft of teams made the finals Under 9, Under 10 (w), Under 10 (m), Under 11 (w), Under 11(m), Under 12, Under 17 & A Grade and the following teams Under 9's Under 10(m) & Under 12 made the Grand Final. In very close fought games these teams put their best foot forward. A huge congratulations to the Under 12's who went on to win their Grand Final and end 2014 as premiers.

Our Club and the sport we play is team sport and that means each week we need all the players on each team, irrespective of their development and skill levels to participate so that a team can be on the field. As a Club we need to remember, recognise and celebrate the fact that often it's not the child who is most capable on the field that's making the biggest commitment but in many ways it's the child who's challenging themselves in contributing to their team. It's this ongoing spirit of Club and development of these players that I feel makes Brothers a Club we can be proud of.

The Club also celebrates outstanding performance and effort by individuals and the Annual Report recognises players in each age group that have excelled and the Committee congratulates all of these individuals on their success and wishes them as much success again in 2015.

As always an enormous amount of work has gone into running the Club over the last 12 months and this is done by a team of dedicated people often unseen by the majority of members. Works occurs every day to keep the Club running to make sure that the boys have the opportunity to run around the fields each week.

To all of the members who have helped in coaching, managing, refereeing, setting up grounds, grounds management, first aid, organising social events, helping on BBQ and in the canteen, liaising with JRL, running raffles, organising gear and all the other things that happen each year a huge thank you. A special mention to Susie Ell, Jac McCauley, Lisa Rankin and Anita. Pipino for their efforts in running this year's wonderful anniversary ball- it was a great night and a credit to the girls.

To our Club sponsors and contributors - you make a huge difference each year to the Club's ability to be able to provide the services we do to the junior players involved in the Club, your contributions are invaluable and the Club recognises and appreciates the effort and contribution made all by all.

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To the Club's Committee who have worked so hard over the last 12 months and given so much time and served the Club well, I pass on my personal thanks and thanks of the club.

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone who I have interacted with over the last two years as President, the support has been fantastic and it has been a privilege to be President of such a great Club made up of such a wonderful membership. A special thanks to the committee and especially our club secretary Jac McCauley and Vice President Stef Ell for their endless support over the last 2 years.

As many would be aware this is my last year as President of the Club. Unfortunately pressures of business have seen me in a position where running with the presidency ongoing is not viable. I am pleased that Stefan Ell and Greg Keogh will carry the club forward as President and Vice President respectively. These two individuals have enormous football and club experience and I have no doubt they will carry Brothers forward to greater and better things. I would encourage all members to give Stef, Greg and the 2015 Committee their full support in all regards.

*Paul  
President  
Christian Bros OBFC*

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### Cromer Kingfishers JRLFC



The first thing I would like to say to everyone involved with the Cromer Kingfishers is "Thank you". Our 45th season was certainly one which we can look back on with pride. From Under 6's to our U/16's premiers this season, we excelled both on and off the field - there was a real sense of excitement and energy throughout the club.

We had some brilliant results from our teams in 2014.

5 teams made the Grand Final & 3 teams were Premiers in 2014. All the other teams did the club proud throughout the year and we also had lots of fun along the way. Thank you once again to all our Coaches and Managers for a job well done!!!

2014 Premiers

U/16, U/14, U/8 maroon

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2014 Grand finalist

U/15, U/8 white

This season we had players from our U/15 & U/16 make the Manly Harold Matthews side which was a great achievement. The U/16 rep side had a successful season making the semi-finals. Also the Cromer Club had players play in the Manly Development sides ages - U/15, U/14, U/13 and U/12 teams. Congratulations to all those players!

Thank you to all our volunteers who cooked the snags, set out the field, manned the table and ran the line. Thank you to all the parents for supporting your kids and teams all season. Our Club is so lucky to have parents that generously give up their time to be Coaches, Trainers, Managers and Volunteers who all share a passion for Rugby League - it really is a great game for bringing people together. I've also been to and watched countless games and have enjoyed them all. It is a real credit to all the families and coaching staff as to how the kids have conducted themselves on and off the field, when representing the Cromer Kingfishers this year.

Not only did we have a great year on the footy fields, there were also some great times had off the field. The 45th Anniversary Cocktail party was attended by 135 past & present Club members. It was great to catch up with and have a chat to the life members that attended and seeing past players catching up with their mates from friendships forged while playing for our great club.

The club proudly hosted a U/8's gala day to help raise money for one of our families in a time of need. Our club bingo night was again a big hit, seeing families enjoy a great night with lots of excitement after winning prizes on the night. Lots of fun was also had on the poker night and the many other club get togethers that were held throughout the year.

