

**Manly Warringah
District Junior Rugby
Football League Incorporated**

**ANNUAL REPORT
2016**



It all begins with the JRL



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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

Life Members

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J L Munro*, O Thorley*, C Wardrope, A J Warman*, S Hardie,
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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*

*Deceased

Board of Directors and Management Committee 2016

<p>President M Covey</p>	<p>Treasurer to MW Sporting Union C Newman</p>
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<p>Competition Director K Hunter</p>	<p>Delegate to MWDRLFC M Covey</p>
<p>Director Judiciary B Friend</p>	<p>Senior VP Registrar and Signatories B Butcher</p>
<p>Code Of Conduct NSWRL</p>	<p>Judiciary Committee B Friend, B Butcher, C Lovelace, J Fox, D Kifooti, A Kent</p>
<p>Auditors N Bertoli, C Burdon</p>	<p>Qualifications Committee L Elliott</p>
<p>Database Managers D Kifooti, E Galloway</p>	<p>JRL Operations Manager D Kifooti</p>
<p>Senior VP Grounds Committee J Fox</p>	<p>Social Committee D Kifooti</p>
<p>Grounds Committee J Fox, K Hunter</p>	<p>A Grade Committee M Covey (Chairman) 1 member all registered "A" Grades</p>
<p>Delegate to MW Sporting Union P O'Dwyer, M Covey, F Cridland</p>	

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POP HALL MEMORIAL TROPHY 2016

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

Allocation of Points

1. Number of Teams
2. Delegates Attendance
3. Response to Junior League Affairs
4. Judiciary/Code of Conduct Panel/Sin Bin (Pro-rata A Grade to U/13) (1 point deducted for each send off & CoC Breach)
5. General Effect on the Code (20)

CLUB	1	2	3	4	5	Total
AVALON	12	1.19	4.66	3	13.7	22.55
BEACON HILL	12	2.5	4.6	-14.25	6.7	-0.45
BELROSE	16	3.92	6.5	5	14.35	29.77
CHRISTIAN BROS	13	3.33	4.75	5.5	13.9	27.48
CROMER	15	2.97	5.66	2.5	15.35	26.48
FORESTVILLE	13	3.21	3	5.5	13.15	24.86
HARBORD UTD	14	2.26	5.66	3.5	16.35	27.77
MANLY COVE	2	3.33	3	0	10.3	16.63
MONA VALE	16	3.42	4	4.25	13.7	25.37
NARRABEEN	20	1.66	4.66	3.35	13.15	22.82
NARRAWEENA	13	4.4	5.25	2.75	13.65	26.05
NORTH C.CURL	11	4.46	5.5	0	11.45	21.41
VALLEY UTD	2	0.71	2	-1	10.05	11.76

1st Belrose

2nd Harbord United

3rd Christian Brothers

4th Cromer

5th Narraweena

L & V Engineering and Belrose Trophy - Avalon

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 2016.

This year we had 2,473 players registered in 159 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.

Our season ended with seventeen grand finals across two venues including five deciders at Ferretville and twelve first division deciders at Brookvale Oval.

Although the Under 8's age group is non-competitive, this year several teams played a "promotion" game on Brookvale Oval. It was an early start on both Saturday and Sunday but the kids had fun and all players were rewarded with a medallion. I am sure that they will always remember playing a game of footy at Brookvale Oval.

Looking at the season results, it was pleasing to see that all Clubs had teams in the semi-finals and nearly all Clubs had at least one team playing in the Grand Finals. I watched every Grand Final played at Brookvale Oval over two 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 the number of 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

one is entitled to pass 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 Club facilities for our fortnightly meetings. 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 data 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 and, in particular the Junior League Development Officers. We were also fortunate this year to have a senior Manly NRL player present trophies and medallions at our Grand Finals and our presentation night which is greatly appreciated and is a great image for our game.

Thanks also to the Manly Warringah 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 District Club, the Leagues Club and the Manly Sea Eagles if required.

It is also appropriate to acknowledge the parents, grandparents and carers whom, amongst other things, get the kids to training and home and away games. Thanks also to the many supporters who attend our game days and barrack from the sideline. Whilst the junior league encourages supporters to cheer from the sideline, we must remember that it is not the NRL and any unfounded criticism or unsocial behaviour is not welcome.

In my fourth 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

some of the main objectives of playing football include having fun, keeping fit and looking out for your team mates which, in my view, is a great Australian tradition.

Good luck in 2017.

Michael Covey
President MWDJRFL

Executive Report (Secretary)

Firstly I would like to thank Peter O'Dwyer for his many continuous years as Secretary of the Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby League and wish him all the best in his retirement.

To say season 2016 was a challenge would be an understatement, hopefully 2017 will not have these challenges.

On a positive note it was great to see every club that fielded teams in competitive age groups were represented in Grand Finals and most Grand Final results were not decided until the last minutes of the game with the A Grade being decided by a field goal from a Front Rower.

Although player numbers were similar to last year player recruitment and retention are still factors of concern. Declining team numbers in the Under 12's and above for the last few seasons, are a major worry. This is a problem for all clubs and it has been pleasing to see at meetings all clubs working together to try and rectify this.

I am confident that all clubs working in the same direction, season 2017 will be less turbulent than 2016

I would like to thank the other Board members Mick, Kim, John and Les for all of their work throughout the season

I would also like to thank the delegates and all clubs for their effort during the season

Lastly a huge Thank You to Manly Leagues Club for their long time continued support

Matt Brown
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 2016.

This year the junior league has been under increasing financial pressure with rising costs including Council ground user fees, player's insurance and Referees payments.

Fortunately our 2016 budget anticipated many of these increases and I am pleased to say that we operated at a modest financial surplus.

More pleasing is that most Clubs were financial in 2016 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 (\$74,820.50), Referees Fees (\$46,500) and Sporting Union Fees (\$13,235.60) which represents over 75% 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, cleaning 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 team nomination fees will not increase in 2017 which is a good start.

Michael Covey
Treasurer

Judiciary Report

To say that this year was any different from my past 23 years would be an understatement. New regulations from NSW JRL without consultation with the former 'chairmen/women' of the different Districts in New South Wales was not a way to commence a season. As usual, the MWDJRLFC commences each season with an Annual General Meeting as set down by 'our' constitution which, has been compiled, adjusted and managed in a very professional manner agreed upon by **ALL clubs** in this particular District. ALL positions are declared vacant and nominations are received by the Registrar conducting the meeting. These nominations are voted on as per our Constitution and the nominated person who attains the most votes, is then awarded that position for that particular season.

At the commencement of the 2016 season, this procedure was implemented and nominees were confirmed for the position that they applied for. There were no 'directions' or advice regarding changes at the upper echelon from the 'governing body' of what was going to occur. Thus there was a great deal of indecisions and discrepancies as to what path to follow. As you all know, we are all volunteers in the MWDJRLFC Association and all clubs in this area attempt to provide Rugby League for all its members that is agreeable to all involved be it player, delegate, official, parent or relative. So far I am proud to say, is, that the MWDJRLFC organises a wonderful platform for all people in this area to enjoy this great game of Rugby League at its best. The organisational skills of the President, Secretary, Competition Directors etc have made Rugby League a great game with a true professional spirit and I thank them for that.

