

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

**ANNUAL REPORT
2017**



It all begins with the JRL



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Note:

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

Aims and Goals

- ❖ To foster and manage Junior Rugby League Football throughout the Northern Beaches Local Government area 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

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*

*Deceased

Board of Directors and Management Committee 2017

<p>President K Hunter</p>	<p>Senior VP Grounds J Fox</p>
<p>Executive Secretary M Brown</p>	<p>Grounds Committee J Fox, A Kent</p>
<p>Finance Director M Covey</p>	<p>Delegate to MW Sporting Union M Covey, F Cridland</p>
<p>Competition Director J Fox</p>	<p>Delegate to NSW JL Council J Fox, K Hunter, B Butcher</p>
<p>Director Judiciary B Friend</p>	<p>Delegate to MWDRLFC K Hunter</p>
<p>Code Of Conduct NSWRL</p>	<p>Senior VP Registrar and Signatories B Butcher</p>
<p>Auditors C Burdon</p>	<p>Judiciary Committee B Friend, B Butcher, C Lovelace, J Fox, I Elliott, A Kent</p>
<p>Database Managers E Galloway</p>	<p>Qualifications Committee Chairperson L Elliott</p>

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POP HALL MEMORIAL TROPHY 2017

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 (1 point deducted for each Send Off & CoC Breach / 0.25 point for each Sin Bin)
5. General Effect on the Code

CLUB	1	2	3	4	5	Total
AVALON	12	1.38	8.2	3.5	14.85	27.93
BEACON HILL	6	1.33	4	3	9.4	17.73
BELROSE	13	2.5	8.33	3	15	28.83
CHRISTIAN BROS	16	1.6	8.33	4	15.85	29.78
CROMER	10	2.7	6.66	4.25	14.85	28.46
FORESTVILLE	11	1.38	8.26	2.5	15.4	27.54
HARBORD UTD	17	1.25	8.26	3	15.65	28.16
MANLY COVE	3	1.38	4.25	0	10.4	16.03
MONA VALE	16	2.5	5	5	14.5	27.01
NARRABEEN	15	1.73	4.93	3.5	14.5	24.66
NARRAWEENA	17	2.5	6.66	-4.25	14.35	18.76
NORTH C.CURL	10	4	6.66	2	13.5	26.16
VALLEY UTD	2	1.1	4	3.25	11	19.35

1st Christian Bros

2nd Belrose

3rd Cromer

4th Harbord United

5th Avalon

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 2017.

This year we had 2,089 players registered in 141 teams across all age groups ranging from Under 6's to A Grade. The strength in our District continues to be in the Under 6's to Under 10's age groups, where this season 74% of our teams were in the Under 6 to Under 10 age groups.

The 2017 season saw the introduction of NSWRL employing an administration person to provide junior rugby league administration assistance to both the Manly and North Sydney Districts. The position was filled by Todd Smith, who as one of our leading local referees is well known and respected in our District.

Todd's input was greatly appreciated and reduced a considerable amount of administration work for some of our hard working volunteers.

Todd's value to our District and our competitions will I believe increase as he gains further experience in the role and we learn how to best use his services.

The 2017 season also saw the start of expanded competitions with other Districts for some of our older age group competitions, supported and administered by the NSWRL. This structure proved to be successful and appears to be here to stay.

Our Grand Finals for our Saturday Competitions were held at both Brookvale Oval and Harbord Park and our Sunday Grand Finals were held at Brookvale Oval. Thank you to all the volunteers that assisted at our Grand Finals and helping make all the Grand Finals a success.

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.

Special congratulations to Avalon Bulldogs for retaining the A Grade title that they won for the first time in 2016.

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.

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I would also like to thank the Referees for their contribution to junior rugby league in our District.

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. 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, 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 Trent Barrett, the Manly Sea Eagles NRL Coach attend our presentation night and present the trophies which is greatly appreciated. We look forward to forming a closer relationship with the Manly Sea Eagles in 2018 and beyond.

Thanks also to the Manly Warringah District Club who provide assistance 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.

Thank you also to Bendigo Bank Freshwater who provided sponsorship to our District JRL with a \$10,000 sponsorship. We look forward to a continuing this relationship with Bendigo Bank Freshwater in the years ahead.

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.

This represented my first year as President and 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.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back in 2018.

Kim Hunter
President
MWDJRFL

Executive Report (Secretary)

2017 saw some significant changes in the Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League. Firstly was the appointment from NSWRL of Todd Smith as the districts Competition Coordinator. Todd's role included a number of areas and although there was and possibly still are some teething problems, Manly Junior League in an administrative role should be in one of its best positions for the start of season 2018.