Thank you to the 2014 committee, Debbie Gyde, Sharron Forsyth, Belinda Kent, Julie Mc Manus, Irene Tamale, Tom Akhurst, Michele Lyons, Antonny LaTorraca, Jamie Gorman Craig Adam. You guys and gals have put in a tremendous amount of work, which has paid off with us being in a great position throughout all aspects of the Club. This season, our U/6w Coach Steve Cosh kindly stepped into the role of updating our website, which is fantastic. Now our web site is up to date and looking great, thank you Steve.

Also I'd like to give Amanda Holland a big Thank You for giving up your time to take photos of many of our teams in action throughout the season.

The spiralling costs of amateur sport means it is costing the Club more than ever to field teams. As a family club, we take pride in the fact that all teams are kitted out equally. In 2014, despite keeping

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rego prices down, we managed to provide all players with shorts, socks, training shirts, caps, footballs and drink bottles, as well as allowing all players to keep their playing jerseys at season's end. We work hard with our fundraising but we cannot survive without our generous sponsors below:

To our Generous Sponsors,

Time & Tide Hotel, Dee Why RSL,

TLE Electrical, Industrial & Data Suppliers,

Forsyth Pest Control, Shoreline Kitchens,

IC Firth & Associates, Palin Communications,

Hi-Tec (Inspired by Life), B&J Tree Services

Brookvale joinery

Thank you. We hope you have enjoyed the ride this year and we look forward to your continued support in 2015.

I would like to thank everyone in the Club that helped in supporting the Fundraising over the past 12 months for the U/14 team to attend the Tassell Trophy Challenge in Cairns last month. Hopefully this will be an event that each U/14 team will embrace and make an effort to raise the money required to attend this great trip. The 2014 U/14 team can be proud that they worked hard to raise all the money themselves, without requiring any assistance from the club

For now I hope you all enjoy the break away from footy and have a great summer. I am looking forward to seeing you all back again for another great season of Rugby League in 2015 with all players wearing the newly designed jerseys!

Go the Mighty Cromer Kingfishers!

*Adam Kent*  
*President*  
*Cromer Kingfishers JRLFC*

## Forestville Ferrets JRLFC



Another successful year for the Ferrets with our u9s winning the 60<sup>th</sup> club premiership since our inception in 1967. Our u8s reached their Grand final but fell short to Narrabeen always next year to go one better. Our u17s played well against the favourites Harbord and went down 18-10 in a gutsy effort in heavy conditions at Brookvale Well done boys for reaching the decider. The A grade (A2) won against the Avalon Bulldogs 22-12 in the same heavy conditions at Brookvale to bring home the trophy to Forestville since 2004 being our last senior trophy success.

A big thank you to the mums and dads who helped in the canteen this year as has been the trend in the past couple of years to meet parents from other teams and form friendships for life.

To our managers coaches trainers and players I hope that you enjoyed your year and will return in 2015 to do it all again.

The weather was kinder to us this year with only one week end washed out but played later which is good for the club. Thank you to all of our team sponsors, who will be back in 2015 and we look forward to another good year at Ferretville.

We had a good year with our events being the Ladies day, Old boys day, Sponsors day and the Sports mans night at the Forestville RSL club was brilliant with Glen Ella as our guest speaker.

Congratulations to all of our award winners for 2014 who will receive their trophies at presentation day. Enjoy the summer sun and I look forward to seeing you all back for 2015 refreshed and raring to go. GO THE FERRETS!!!

*Brett Eisenhauer*  
*Secretary*  
*Forestville Ferrets JRLFC*

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## Harbord United Devils JRLFC



The 2014 season for Harbord United Junior Rugby League Football club was one of change. This was primarily in the committee room, in the various areas of our twenty teams and certainly in my capacity as a first year president. Change is an inevitability in any aspect of a club of more than 200

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players, as well as volunteers, and not always do we get things right. I think season 2014 was one where we were successful in improving from seasons past, which is ultimately the aim of our community club.

A measure of our success was evident at the Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League Presentation night. It was here that our efforts as a club were recognised in receiving arguably the most prestigious award of the night – The Pop Hall Memorial Trophy. This honour is presented annually to the club judged to have done the most in fostering Rugby League code in the District. This award is one that our whole club is proud of and hopefully Harbord United can improve our efforts again in season 2015.