The Judiciary area of this competition is a different matter, whereby, the duly 'elected' chairman was left without consultation as to what procedures would be implemented during the 2016 Combined Manly/North Sydney Competition. Although many hours of emails, phone calls etc have shown some sort of pattern, it is still not clear what should be a straight forward system whereby a player/official is **NOT GUILTY** until proven otherwise. We do not have the luxury of **video cameras** and without the 'complainant' (Referee, Touch Judge, Ground Manager) being at the hearing, it was difficult to ascertain a person's guilt without that person being cross examined. **A phone hook up is not conclusive** as to whom is at the end of the line. I have had many phone calls and emails from club officials in the MWDJRLFC complaining of the fact that they thought their player was innocent, or, wish to appeal against the severity of the penalty, BUT, having to take a 13, 14 or 15 year old to Homebush, to sit before a 'panel' with a QC or SC assisting and a Security Guard in the room and one at the doorway as well, is a very challenging experience. Are we in a court of law or are we just playing Rugby League.

Ninety Nine per cent (99%) of these charges are **NOT Criminal acts** and are therefore to be treated as such. If a Referee of **15 years of age** is cross examined in a MWDJRLFC Judiciary hearing, he has the full protection of the 'panel' and can give the reasoning for his actions and the dismissal without fear or favour.

The assistance I have received from Frank Cridland, Bob Butcher, Adam Kent, Craig Lovelace and Eric Galloway has been very professional. Although we only had one night of 'hearings', the players and 'advocates' in question, all stated that they were very satisfied in the way the 'panel' ascertained the outcome of each hearing on the night. I must say that Peter Gurgias who 'chaired' the hearings was very professional in his evaluation of each separate charge and this gave the panel every assistance in obtaining the correct decision. From then on we, as a panel, felt like we had either not conformed to our 'charter' as a panel or that the higher governing body disagreed with our performance. We are yet to hear from them. We may not agree with the 'grading' of each charge, but this is what we have been told will occur this season. There are two forms of legislation that we are governed by relating to offences on the field of play, Misconduct and Tough Love in League. Under Misconduct there many offences that a player can be sent from the field of play BUT he cannot be sent under that legislation and then charged under another. He is either charged under Misconduct or TLiL. There are two (2) offences in TLiL that are appropriate to Rugby League for the ages of between 13 years and 18 years. This was adopted to stop players striking or running onto the field to be involved in a mêlée. This legislation states that a player throwing a punch, if found guilty, will receive a penalty of missing not less than one (1) match. A player that runs onto the field without permission to join a mêlée will incur a penalty of six (6) matches. As an elected panel we cannot understand how a 'grading' can be reduced or raised to a higher level without the 'evaluator' interviewing the Official who instigated the send off/report.

During the 2016 season we have had **24 Send Offs, 60 Sin Bins and 6 Code of Conduct Offences**. What is disturbing is that there have been **11 players** in the Under 12 years and under '**replaced**' for the remainder of the game. Their names are only recorded for future reference and can only be obtainable from the Judiciary Chairman of this District with authority obtained from the President of the MWDJRLFC.

*Brian Friend OAM
MWDJRLFC
Judiciary Chairman.*

Avalon Bulldogs JRLFC



What an amazing Season 2016 has been!

It is with great pride I announce that we have appointed 2 new life members to our Club. Welcome aboard Glenn Farrell and Lisa Matthews. Both absolute tireless workers for the Club with Glenn being a past player, coach and President of the Club and Lisa our ever long standing and reliable Registrar.

Congratulations to our A Grade on winning the Clubs first ever A Grade Competition. A magnificent occasion for the Club!

Congratulations to our U17 side for winning their 4th consecutive Grand Final. Well done!

Both Grand Final games were tough exhilarating games with both sides winning in the last moments of their games by a point.

Congratulations to our U9 Team on winning their Grand Final...go you little doggies!

Congratulations to our U10 side whilst you just missed out on a Grand Final win I heard what a huge effort you boys put in. Well done.

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.

Sadly this will be my last year as President and I would like to say to all those that have helped me out over the years, especially my Committee members – thank you so much. I leave with so many amazing memories of our wonderful Club.

Michael Birtwistle
President
Avalon JRLFC

Beacon Hill Bears JRLFC



2016 was a very challenging year at the Bears which culminated in a very difficult end to the season.

If we were able to set that aside, we would be able to look back on a very successful and enjoyable year at the Club which resulted in three Premierships to three well deserving teams and four other teams that all went very close to either winning or participating in their Grand Finals.

Add to that a fantastic group of kids in our Mini teams, with many new faces adding to the make-up of the Club, along with a group of fine young men in our A Grade team, and we have a season that we can look back on and appreciate all of the efforts put in by the players and the families at our Club that make it what it is.

We would like to thank the members of our Club for their loyalty to the Club, along with our sponsors and our volunteers who all contribute to making the Club a fantastic place for young kids to play football.

Our coaches and our managers that put in so much time to their teams deserve our thanks as well. The kids have always been our priority and we take a lot of pride in watching them enjoying their football.

At our recent presentation day we awarded our Alan Denton Shield for our Most Outstanding Player (Junior Grades) to Kalosipani Hopoate from our Under 12s. Pani has been an amazing addition to her team since she started playing last year. She has made an incredible impact on the competition and it was such a thrill to be able to name her as our Most Outstanding Junior Player. Who would have thought many years ago when the Club was formed that such a wonderful young lady would be awarded such a prestigious award within our Club. Our congratulations to Pani for her achievements and we wish her the best with her future sporting endeavours.

At the Bears, we are looking forward to next season.

We would like to thank the Manly Junior League Executive for all of their efforts to promote the game of Rugby League in our District.

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We would also like to thank the other Clubs that we have both hosted and visited over the season. We would not have competitions to play in without each and every one of you and the efforts that you make at your Clubs.

Thanks again and see you all back for another go around in 2017!

Danielle Kifooti
President
Beacon Hill Bears JRLFC

Belrose Eagles JRLFC



Like most of the local clubs this year we were down a couple of teams meaning playing numbers were down this and unfortunately Grand Final success eluded us this year. Player recruitment will be a major goal for the Club as we head towards the 2017 season.

No doubt this year was highlighted by the performance of the Peter Asprey U11's who fought their way to a major Grand Final on Brookvale Oval and despite finishing second on the day it is an experience the boys will remember for many years to come. Our 19's also made their way to a second consecutive Grand Final this time going down to a strong Cromer side.

Our flagship Sydney Shield side finished another successful season making their fourth consecutive semi-final appearance in this strong Sydney wide competition. Following their exit Captain Coach James Mortimer decided to hang up his clipboard and move on to the next stage of his life as a family man. James has done a fantastic job with the side in developing such a competitive force each year of the competition. Thanks Morts for your hard work and dedication to the team and club, hopefully we might see him lace on the boots again next year.

All junior teams are to be congratulated on their performance this year you have done yourself and the club proud each and every week. Congratulations to all teams and a big thank you to all our coaches, managers, trainers and First Aiders without you we simply would not get teams out on the paddock.