2nd major change for Manly Junior League was the participation of our Under 13's to Under 19's in Conference competitions, where our Junior League clubs played other clubs from other districts.

The worrying part of the above is the Conference Competitions have materialised because most districts are losing teams in these age groups and are unable to provide a fair and equitable competition in their own district.

Player drop off has been a problem in these age groups for some time and the Executive as well as delegates continue to discuss of ways to counter this.

Season 2017 ran a considerably smoother than 2016 and concluded with good weather for the Grand Final weekend where all games were played in the right spirit. Congratulations to all teams that participated and Well Done to the Premiers.

2017 saw the 2nd year of the Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League Development Program that culminated with a Gale day at Nolan Reserve. The whole program was a huge success and my congratulations to Dave O'Donnell, Scott Newman, Talia Binding, Simon Healy and their support staff

I would like to thank my fellow board members, Kim Hunter, Mick Covey, Bob Butcher, John Fox, Les Elliott, and Tom Akhurst. Also a special thanks to Eric Galloway, Brain Friend and Frank Cridland. The

work done by all of the above is much appreciated and the Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League would not exist without each of your efforts.

Thank you to all of the delegates that attend the fortnightly meetings as well as working for your respective clubs.

Matt Brown
Secretary
MWDJRLFC

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 2017.

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 2017 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 Clubs were financial in 2017 having paid their required affiliation fees and team nomination fees. 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 (\$64,826.25), Referees Fees (\$44,445) and Sporting Union Fees (\$16,667) which represents 70% 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. Please encourage all your supporters to join the Leagues Club if they aren't already a member.

We also welcomed a new sponsor this year with Bendigo Bank Freshwater. Their financial support helped fund the running of the Junior League Development Squads which were a great success. Bendigo Bank Freshwater's support is greatly appreciated and I would encourage all junior league

members, fans and senior players to consider Bendigo Bank Freshwater as a fresh alternative to the major banks when seeking a loan or financial services.

Our Grand Final weekend at Brookvale Oval was a financial success for the junior league and despite the significant running costs with security, cleaning and other operating expenses, we hope that this major event at Brookvale 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 2018 which is a good start.

Michael Covey
Treasurer
MWDJRLFC

Judiciary Report

As instructed by NSWJRL I carried out the duty of Judiciary Chairman from the ages 6 to 12 years for the 2017 season. It appears that the penny has not dropped with a few players this year as there has not been a reduction in Referee Abuse and Striking. Under the instructions of their coach and instructor Luke Saldern, the young Referee's controlling the game have taken a stance and have not tolerated these offences. I have attended home grounds and players residences and interviewed the players 'replaced' and kept a record of their discrepancies for future reference. This way the MWDJRL can identify players who will be classed as serial offenders and measures will be taken to rectify this problem. I might add that no other person in the MWDJRLFC will know the identification of these players because of the fact that they are all juveniles and require anonymity. So far, the players interviewed have been contrite and apologised for their misbehaviour and promised that there would be no further incidents in the future. The parents have been very supportive of this kind of action regarding their children. I would like to thank the parents/coaches and responsible adults that I have spoken to regarding these incidents who all assured me that the player concerned will be suitably instructed on his/her responsibilities as a player of that particular club.

Regarding 'replacements' by these junior Referees, it is also a matter that the Managers of each team take note of the fact that the player has been 'replaced'. They are required to place the name, number and club of the player that has been replaced at the bottom of the sheet and for what reason. The Referee is to complete a report with all facts surrounding the incident and forward a copy to the Director of Referees (Manly) and also a copy to myself so that action can be taken to

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rectify the problem. The junior Referees are instructed by their 'trainer' that if, in their view, a player is to be replaced, they are to inform the Captain of the team of their decision, then escort the player to the time keepers/managers table and explain their reason for the 'replacement'. This way the coach and the spectators will understand the reasoning for this decision. The referees have been trained to respect the 'Safe Play Code', eliminate foul and abusive language towards officials and opposition players and any other conduct that brings discredit upon the game of Rugby League.

During the 2017 season there have been 11 players replaced. I have no figures on the older players regarding Send Offs but keep in touch with the Registrar who keeps me updated with Sin Bins from our games.

I would also like to thank the 58 people that attended the Ground Managers courses (4) that I conducted this year.

*Brian Friend OAM
Judiciary Chairman.
MWDJRLFC*

Avalon Bulldogs JRLFC



I am very pleased to report that the Avalon Bulldogs JRLC has had another successful year in 2017.

Whilst we had a reduction in the number of premiership trophies to add to the cabinet (compared to recent years) we have seen a number of new players join the club across various age groups and all teams played the game in the spirit that the bulldogs are famous for.