Another of the four awards that were presented by the junior league was also awarded to Harbord United. The Kane Mason award was presented by our own life member and club patron Steve Menzies to Luke Polselli from the Premiership winning under 17's side. This award is bestowed on the most outstanding junior in the Manly Warringah District and the role call of previous winners is most impressive. Congratulations to Luke, and although his age enables him to have another year with Harbord United his ability and commitment may see him continue in bigger arenas next season. A fantastic and humble young man is Luke and his example and determination made him a most worthy recipient of the Kane Mason Award.

As I have already mentioned, 2014 was my first season as president of Harbord United JRLFC and the season presented a lot of challenges, time and effort to all directly associated with our club. To all the members of the committee, all coaches and managers and most importantly to all our young footballers I thank you for your efforts throughout the season and congratulate you all on how everyone represented Harbord United.

Harbord United JRLFC could not function, like all clubs, without the fantastic support of all our sponsors. From small business owners to bigger operations such as Harbord Bowling club, Harbord Beach Hotel and Freshwater Bendigo Bank (don't hesitate to check our website for all our list of terrific sponsors). To all our proud sponsors, many thanks.

I would like to especially thank Bob Butcher for his advice and counsel this year in all matters Harbord United and Manly Warringah Junior league. Bob's passion and commitment to development of Rugby League for young people is and deserves to be the envy of every other club and the district.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all those associated with Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League. The amount of work and availability offered by Mick Covey, Peter O'Dwyer and



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Kim Hunter to me at Harbord United was greatly appreciated and their generosity made my job a lot easier than it potentially could have been.

Particularly I would like to thank Danielle Kifooti, Jackie McCauley and John Fox who were always more than willing to help me and Harbord United in any way they could, and congratulate them on the way their personal and collective contribution ensures that the Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League is such a success.

A season is often judged on how successful a clubs teams are. Results can be measured in many different ways and the improvement shown by all teams this season was phenomenal. But obviously it gives me great pleasure to congratulate our Premiership winning teams starting with Scott Doyle's Under 8 Whites – Premiers 2014. James Calebro and his Under 9 Maroon team – Plate Winners 2014. The Under 13 Maroon team lead by Justin Lowry winning their fourth straight premiership in another undefeated season and finally Paul Chin's victorious under 17 2014 Premiership Winning side. I wish, particularly all the under 17 players the very best of luck for their futures and thank them for their example, commitment and contribution to HARBORD UNITED over many years. Well done boys.

Season 2015 will be upon us sooner than we think and I hope that again further improvement can be made to our club.

I have gained great satisfaction from my contribution to HARBORD UNITED for 2014 and I trust it has been a positive one. I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who feels they can assist our club in continuing to grow stronger in the future and guarantee that any effort will help young people in our community.

At Harbord United we are most proud of our commitment to ensuring that every age group from under 6 through to under 17's is represented in the Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League competition by at least one team. Our focus is always on the development and enjoyment of every player who is associated with Harbord United or is our guest at Harbord Park.

Congratulations to all the other clubs involved in Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League for their successes and commitment to season 2014 and thank you from HUIRLFC for always being so accommodating to our players, supporters and other volunteers. I wish you every success and safety in 2015.

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At Harbord United we trust that the fundamental values of the Junior League; participation, commitment and fair play are always in the forefront of individual clubs operations as they are at ours.

I hope to see you all again in 2015.

*Aaron Thomson*  
*President*  
*Harbord United JRLFC*

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### Manly Cove Rebels JRLFC



This year has been a good year for our club with a restructure and commitment to get back to the core values of our club, family and development of the skills and discipline needed to enjoy our great game.

Our under 6's team gave us much joy with the simple pleasure they take from the game, training and just running around with their mates. A lot of thanks goes to Pop & Shirl Nikau for looking after the 6's this year.

Throughout the season our under 7's and under 8's displayed great pride playing and competing each week showing off all the skills being taught by Will Baines.

Also a lot of thanks must go to Martha and family for all the work feeding the kids, siblings, parents and A grade every Thursday night.

Congratulations must go to our A grade who took one step closer to a premiership by making the A3 final.

Congratulations and thanks must go to the parents, coaches and club members who worked so hard to make this season run so well.

Thanks go to Renee for all the hard work in the canteen and holding the treasurer's position also congratulations on being made a life member.

As usual Sue and Paul Tonga did a lot of work behind the scenes as well as Grady Clarke who coached A grade and also helped Sue with registrations.

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Special thanks to Kellie Cohen, who took on the Vice Presidents role with enthusiasm, and Heidi Alexander who works so hard behind the scenes with fundraising and lots of fresh ideas.

It's been great to see all the new kids and also to see so many kids of A grade players watching and being coached by their fathers.

I also had the great pleasure of being made a life member of the club.