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Thanks to our sponsors who continue to make an enormous contribution to the club through the good times and the bad it is important that we support them whenever possible.

Thank you to our four man Board of Eric, Sean and Mark for their hard work sure it has been tough but rewarding all the same. Hopefully we can drum up some additional Board members for next year.

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



2016 has been another good year at Manly Brothers. We fielded 12 junior teams (3 minis, 6 mod and 3 International) in total, as well as an A Grade side in seniors.

The mini teams all had a lot of fun throughout the year. Many of the U6 boys will still be eligible for that age group next year so will be more than ready. A highlight for our U7's was a game against the Wee Waa Panthers at Brookvale Oval

All sides in competitive age groups were well coached and played the game in good spirit. Our U10 and U11 sides both won second division Grand Finals. This was especially pleasing in the under 10's as we only had 4 or 5 players registered a week before the season commenced. Our U9 sides both made semis; our U12 sides lost narrow Finals. Both U13 sides made semi final appearances and our U14 were courageous in their Final loss.

The A Grade side was also semi finalists in Division One and made a real effort to integrate with the junior Club this year.

Thank you to all the Coaches, Managers and Trainers for all of our teams. Without your sacrifice of time, time and more time our teams would not be able to take the field.

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A number of Brothers player were selected in Sea Eagle Junior Development squads.

One of our U12 players, Ollie Cummins was Captain of the Sydney North PSSA Rugby League Side and was selected in the NSW Primary Schools team.

We also had a number of Junior players take part in the MWDJRL Development Squads this year.

It was a massive boost for the Club when two of our local juniors made their NRL debuts for the Sea Eagles. Congratulations to Brad Parker and Billy Bainbridge, we look forward to more 1st Grade from you both next year.

This year we were pleased to welcome an U11side from Temora, NSW who made the trek to Manly, enjoyed a game of Footy and were shown a good time by our U11 players and their families. We expect one of our sides will visit Temora next year to continue the link between the Clubs.

Off the field the Club created a new website (www.malybrothers.com.au) that will become a great tool to help us communicate with current and past players and supporters.

Speaking of support, the Club continues to receive generous support from our many Sponsors. These sponsors help us keep registration fees down and provide playing and training gear and equipment that would simply cost parents too much.

Our Sponsors are:

- Channel 9 Footy Show
- Hugos
- URM
- The Steyne Hotel (A Grade)
- Belle Property
- Veritas Securities
- Argyle Property Group
- Private Certifiers Australia
- Club North Manly
- TM Signs
- Speed Gas
- St George bank
- Rawson Graphics
- Lakeba Group
- Makkinoize Videos
- Sunshine and Water marketing.

Thanks again to all of these sponsors for helping us promote Rugby League as a safe, fun sport.

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Special Thanks also to all of the people, who helped out at the Club over the year, be it in the canteen or on the BBQ occasionally or our tireless committee. Thanks

*Stefan Ell
President
Christian Bros OBFC*

Cromer Kingfishers JRLFC



Cromer Kingfishers JRLFC President Report 2016.

On behalf of the Cromer Kingfishers Junior Rugby League Football Club, I would like to welcome everyone to our presentation day for season 2016.

It has been an honour to be once again the president of our great club.

I would like to thank our sponsors for this season

- Time & Tide Hotel
- Dee Why RSL
- Footy Show
- Hi- Tec
- Exodus Doors
- Forsyth Pest Services
- Shoreline Kitchens
- Palin Communication
- B& J Tree Services
- Eveleigh Building Services
- Excel visual Solutions
- Mother s in Law Lawyers

Sponsorship is the lifeblood of any sporting club and the support received by the club this year has been exceptional. A massive thank you from the Cromer Kingfishers!

To the players who turned out for the club this year, huge congratulations to each and every one of you on how you fought hard all year, no matter the circumstance, you held your heads high and

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never gave up! You all played hard but fair, the way the game should be played, supporting each other out on the field.

This year we were recognised by NSW Rugby League by being awarded the Respect Award. We are very proud to be the inaugural recipients of this award and it is a great tribute to all members.

This year we had over 261 registered players making up 15 teams. Our club fielded teams from ages u/6` to u/19 this season with that, I would like acknowledge the dedication and hard work of all our coaches and managers for taking on the responsibility of guiding our young players throughout the season.

This year we had numerous teams represent our club in the semi-finals so congratulations to the players & coaching staff. For those teams that did not reach the finals you did our club proud each & every week. We had 3 teams make their respective Grand finals. Our u/19 team had a good win over Belrose to become 2016 Premiers. Also our mighty u/11 Division 1 team beat North Curlly to become 2016 Premiers as well. Our u/14 division 1 team had a great battle against the might of Beacon Hill our boys never gave up & were beaten. All the players did the Club & their families proud.

As we all know it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to run our club and on behalf of our members I would like to thank all our committee and many volunteers who give up their time to help the club in any way they can. Home game days are an early start so thank you to Anthony ,Debbie, Belinda, Jamie, Kim, Sharon, Tom, Shane, Craig and all who help set up, pack up and run the games at St Mattys farm.

One of our main areas to assist our club financially is through our great canteen and with that I would like to say a very big thank you to Belinda Kent & Debbie Gyde for all their hard work and organisation as well as the band of volunteers that help each weekend.

At Cromer Kingfishers JRLFC our goal is to provide a friendly environment where all local kids can learn skills & gain confidence while forging friendships playing our great game.

Lastly big Congratulations to Debbie Gyde, Belinda Kent and Sharon Forsyth all for becoming life members in 2016. These 3 great women have done above and beyond their call of duty in our Club. Our Club is a lot richer in every way due to having them amongst our great club over the years.

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It is with a tinge of sadness but with great pride that I resign as Club President this year. It has been an amazing experience for me being involved in this mighty club and wish you all the very best in the seasons ahead.

Adam Kent
President
Cromer Kingfishers JRLFC

Forestville Ferrets JRLFC



Our 50th Year has arrived. What an exciting time for our club. To this point the club had won 62 premierships and were looking good to increase that total in 2016.

A special 'retro' jersey was designed and commissioned. Unfortunately, cyclones and many other issues meant that we only had these jerseys for the tail end of the season. That being said, they looked great and the Ferrets were by far the smartest looking teams on the paddock in these jerseys.

Thanks so much to our Anniversary Committee of Ian & Beryl Dodds, Shirley Mashman and Glen Quetcher who worked tirelessly on all the arrangements for our 50th Anniversary weekend in July.

The 50th weekend arrived and the activities began with a Golf day at Terry Hills. Lots of Ferrets turning up to show off their golfing skills. Good also to see Cowra back on deck and in charge of the Beer Buggy, ably assisted by yours truly. The sausage sizzle was well cooked by Ian Dodds. A gathering at the Forest RSL Club followed and the old memories were relived.

The Saturday games on the 16th of July was a Junior's day at Ferretville under cloudy skies with raffles, BBQ and the canteen very busy. The clubhouse was open with memorabilia from the past 50 years on display and a jumping castle for the kids.