All age groups put in massive efforts this year with our greatest success being in the Under 11's who took out the premiership. Well done to Peter and his team.

We unfortunately had to withdraw a team during the season due to a lack of player numbers caused by injuries and associated factors. This is never a pleasant thing to have to do but I hope that we will be able to field a team in this age group in 2018 and beyond.

A very big thank you to all the parents and friends that assisted throughout the year in roles including but not limited to, coaches, managers, trainers, on the BBQ, in the canteen and in a hundred other ways. The club simply cannot run without your ongoing support and the Committee greatly appreciates your efforts.

To my Committee, a very big thank you for your continued efforts and the commitment that you have shown. As I have informed the committee, I will not be standing for re-election in 2018. After many years as a player, coach and most recently administrator, I feel that it is time to hand the reins to someone else. I have every confidence that Avalon will continue to set the standard in junior rugby league on the peninsula and I look forward to seeing you all (from the other side of the ropes) in 2018.

Go the Doggies!!!!

*John Davis
President
Avalon JRLFC*

Beacon Hill Bears JRLFC



Season 2017 was very much a “new beginning “ for the Beacon Hill Bears. With the loss of as many as 3 age group sides we went back to a junior club with only 7 teams in their respective age groups and what was to become a completely overhauled executive committee. Negative publicity from “ manifestly excessive “ penalties placed on our 17’s the previous season had a significant impact on the club, its sponsors and our reputation from under 6’s all the way up to the most senior age group copped a hit. Couple this with the uncovering of the mismanagement of the clubs finances from the previous hierarchy and it was anything but a positive start to a rugby league season.

As President of this great club I am proud to say that these unfortunate circumstances truly galvanised not only the newly formed executive committee, but the players, parents and community that decided to stick solid with The Bears. Winning 3 premierships from all of 6 teams (unfortunately our 17’s folded mid season) that we fielded competitively was an outstanding achievement across the 2017 season and is a reflection of the commitment that is shown by not only our administration & coaching staff and other officials, but also from the players & their families. Our under 6’s developed very well across the season and new coaches Grant Jennings and Anthony Rogers proved to be wonderful educators to our “ bear cubs “. The 7’s proved a very formidable force and Tyronne Smith and Maafu Mafoa led this team with aplomb across the season. The U11’s is a story that is something I could only liken to a fairytale. Barely enough troops to field a side at season’s start, with many of those initial players playing up an age, only to be moulded into a real “ motley crew “ by coach Sulemi Kelemete and to go onto claim the white division crown against all the odds. Our 12’s were the dominate side all season and this culminated in a wonderful grand final performance that was a real indicator of how good a team these boys are. Coach Brett Fulton has had these boys for a number of seasons and the style of play they displayed demonstrated this. Our U13’s were worthy semi finalists this season and despite many setbacks with injury and alike coach John Hopoate really did do a fantastic job getting these boys to where they got to. The 14’s proved yet again that they are the premier side in this age division. Cromer were valiant all season but were no match for this special bunch of boys who’s achievements are purely and simply from hard work and

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dedication. A very successful season (on and off the field) particularly in the face of regular adversity.

As a club we are looking to the future. We have a dynamic new executive committee and extended bunch of committed officials that are the “heart & soul “of this great club. We are rebuilding in many ways but are actively looking to work closer with the governing body and with the Beacon Hill community. Integrity of our brand is paramount and our sponsorship drive for 2018 is proving a resounding success with many local businesses from varying industries wanting to come onboard with “ The Bears “

Bring on 2018!

Adam Hickson
President
Beacon Hill Bears JRLFC

Belrose Eagles JRLFC



2017 numbers were down but the Club did return to the winners circle With numbers down our under 13 & combined with Narraweena and under 15 with Harbord which turn out to be rewarding for the players.

Paul Clark with was in charge of the under 8 squad and they competed in the Tommy Bishop Shield against the best under 8s in the country at the end of the season .They also played the Ferrets at Sydney Football Stadium in the Manly Sea Eagles final

It was disappointing for Pete Asprey to get his under 11's to a grand final but miss out to a quickly improving Avalon but that's the game we play.

Highlights this year were certainly were our 2 premierships and it was great to see Hamish Mclean come through with the under 12 The team has planned well all year and was rewarded with a tight victory in the Grand Final. Gary Watman & Charles Dunn were also

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reward for their efforts and their last minute agreement to combined with Harbord worked well for both Clubs and continues

A special thank you to all those volunteers who have registered with the Club and are now an accredited Coach League Safe Trainer first Aider Manager or Ground Manager.