I would like to wish everyone in the junior league community good luck and happiness and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2015.

*Marty Whittaker  
President  
Manly Cove J.R.L.F.C.*

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### Mona Vale Raiders JRLFC



In 2014 we had 17 teams from U6s to U17s and our player numbers increased slightly. Frank Sergi's U9w team won the Div 2 Premiership in an extra time thriller and Matt Tennant's U10w side had a good win in their Div 3 Grand Final - with both results built on outstanding defence in the mud. In Div 1, David O'Donnell's U11m team and Mark Lawson's U13s both finished runners up in excellent games played with great desperation.

However, I thank all our coaches, managers and trainers for their tremendous efforts and commitment over the season. It's great to see how much the player's skills and teamwork have improved over the year. We hope you have enjoyed the journey and been rewarded by the experience.

Over the last few years it has been of great benefit to have a stable, experienced team providing club direction. It was a pleasure to lead an outstanding Committee - John Trbojevic, David O'Donnell, Greg Stocken, Tania Marr, Jade Warner, Fiona Kelsall and Susan Senior with everyone doing a terrific job in their respective roles. However, two key, long serving Committee members are standing down this year. Greg Stocken has done a tremendous job as our Registrar over 3 years as well as being Club Secretary in 2014. David O'Donnell has made a great contribution over the last 4 years - producing our fabulous Annual Reports, is one of our most successful coaches, and has been a great mentor as our Coaching Coordinator.

A huge thank you also to our many other helpers who made it all happen, including:

- Mel Trbojevic who did a fabulous job in managing and organising the canteen rosters.
- Fiona Kelsall did another brilliant job with the Raiders website, keeping everyone up to date and capturing the action via hundreds of photos.
- Our Sponsorship Manager, Jason Death did a great job in securing existing sponsors, as well as developing new ones.
- Jade Warner was again wonderful as our gear steward and organising all the trophies.
- The Social Committee led by Holly Stubbington, organised two terrific events - the Trivia Night was a huge success - we had lots of fun raised lots of money, with many people suggesting it to be an annual event!

A big thankyou also goes to Murray Warner and the ground setup team, as well as our Ground Managers and FAOs for their role in enabling the games at Newport to be well run. It's not always easy and sadly there were a few instances where some spectators lost all perspective on why we are there on a Saturday. Everyone needs to remember that this is a game which is put on by volunteers who are doing their best. Referees (just like players, coaches, officials, you and me) can make mistakes! We should never lose sight of the fact that it is kids footy and there will be another game next week or next year. Having said that, what keeps bringing me back, are the smiles on people's faces - most of the time.

Hearty congratulations go to the Club Person of the Year – Jade Warner, and International Clubman of the Year – David O'Donnell.

I hope that you have had a lot of fun being part of the Mona Vale Raiders in 2014.

*Warwick Phillips*  
*President*  
*Mona Vale Raiders JRLFC*

## Narrabeen Sharks JRLFC



The end of season 2014 saw our U9's, U12's and A Grade playing for 1st Division titles.

While the 9's and 12's were beaten we took out "The Big One" against Valley to be crowned the A Grade .premiers.

It was a great reward after a huge effort by the players and coaching staff throughout a season that turned out to be a tough competition from the first round..

Congratulations to our U8w's for their great win in the Plate Grand Final.

It has been a huge year on and off the field. We were yet again one of the strongest clubs in the district with 20 teams, 4 of which were our mighty U6's. Added to these little champions is the fact that we also welcomed back yet more ex-players in the rolls of coaches and managers. This, I think says more for the spirit of the game on the Northern Beaches than anything else.

Another big first for this season was actually being able to see when we train. The new lights have been amazing and a long time coming.

I would like to thank our Club Sponsors, Varney Real Estate, All Over Rigging, Webster's Scaffolding and Pittwater Enterprises for their support.

And lastly I would like to thank Michael Covey and the Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League Committee for their efforts and the hours they have put in does not go unnoticed.

*Craig Lovelace  
President.  
Narrabeen Junior Rugby League Club.*

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## Narraweena Hawks JRLFC



It was a great start to our 2014 season with plenty of new young Rugby League players getting registered. Well done to our Coaches, Managers, Parents, Players, and Sponsors this year. Hope to see you all back for another fantastic year with the Hawks in 2015.

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Well done to our two teams that took out their Grand finals under 11s & under 12s. Special thanks goes to the Coaches, Managers & Parents. Our under 16s were very unlucky not to win the grand final. But don't give up. Success could be just around the corner in 2015. All the sides that did not quite get there I just know you will be hungrier next year and then it may be your time to experience a Grand Final.