The Main night was a dinner at the Dee Why RSL. An amazing reunion of 'past and present' Ferrets attending the night. It was a fantastic turnout with 324 people turning up to celebrate our 50 years of existence. Our MC Brian Cook, kept the evening rolling along with President Rod Roberts attending to the formalities, which were kept to a minimum, so the reminiscing could continue. The

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packed auditorium was a sight to see with old team mates catching up on past triumphs and disappointments and friends they had not seen for years.

Sunday the 17th July we had the 17's, Ladies and A grade playing at Ferretville. Not a great crowd...still recovering from the previous night no doubt. The after match celebrations made up for it and the clubhouse was rocking with the end to a wonderful weekend. Thanks again to the Anniversary Committee for a great success.

As the season rolled on and the semis arrived. We had 7 teams in the semis with 5 making it to the finals and three of these teams – U9's, U11's and U12's reaching the Grand finals. Our U12's were successful in beating Pennant Hills in a cliff hanger, 22-18 in extra time at North Sydney Oval to take out the premiership. Unfortunately our U9's and U11's fought hard and can take this experience with them into the next season.

There were a number of milestones for the club this year.

100 games played by Jack Davis and Sam Woollett U13's and Sam Lodge in the U11's.

200 games played by Pat Hickey – A Grade

400 games played by Nick Johnson – A Grade

Well done to you all, that's quite an achievement.

A very special thank you to all the parents who have helped in the canteen, the BBQ and packing up the fields at the end of the day's play. It's a great help and makes it so much easier when the work is shared.

To all the ferret families, have a great summer break and enjoy your summer sports. We hope to see you all back in February 2017 for another great season with the Ferrets.

Brett Eisenhauer
Secretary
Forestville Ferrets JRLFC

Harbord United Devils JRLFC



On behalf of Harbord United Junior Rugby League Football Club I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive of MWDJRL for their efforts and diligence of season 2016. I would particularly like to congratulate and acknowledge the decades of work by John Fox and Mick Covey. Their contribution to the organisation of junior Rugby League in this area has been tireless and the attention to ensuring the development of young people through junior rugby league has been an outstanding reflection of their character and community minded pursuit.

To Todd Smith and his team of referees, of which I'm proud to say that Harbord United has encouraged many of our juniors to enter the refereeing ranks, well done on an excellent job of controlling all games throughout the season.

The spirit of running Rugby League throughout the season by most of our Junior Rugby League Clubs also needs to be acknowledged. I hope all Manly Warringah junior rugby league clubs had an enjoyable season and celebrated their victories and learnt from the losses, all the while ensuring the enjoyment level of all was paramount.

Season 2016 held some challenges for HUJRLFC. The first division Premierships of our Under 16's and our under 9's were enjoyed by the coaches players and our whole club. Particular congratulations to the runner-up teams in these respective age groups, Narraweena (u16's) and North Curl Curl (U9's), for their efforts on grand final day and their overwhelming sportsmanship. Both clubs should be very proud.

At HUJRLFC we strive to ensure that our club is open to all wanting to play rugby league in an inclusive and safe environment. To develop skills and friendships while learning respect and a sense of real club spirit. This was definitely something that was achieved at Harbord United in season 2016.

For the first time in a number of years we at HUJRLFC were unable to fill teams in two age groups. As a sport whose number one priority should be about development, enjoyment and sportsmanship of young people, it is obvious to us at HUJRLFC that the retention of junior rugby league participants is the biggest challenge we face into the future. I would implore all clubs to make it their goal to keep young men playing Rugby League regardless of what club they play for to be the most

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important objective. Through cooperation and an honest and open dialogue by all clubs as a collective, whilst adhering to the rules of the MWDJRL, age group competitions will not only be liable but our number one priority.

For the sustainability of an NRL side to continue in the Manly Warringah area it is dependent on our juniors. Not only for spectators, but also for a real tangible opportunity for our juniors to aspire to attain the lofty goals of representing their area. It is our hope at Harbord United that all our players are catered for fairly and in good spirit in whatever capacity they choose to pursue their individual Rugby League goal. It would be great if all avenues of Rugby League in Manly Warringah held the same objectives.

Once again Thank you to the MWDJRL, Manly Warringah and North Sydney Referees, MWDJRL clubs and all the great volunteers associated with every club. Most of all congratulations to all the kids and young men who turn up each week through winter and take the opportunity to make friendships, stay healthy and most of all enjoy themselves playing Junior Rugby League.

We look forward to seeing you all at Harbord Park throughout season 2017.

Aaron Thomson
President
Harbord United Devils JRLFC

Manly Cove Rebels JRLFC



Another year has come and gone!

To all of our volunteers throughout the season we send a massive thank you to you all for helping with canteen, set up and general duties. We appreciate everyone's time is precious and the year would not have been as successful without you!

Our teams consisted of many familiar faces who returned for another year of rugby league! Which was great to see.

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Those new were warmly welcomed and were quick to build a bond with teammates to hopefully last a long time.

Our Under 6s coached by Sue and supported by John Kennedy;

Our Under 7s coached by Shaun.

The kids didn't hesitate one bit! Picking up where they had left off in 2015 showing great skills throughout training sessions and implementing these during the Saturday games and round robin fixtures. Scoring tries, or making try saving tackles it was great to see our young ones really enjoy their football.

Our special thanks goes to Samantha King, who worked overtime all season long behind the scenes.

Well done everyone and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2017!

Grady Clarke
President
Manly Cove JRLFC

Mona Vale Raiders JRLFC



Well here we are at the end of another year and what a year it has been.

As I'm sure most of you are aware, 6 of the 8 committee who had been involved in the Club for many years retired at the end of 2015 and this meant that a lot of knowledge and experience was going with them. To try and keep the Club going forward without them was not going to be an easy task.

While I was personally willing to lend a hand in some way I was quite shocked to be asked if I would be prepared to jump into the President's role and, not having been involved in the committee in any way previously, I must admit it took a bit of convincing. Having served on past committees Dave O'Donnell volunteered to come in as Vice President and offer assistance and back up and I was greatly appreciative of him for doing that. Sonia Parker moved from Registrar to Treasurer and Jade Warner remained as our Gear Steward. Being on the committee for several years, Jade helped keep

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a level of knowledge and experience available for us to tap into. Although originally filled, the Secretary, Registrar and IT Manager positions again became vacant shortly after the year began due to personal and work related circumstances. Those positions remained unfilled for the rest of the year. Our hard working Ground Manager Frank Sergi and Coaching Coordinator Mitch Murphy completed the new committee.

Your 2016 committee worked together and when issues came up where we had different opinions, we were able to talk about the subject and make some conclusions. Every committee member gave a lot of extra time and effort behind the scenes to ensure that the Club kept running as smoothly as possible. I must thank Dave O'Donnell for taking on the extra roles of Secretary and IT Manager and Sonia Parker for Registrar. Jade Warner also never said no when asked to provide assistance in whatever was asked.

It is important at this stage to say that when the committee made a decision, it was made in what we believed was in the best interests of the Club and the players, not our own personal interests.

Was every decision we made correct? Well I guess that is up to you to decide. A couple of people were quick to get into my ear about some matters but as I often explained, not every problem had a right or wrong answer, it was more about what path we believed was the right way to go. Of course all opinions are listened to but I can assure you they will have more weight if you are sitting in the committee room with us!

This year we had 204 players spread over 16 teams from the U6's to U15's. Unlike most other clubs this was an increase from the previous year. Congratulations to our 2 teams that made grand finals this year. The U14's were runners up to Pennant Hills in Division 2 in a hard fought game played at North Sydney Oval. Having been well beaten by Pennant Hills in their previous meeting, to only lose by a converted try was a great effort. Due to injuries and illness this team often struggled to field a full team and several times had to rely on players from the U13's, so to stay together and get to the grand final showed a tremendous example of courage and commitment. Special mention must go to their coach Tim Parker, managers Sonia Parker and Tim Fawle and trainers Piet Poelmann, Josh Pukeroa and Jake Trbojevic who all helped guide the boys to where they finished. The U13's came up against a Beacon Hill team that had dominated most teams throughout the year but the boys lifted and made it a very even Grand Final. It was a seesawing battle that we eventually lost by just 6 points but it showed how close we were in ability to a much bigger and faster team. Congratulations to the players, coach Terry Binding, trainers Mitch Murphy, Harry Binding and Manager Lisa Graham.

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Being a coach is not an easy job (I'm sure Ritchie, Andrew and Scotty from the U6's will agree!!) but to see the efforts everyone put in and to watch the improvement in the boys over the year was great to see. I have had many parents tell me how much their children are enjoying playing the game and how much they have improved, so a big thanks to all the coaches.

Well if coaching is hard then the Managers job can also be as difficult. Organising the players (or should I say parents!) and making sure everyone knows what is going on can be quite taxing so a big thank you to you also.

To all the League Safe Officers and First Aiders who are essential to the safety of all the players, your efforts were greatly appreciated. Special mention to Ross James our senior first aid officer. I know personally that when Ross was in attendance I was comforted in the knowledge that if any player required special attention then we had the right man available.

Before any games can start the ground has to be ready and we are lucky we had Frank Sergi, Murray Warner and the "setup crew" who would get to Newport Oval early Saturday mornings and organise the fields. Thank you.

To ensure games were run according to NSWRL rules and the paperwork was filled in correctly we required Ground Managers. Dave O'Donnell, Murray Warner, Frank Sergi, Mitch Murphy and Pete Burge all contributed to this. This was not always an easy job, but it was an important one and one that you all did well.

To keep the Club running we require great sponsors and we are lucky we have that. Due to their generous donations we are able to keep registration fees down to a minimum to cover the basic costs of playing. To all our sponsors mentioned in Jason Deaths Sponsorship Report thank you for your great support.

Apart from sponsorships our only other regular source of income during the year is the canteen. I will cover this a bit more in the Canteen Report but thank you to the parents and volunteers who helped keep it going.

If I do have any regrets, one would be that due to various factors we were unable to organise a major social function for the Club this year. I can assure you that this will be remedied next year as we have already been approached by an organisation that has tabled an offer that I believe will be of great benefit to the Club. I will pass all the details on to the new social Committee for their perusal.

The other regret was that we were unable to provide you with an advance draw of games to be played or advise information as to what was happening within the Junior League. As I am sure most

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of you are aware, some outside (and inside) influences have made it a difficult year for the Manly Warringah Junior League as they have put their own self-interests in front of the welfare of the Manly area. It has not been an easy year for a lot of people involved but I do believe that things will improve and I look forward to that happening.

On a more positive note our Club has received great exposure due to the current success of two of our past players in Jake and Tom Trbojevic. As has been quoted before, whenever their names get mentioned it is always as former Mona Vale Raiders players. We are also lucky to have a lot of current and ex-players involved with our Club as either trainers, coaches or fathers of sons who want to follow in their footsteps.

So finally I would like to thank everyone for their support this year and I hope that we can continue to work together to ensure that all participants feel that they are part of a Club that has everyone's wellbeing at heart.

Greg Newman
President
Mona Vale Raiders

Narrabeen Sharks JRLFC



What a cracker of a season it has been for the Sharkies

Huge congratulations to our 2016 Premiers

Shark's U9's Premiers – Sharks U10's Premiers

Sharks U 12's – Sharks A2 Grade Premiers

Firstly I would like to thank those members for nominating me for president, and all those that voted me in at the AGM for the 2016 season; I am very humbled and honoured to represent our great Club and still be able to enjoy Rugby League with you all. I began my journey with the sharks in 1985 at the age of five, from that point on I was hooked! It's great to see so many kids down at Lake Park growing up the same way I did with a footy in their hands at every possible moment. As kids we

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wore our jerseys everywhere! To the Games, to training, to the shops, Birthday Parties.. Pretty much anywhere our parents took us, we didn't care if our jerseys were dirty we were just happy to have that shark sitting proudly on our chest.

I was fortunate enough to play with the sharks up until 2014 when I was forced into retirement with a serious neck injury. Winning the A Grade Premiership that year after 28 years playing for the sharks was one of the greatest days of my life. The lifelong friendships I have forged at this Club are irreplaceable and I would like to thank all those who have been a part of my journey and made my experience so special.

Now I am on the other side of the fence in the Administration role, at first it was a bit of a shock to the system not being able to strap on the boots and hit the field with the boys, but I soon enjoyed the fact that I could walk around normally on a Monday morning without bruises all over me. I am now enjoying being a spectator watching our teams tear up the paddock.

Alongside me in my admin role are my committee members. Without these guys our club would not function, they are the glue of this club that keep us together and keep the ball rolling for our kids.

They selflessly put in countless hours every week, day in and day out. They organise our functions, attend our meetings, mark our fields, run our canteen, clean our sheds and facilities, man our BBQ's and assist in managing the grounds. They are the first people at the ground in the morning when everyone else enjoys a weekend sleep in to set up the field, shop for the days supply's and cook our food. Following that they are the last ones to leave, packing up the fields and cleaning the club in preparation to do it all over again the next week. The Committee members are all volunteers and do what they do for the love of our club, please show them some gratitude when you see them out and about.

Now I'd like to thank our Generals on the front line, our coaches, our managers and our training staff. You guys are the ones that are constantly mentoring our kids and not only teaching them the skills of the game, but the values and sportsmanship we expect them to uphold as they grow into footballers up through the grades. I watched you all in action from the sidelines this year and was extremely impressed by the professionalism you displayed at home and away games. This sets a great example for our kids who are constantly learning and soaking up everything they can from you in order to make it to the big League one day.

I also thank you for the personal sacrifices you have made when you committed to your roles this year, it's a huge dedication to be involved with a footy team and can be a big stress on your family life. You selflessly give up your afternoons and weekends for the team week in and week out so the

kids can enjoy their footy. I thank you all for your hard work and dedication on behalf of the Narrabeen Sharks JRLFC.

I'd also like to thank our generous sponsors, without you our teams can't even take the field. You are such an important element of this club, we are very thankful for all of your contributions and are proud to display your logos at the club and on our great jerseys. I urge all members of our club to spare a thought to our sponsors and, give them back your business in appreciation for their donation to our club. As we are a non for profit organisation we rely on our sponsors to assist us with all aspects of running this club.