A big thank you goes to Greg Brunel, Joe Iemma, Peter Harris, Frank Cridland, and Michael Covey for being there again and helping to keep everything on track. A special thank you to our ladies of the club Margret Olsen, Ellen Reilly who are very busy at the best of times with work and family and still find time to help out with admin, managing their teams being on the committee and many more general tasks. Great work and a big thanks to Sarge for his outstanding efforts helping out with a bit of everything at the club this year.

Thank you to the guys that get up at day break and set up our ovals and pack it up at the end of the day on home games. You know who you are so well done. A big thank you to Julie Harris for assisting Peter in the canteen this year. Thank you to all the ladies & Gents helping in the canteen, and Dave Mastroianni, Albert Calci and all the guys helping with the BBQ as well.

Look forward to seeing you all for the 2015 season.

*Chris Riley*  
*Narraweena JRLFC*

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## North Curl Curl Knights



As my first year as secretary of this great club, it has been a big learning curve as well as a pleasure!

It has been really good getting to know a lot of the people of the club. Let's face it; it is the people that make a club.

I look forward to next year, with the hope of building a club with more families, especially those teams that we need a few extra kids. So I do ask if everyone could please try and get a few more kids to play next year. Once our registration days are booked in, we will contact you.

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I would like to thank all the officials of the club. Carolyn especially as she is a big all rounder within the club. As most of our officials in the club do not have kids playing at the club anymore it is a big effort to still be involved. And Joe the BBQ man, he does a great job every home ground day!

As a club, we would also like to thank the Manly Warringah Junior League officials. They put in a lot of their time as well and do a fantastic job in getting us all organised to play each week of the season.

We must recognise all the people along the way that have made it possible both directly and indirectly—Dave Key, Les Elliot, Ray Lofthouse, Peter Jolley, Mark and Ryan, who have made a profound impact on the lives of young football players.

Thank you for letting me be a part of this journey with you.

*Alison Keen*  
*Secretary*  
*Nth Curl Curl JRLFC*

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## Valley United Spartans JRLFC



Season 2014 saw our club fielding two teams. One in the A Grade competition, as a result of a change in the A Grade competition whereby each club could only enter one team per club, and our Under 19 side.

Our A Grade side finished the season as minor premiers and qualified for the grand final, being defeated by a determined Narrabeen Sharks side on the day.

The U/19's, although just missing out on making the semis, overall had a successful season.

We would like to thank the MWDJRL and the executive for the hard work they put in to running the competition. Special mention must go to Kim Hunter for his contribution, in particular the time he puts into the scheduling the senior draw throughout the season.

Also special thanks to our sponsors Harbord Beach Hotel , Freshwater Community Bank & Your Style for their continued support.

*Peter Kelly*  
*President*  
*Valley United JRLFC*

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**Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby League**

**2014 Grand Final Results**

A1	Narrabeen	16	def	Valley United	4
A2	Forestville	22	def	Avalon	12
A3	Nth Sydney Bros		def	Willoughby	
U/19	Nth Sydney Bros		def	Avalon	
U/17	Harbord	18	def	Forestville	10
U/16	Cromer	17	def	Narraweena	16
U/15	Avalon	24	def	Cromer	14
U/14 Division 1	Beacon Hill	32	def	Asquith	0
U/14 Division 2			def		
U/13 Division 1	Harbord	24	def	Mona Vale	10
U/13 Division 2	Avalon	26	def	Narraweena	10
U/12 Division 1	Christian Bros	24	def	Narrabeen	6
U/12 Division 2	Narraweena	20	def	Harbord	14
U/12 Division 3	Harbord United	10	def	Willoughby	6
U/11 Division 1	Beacon Hill	24	def	Mona Vale	6
U/11 Division 2	Narraweena	28	def	Harbord United	26
U/11 Division 3	Avalon	46	def	Belrose	12
U/10 Division 1	Beacon Hill	12	def	Christian Bros	6
U/10 Division 2	Avalon	12	def	Christina Bros	6
U/10 Division 3	Mona Vale	26	def	Cromer	10
U/9 Division 1	Beacon Hill	40	def	Narrabeen	0
U/9 Division 1 Plate	Harbord	24	def	Belrose	12
U/9 Division 2	Mona Vale	16	def	Christian Bros	12
U/9 Division 2 Plate	Forestville	26	def	Narrabeen	22
U/8 Division 1	Cromer	14	def	Belrose	6
U/8 Division 1 Plate	Narrabeen	28	def	Forestville	18
U/8 Division 2	Harbord	28	def	Cromer	22