Last but not least I would like to thank all of our players. These guys and girls are our troops on the ground going into battle every week. You have all done yourselves, and your club proud. We have loved watching you out there each week showing us what you can do both as individuals and as teammates. I have noticed a big Improvement in the footy this year, you are putting all of your hard work from training into practice on game day.

Congratulations to you all on a great season, I hope you have all taken away some fond memories and good times from this season, and will be back bigger and better for the 2017 season. I look forward to seeing you all down at Shark Park next year, Up the Sharkies.

I will touch on a few things' we have been working on for the future of our great club. Some of you may be aware we have been working on plans to get our clubhouse decking extended. This is a very long process we began back in December last year. Taking into account the merging of the councils on the Northern Beaches I can understand why the Development approval process is taking so long. That being said I am pushing this project pretty hard and have a great Architect on the job so it looks as tho we are in the final stages of approval. I ask you all to cross your fingers and pray for it to come through so we can get cracking with the improvements and hopefully be done for the 2017 season. I will keep you updated on our Face Book page on any further progress.

The new concrete deck will extent the existing deck out six meters from the canteen wall and run the length of the existing deck. The new area will be covered by a roof to match the existing roof look and include a permanent BBQ and bar serving area, located adjacent to the canteen. From there heading south we will have a Large all weather viewing Platform with a bar style handrail so our supporters can watch the game in comfort in any weather conditions. On the other side of the bar area will be an open air Gym enclosed with security shutters for the use of all teams and club members to condition themselves. We have been fortunate enough to obtain a Grant from the NRL to assist us with our club improvements, this being said we will be calling on the help of all of our

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members to donate some time on working bees we will be holding to assist us in building the new deck, much like we did when we built the existing Clubhouse. This brings the sharks community together and the deck will help to accommodate for our growing club.

We will be holding some fundraisers to assist us in the funding of this project such as a Narrabeen Sharks Golf Day held at Mona Vale Golf Course at the end of the year. It will be held on a Friday with a date to be confirmed. Please come and enjoy a great day out with some ex and current NRL greats, win some prizes and challenge your mates in the round of golf. All proceeds will contribute to building the new deck for all of us to enjoy.

We are planning a preseason match to honour the great Don 'Frudy' Frudenstine around April.

'The Don Frudenstine Memorial Shield'

Frudy was a life member of the club and an ex president, he was the driving force behind the building of the clubhouse we enjoy today. Frudy passed away in 2015 after his long battle with cancer. He was a huge part of our club and we are honouring his memory with an inaugural match against the Bowraville Tigers U16s. We will host the Tigers for this game and will look to play them up there the following year. Frudy was originally from the Maxville area before he made Narrabeen his home. This is a great opportunity for our young players to experience and bond with players from another region. What a great way to kick off the season.

Once again I'd like to thank all who were involved for your hard work and dedication for the Club,

Enjoy the off season and have a great Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing you all down at Shark Park in 2017.

Narraweena Hawks JRLFC



Another great season has come to an end & preparation for next season is already well on the way.

On the field it was very pleasing to see us with an A Grade team again – it wasn't looking likely early in the year with only 5 players attending pre-season training but then a 9's tournament was announced and suddenly there was 20 players.

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They went on to be the stand out team in the competition finishing up Minor Premiers unfortunately going down in a very high quality entertaining Grand Final.

As well the Under 16's who were Minor Premiers in a high quality competition and were only minutes from being crowned Champions unfortunately it wasn't to be but I'm sure they will be back better & stronger next year

Our terrific Under 9's who also played an awesome Grand Final game only to fall short

Off the field these teams don't get on the field without the support in the background a special thank you to all of those that put in all season long – setting up early in the morning & packing up after the final game we know who these people are and they don't look for recognition most of them don't even have kids playing anymore but still turn up every weekend to help out I can't thank you enough.

The calibre of Coaches we presently have in the club is the highest that I have ever seen young men & women who are giving back to the kids by giving them quality mentorship & the skills required for them to enjoy this great game that we are involved in.

Thank You to all the players without them we wouldn't all be here, they have given us so many special moments throughout the season.

To our club sponsors we thank you & hope to see you all back next year.

Hope everyone enjoys their off season and we look forward to seeing all the players and families back next year.

Joe lemma
Club Secretary

North Curl Curl Knights



I have now been secretary of this fantastic club for 3 years now. It has been great getting to know the kids and families of the club a little better.

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Most teams have grown a little which makes it easier for the players to have quality time on the field. The U8's could do with a few extra players, so I do ask if everyone could keep finding some players, as without players we would not have a club!

It's a known saying but I have changed it a little! "Mate against Mate, Club against Club". I think we should be proud in the way our whole club supports all of our teams. We are showing great 'mateship' and I think we should be very proud of ourselves!

We had 3 teams in the grand final this year, which is a huge accomplishment in itself. With 1 team winning, undefeated all year, congratulations to all the teams of our great club this year. All of our competitive teams made it to the finals series, which is a great achievement for a smallish club. We seem to be getting better and better every year... Let's keep it going.

Which brings me to giving a huge thank you to our coaches and officials in the club that have a role to do. Some of them no longer have kids in the club, and I am sure would have better things to do on the weekend. They turn up every week to help and I am very grateful, as I am sure the rest of the club is.

A big thank you to all our sponsors this year. We couldn't have a club without them, and we really appreciate their contribution to junior rugby league and the North Curl Curl Knights.

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

Please find below some reports from our current coaches and managers:

U6's – Bruce Bailey - Coach

Well what an amazing season for all involved, with a side made up of first timers and a few second seasoners we had a great mix of skills.

The common bond was the enthusiasm shown to keep turning up to training and the games, sure we all had our moments with some tears here and there but the amount of great smiles far outweighed that, and the mighty "Green Machine" did the club proud.

As with every under 6 coach, it would be wrong of me not to mention the moments of "patience building" that I experienced in many of our training exercises, and on that note I would like to say thank you to all the parents who shared these great times with me especially Mike Beresford-Jones and David Maclean.

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Also an enormous thank you to Nick Schutt, who helped share the game day coaching role with me, and to my partner Megan Jones who "voluntarily" did an amazing job as team manager.

This season will leave me great memories of moments that can't be bought, one of many still stands in my mind. On a rainy day, as we are under great pressure from Narrabeen Sharks attack, who were testing our defence to the extreme and with sweat on the brows, the players dragging their last pieces of spent energy, concentration to the max, one of our "Greats" races over to me with a worried, forlorn look on his face, Jackson looks up, I was wondering what he was going to say, the words came out "Bruce, how old are you?" still stick in my mind, I still ask myself what was he thinking? One of many great moments I would go home laughing about.

To the players I say thank you for a fantastic season and wish you the best in your rugby league and other sports endeavours. To all parents thank you for your support, your positive encouragement from side lines, your love for the little guys and to the club (Les, Carolyn, Alison, Daryl and more) your dedication and support of my silly questions and teaching me how to read a game programme correctly.

U7's – Dave Key - Coach

The year's gone by in a flash again and a great bunch of kids are this year's (2016) under 7's.

I've had a lot of fun coaching these guys and the improvement in their motor skills has been considerable along with their desire to improve as players. All players have become comfortable with team organization, confident in running the ball but all but a few still need to master or develop their defence skills (tackling). I've noted a strong bond developing among the team and strong friendships are also developing. To sum up, I see a great future for this team for next year and the for years to come.

Congratulations to all the kids for their efforts, see you all next year.

U8's – Brad Keen - Coach

What a great year, everyone's skills improved dramatically.

We had four new members that included Harry, Mason, Liam & Cooper. Harry delivered some big hit ups & damaging defence but copped an injury which put him out of a few weeks. Mason brought a new meaning to a straight hit up, hitting the line like a first grader. Liam & Cooper who were new to the team would have liked the season to have gone a little longer as they were showing great development. Big Zane showed once again size does matter and was probably our top try scorer, he

also played some games with the under 9's. Little Zane was meeting the opposition head on when it came to his defence. Luke hit the ball up hard and every year you're getting a little faster so more tries will be just around the corner. James you are thinking like a footy player going into dummy half & watching the opposition before they make the decision of which way to run. Flynn showed all year why it is often good to be built close to the ground with some damaging canon like runs. Tristan you are showing bravery of a much larger boy throwing your body in the way of the opposition. Bob good year mate your covering tackling was outstanding & your running with great balance.

Thanks to all the mums & dads that bring the kids to training and the games each week. A special thanks to Natasha for managing, Steve for being our trainer & Al for helping while I was away.

U9's – Les Elliott (Maroon Coach), John Cimmino (White Coach) – U9 Grand Finalists

Following another successful off-season recruitment drive, the NCK U9 team was able to field two teams in the competition for 2016. We had a mix of boys that were entering their fifth season, but also had a number of players playing Rugby League for the first time. This year was also our first taste of competitive football, with a notable increase in the competitiveness on the field.

A big thank you to our coaches and Trainers, Les, Shane, John and Joe for all their hard work and dedication to the kids, it certainly showed with the results on the pitch.

A special mention to John for stepping in to help us out with the White team. There were a number of kids in this team that were playing rugby league for the first time, and if you compare their skill and attitude levels between the first few training sessions and the end of the season, there was a huge improvement in both. Although the team never won a huge amount of games, they never ever gave up trying, even when they were well behind on the scoreboard. We hope to see the majority of these kids back next year to pick up where they left off at the end of the season.

In the Maroon competition, the standard of play lifted considerably this year with some fierce competition between all the teams in this grade. Many of the games were very close, and any of the top six teams could beat anyone on the day. We had a few new recruits to the team, which really raised our level of play from last season, which saw the team ultimately making it through to the grand final at Brookvale Oval. A very memorable moment for all of us would have to be the last minute win against Beacon Hill in the semi-final, which highlighted the fighting spirit of this team. Thanks again to Les and Shane for another great season, and look forward to seeing what this team can do in the future.

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U10's – Chris Crotty – Coach – Winners of Grand Final

Our under 10's this year welcomed some new players to the club this year which enabled us to field 2 sides, maroon & white.

We welcomed some new players including Barnaby Brown, Luke cook, Luke Pansini, Meshack King, Michael Halai, Joe Walsh, Felix Hodgkinson, Abe Whitfield, Toby Mayhew, Charlie Poynton.

We had a total of 23 Kids that made up our Maroon & white teams. We trained together as a complete squad and then on Saturday we had separate games.

I hope the boys had a great time throughout the year & enjoyed coming to training & the challenge on game day. We had a Pizza night, Macca's night & we tried to mix up our training so it didn't become tedious.

We started our preseason training down at North Curl Curl beach for 4 weeks & the boys had a great time mixing things up with some games, sand dunes & some football work.

Under 10 Whites.

As I mentioned above we had some new players join our team this year & we finished the year in 2nd place. We played 3 x semi finals & were 1 x game away from the grand final. As each game went on every single player improved & hopefully they gain some confidence moving forward next year.

This team was led well throughout the year By Jack day, Sam Ridge & Pharrell Baines & by the end of the year we had our whole roster of boys all contributing in both attack & defence.

I can still remember the Forestville game at Curly where they won by a large score. Every single player played great & was a real team effort. They boys came off knowing how well & fair they played & the parents & supporters were all very proud also.

At times we were a few players short due to other commitments, which meant we were short on numbers. We had Jacob Crotty, Jackson cook, & Corey stack on quite a few occasions play for the whites & then straight away play another game for the maroons. Each time these boys played with the whites it gave them a lift & some extra confidence.

I would like to thank Joanne & Andrew Day for being fantastic & loyal Managers for both of our teams. I would also like to thank Will Baines for his extra efforts at training & for helping out as trainer for both teams on game day also.

Thank you also to the parents for your support of your boys & we hope to see you all back next year

for another great year.

Our team was: Jack Day, Sydney Slater, Solomon Gallate, Arian Soudi, Pharrell Baines, Luke Pansini, Barney Brown, Sam Ridge, Meshack King, Sam Cooper-Singe, Jake Cook, Michael Halai

Under 10 Maroons

Our maroon team also consisted of some new players to our team. Our year ended as undefeated premiers with a great performance on Grand final day at Brooky oval. We were a team in every sense of the word. There were games when certain boys dominated & other games where other players stepped up & had a more dominant role. I can still remember our game against Cromer at Cromer where we did not touch the ball & had to defend our goal line for 5 minutes straight & Cromer still could not score & the first time we had the ball we scored a try & ended up winning something like 44-8. The maturity this side showed in defence was above there years & is a real credit to themselves.

We were also sometimes short of a few players & Jack Day, Pharrell Baines & Sam Ridge often doubled up & played 2 x games in a row which was a great effort.

I would again like to thank Joanne & Andrew Day & Will Baines for backing up each week for the 2 games. Also thank you to Christian Cook & Lenny Stack for your help at training during the year.

Our Team was: Baxter Stewart, Felix Hodgkinson, Joe Walsh, Abe Whitfield, James Harvey, Mua Leupolu, Toby Mayhew, Charlie Poynton, Corey Stack, Jacob Crotty, Jackson Cook, Sam Ridge, Pharrelle Baines, Jack Day

Thank you again to the parents of your boys. You have raised some great kids & look forward to seeing you all back again next year

U11's – Matt Long – Coach – Grand Finalists

At the time of writing this report, the Under 11's have just broken through to their first Grand Final as a team, beating Mona Vale 18-4 in the Preliminary Final. This was one step better than last year where we were beaten by the same team on the bell.

We now meet Cromer in the GF, but I personally feel that the boys are already huge winners no matter what this weekend's result ends up being.

This year's side had the core of our 2015 team back together with a healthy injection of new players who came to join us.

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Without a doubt, our best asset this year was our defence. Despite finishing 4th on the ladder on 33 points, our defence was the 2nd best in the competition. Tackling is probably the hardest thing to teach anyone, however, the boys constantly showed up each Tuesday and Thursday night at training and then again on game day. By the end of the season, the boys began to take pride in their ability to keep teams away from their try line and in their last two semi final matches only had their line crossed twice – albeit with the assistance of sympathetic referees (but I didn't say that!).

There was notable improvement across the team and some of the boys are beginning to show some serious talent. Ryan O'Shea and Jake Fincher were twice the players they were last year with Ryan defending like a machine and Jake running the ball back like a guy twice his size, highlighted with a first ever double against Narrabeen in the 2nd round. Both Ryan and Jake have become instrumental in my plans for the overall development of the team. Versatile and easy to play in any position on the field.

The new guys to the team also improved greatly throughout the year. It's always difficult to come into a pre-existing team – yet alone from a 2nd division competition into 1st division. Levi Welsh, Cody Kearney, Oliver Miller and Murphy Gee all finished the year stronger and more confident as the week's went by. Levi started taking more ownership on the field and pressing his claims as a dominant team member. Cody started running harder and defending better in the centres. Murphy often found himself in the middle of the field and absolutely stood up to opposing players sometimes twice his size. Oliver still amazes me at his hard running into the defence. He runs perfect, straight lines and as soon as he starts believing how good he already is, will turn up twice the player next year.

The other new guy was Braedan Crichton-Browne who also grew in confidence each week. I remember telling him one night at training to “stop being the new guy and start believing that you deserve your place in this team”. From that moment he started communicating better on the field, got himself involved in the defence and attack. Was truly a pleasure to coach and see his development as a Rugby League Player. All this on top of having a major accident early in the season where he had 2 teeth knocked a out from a skateboard accident. To come back and play the way he did was inspirational.

The remaining two new guys were also a revelation for the team. Paul “Tiny” Vaokakala was an absolute stand out this year and was an easy choice as our 2016 Player of the Year. He is one of the biggest 10 year olds I have seen, yet, his fitness amazes me as he rarely goes off the field for a rest and was always good for at least 1 try every match. His game against Mona Vale in the semi-final went a long way to cementing our spot in the GF. A great player and an absolute joy to coach –

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always listens, never backchats and never questions his job.

Ajay Puafisi had the best 2nd half of a season I have seen. This was obvious with the Players Player votes he accumulated in the last 7 rounds which eventually guaranteed him the Players Player Award. He is big. He is strong. He has fantastic vision and runs great lines at the defence. His own defence was outstanding and his attack helped us secure a GF spot in the Preliminary Final.

Our captain, Tahi Levasa also had an exceptional backend to the season. After overcoming a late hip injury he truly became our leader on the field and led by example in the final rounds. He truly deserves the team captaincy and is proving to be a leader beyond his years.

Locky and Blake continued to be the heart and soul of the team. Rarely far from each other's side on the field were they always in the thick of the action. Both players would make more tackles than any other player on the field (including the opposition) and with Blake's improvement in taking on the line in attack and Locky's "scoots" out of dummy half - helped the whole team become the team that I knew they could become.

Max Keen revelled in his switch from First Receiver into Dummy Half. This got him more involved in the defence and allowed him to pick and choose his time to run out of dummy half. His ball distribution was spot-on and his overall aggression defies his mild manner.

Mitchell Bruce is officially the fastest player in the team and continues to improve in defence. He has learnt where to position himself during the games, especially with kick returns and attacking the line 10 metres out. Still the smallest but still the toughest!!!

Nick Ridge had one job this year. TALK!!! At fullback this is the most important job, especially in defence. Thus, as we ended up the 2nd best defensive team in the competition, he needs to take a lot of credit for the communication he provided from the back. A great effort and another great season.

Rueban Roper is still the player he promises to be. Genuinely loves his football. He has become more confident and this is shown by the leadership role he now demonstrates on the field. Similar to Tahi, he constantly leads by example and is the team's most consistent and most reliable performer.

Thank you to Wendy Fallow for managing the team and for her continued "excessive knowledge" of all things Rugby League. It's been great having her by my side all year (especially in the close games). Thanks also to Wayne Bruce for running the water and messages (most of which messages he would have had to re-deliver in a more child friendly manner!!!). Thanks again mate!

Thanks to all the parents. Your support throughout the year makes my job a lot easier. I understand

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that it is often difficult seeing your child sitting on a bench for half a game or not playing the position that you feel he would prefer, however, your understanding in these situations was greatly appreciated. I truly love coaching your boys and I hope that every one of them return next year!

Thanks also to Les Elliott for continued advice, Ali Keen for her thankless role as Secretary and Dylan Welsh and Shane Howison for their assistance as Trainers throughout the season.

Thanks again and here's to 2017!!!

U12's – Darryl Byron - Coach

NEVER GIVE UP with only 8 original players from last years premiership winning side returning, we had to recruit and welcomed 6 new players. Many of them had not played rugby league before. Only problem was we were put straight into first division and it was not long before we lost our only reserve. But as I know being involved with this team for 6 years they never give up. After a very hard six weeks in first division they finally put us back in second division and next two games were a win and a draw. But with a season with two byes, two forfeits and washed out games we only played 10 games total all year. Having not played footy for a few weeks we went into a elimination final with Belrose. With no reserves we were leading at half time and with a controversial second half we just got beat. It's been a tough year and myself, rocky and Nadia are very proud of the boys for never giving up. WINNERS ARE NOT THOSE WHO NEVER FAIL BUT THOSE WHO NEVER QUIT. Proud coach
Darryl Byron

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Secretary
North Curl Curl Knights JRLFC*

Valley United Spartans JRLFC



It was tough start to the 2016 season with a number of our premiership 2015 side moving on, and our A Grade coach standing down also.

With 1 month till the season kicked off we had our backs to the wall.

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Assistant Coach Lachlan Beesley reluctantly took on the head job, and with the help of Assistant Cam Mackey and head Trainer Greg Sinclair Valley kicked off season 2016 with a new look A grade side.

I am really proud of the way the coaching staff and players took to the task at hand.

The A grade was in 6th Position after playing one full round and that meant that for the first time in the clubs history, our top grade side was to fight for the 2nd Division flag.

The boys made it all the way to the grand Final but fell agonizingly short, going down by 2 points in a nail biter to the Sharkies.

Congratulations must go to Lachy, Cam, Sid & Heidi, along with all the players on a great season.

Our u/19's struggled for numbers all year. As has been the case in the last few years, we think that there will be plenty of players from the younger ranks come through, but it doesn't happen.

Many weeks this team fielded 11-12 players.

There was a mile of talent in the 19's squad, but without enough players to field a full team along with reserves it was always going to be a battle.

Many of the teams in the 17's and 19's age groups struggle for numbers. Hopefully we can turn this around in 2017.

Big wrap to Scott (Midge) Smith for all the work that he put into season.

Once again I must highlight the fact that without the financial support of our loyal sponsors, Valley United could not exist.

The cost to field just one player in the competition is upwards of \$350 (per Player).

We recognize that the sponsorship dollar is hard to come by, and the continued support of Harbord Financial Services (Bendigo Bank), Your Style, Vivid Property Services and Beachwheels Automotive is greatly appreciated.

I urge all our members to utilize and support these "Local" businesses in return.

We have a small number of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep this club functioning. To all that have contributed to this great club throughout the year and especially with our home games, I would like to sincerely thank you for all your help.

The club looks forward to the 2017 season along with building into our 50th year in 2018.

*Peter Kelly
President
Valley United JRLFC*