I would also like to thank all those who sent me their game sheets this year While Belrose was the only Club to add games & tries to our website and the Junior League it was pleasing to see more hits to our website.

Clarissa Wilson Dave Paterson & John Borger continue to do more than asked with registrations & photos. With the requirements of head Office ever changing the Club really needs the experience of these people.

Others who have worked hard all year are those who have helped in the Canteen Clarissa Wilson & Corinne Richardson also knew what was required and were there to organise and ensured the Canteen has been open at every home game. Special thank you to those who helped on Sunday Brad & Sue Martin Vicki Collins Kerry Nugent & Sue Abrahams in particular. Sean Wilson took control of the Bar this year and with Tom Nugent & Barry Johnson & Dave Paterson ensured everyone was looked after

One thing that keeps Belrose ahead of the game is the support of so many sponsors Sean Wilson got all the junior sponsors and all sponsors appeared on the Juniors jumpers this Season . Ian McKenzie managed to add to Senior grades sponsors this season and all still appear on the Club website. We would recommend to check out all the sponsors who support Belrose.

Vicki Collins continues to find time to do many things within the Club but we must be so appreciative of her continuing efforts with Touch Football. Touch Football is now the fastest growing Children's sport in the Northern Beaches. Belrose has been running these growing competitions for over 20 years. It relies on help from teams and players to succeed. Thankfully with Vicki at the helm Belrose Touch continues to grow.

This year the Board gained two new Directors from the Junior grades Deborah Kennedy & Pete Asprey both have contributed greatly and we are hoping they will be around for many years

Social functions are hard to get numbers these days but Deb & Pete combined with Tim Gee the Sydney Shield Coach to organised a very successfully end of season event at Balgowlah RSL

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Barry Johnson also organised a successful event for the 1967 A Grade Premiers and Life members This was combined with a Masters game against Narrabeen a Lionel Watts before a Sydney Shield Game.

I thank all the Board Members - Scott Collins, Sean Wilson, Barry Johnson, Mark Abrahams, Deborah Kennedy, and Peter Asprey for making life a bit easier on the Board this year

The Players Coaches Mangers Trainers Mums and Dads that support the Club are the Club and to all Thank you for your efforts in 2017

We must find ways to ensure Rugby League is not member of the throwaway society but a builder of passions and character for a lifetime

*Eric Galloway
Belrose Eagles JRLFC*

Christian Brothers OBFC



2017 was another successful season for the Manly Brothers. For the first time in many seasons we were able to field teams in all "Saturday" age groups (U6 to U15). In many of these age groups we had two teams and also had a competitive A Grade team in the Open competition which gave us a total of fifteen teams.

Getting this number of teams on the field each week was a challenge and of course would not happen without all the coaches, trainers, managers and volunteers that make a club really great and allow the players to play our great game in a safe and caring environment.

I would especially like to thank the Club Committee and volunteer who work tirelessly for months to ensure our teams are kitted out, well coached and organised to play the season and then continue to work hard on field set ups, canteens and administration throughout the season. Week in week out, it is the same people who consistently show up to help out.

Running a Club this size takes a lot of money and we are especially grateful to our sponsors whose generous contributions enable us to keep costs for competitors to a minimum. These sponsors

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include The Channel 9 Footy Show, URM, The Steyne Hotel (A Grade), Club North Manly, Veritas Securities, TM Signs, Bendigo Bank.

Congratulations to all of our teams for competing well throughout the year with special mention to the 10W and 11W sides who competed in their Grand Finals and especially to the 13 M side that won the U13 NSWRL Northern Conference competition.

I have decided I will not be standing as President for the 2018 Season. It has been a pleasure to be your president and while at times it has been challenging it has also been extremely rewarding.

So finally I would like to say Thank You to everyone for your support and keep supporting the Cerise and Blue for many years to come – Go Brothers.

Stefan Ell
President
Christian Bros OBFC

Cromer Kingfishers JRLFC



This year saw a complete new executive and general committee assembled. Each and every one who filled these roles brought in a new lease of life and their own passion and enthusiasm for their new roles. The new Cromer committee would like to say a massive thank you to Adam Kent and his previously committee for intrusting us with our beloved club. Our mission is to take Cromer from strength to strength whilst maintain our belief that we are a family orientated club.

Cromer this year had 165 registered players, we fielded 10 teams in under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's, 11's, 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's and 19's. With all teams from under 9's making semis and 12 Gold, 13 Silver, 14 Gold and 15 Gold progressing thru to the Grand Finals. Our under 15's went on to become Premiers for 2017.

We would like to thank our amazing volunteers whom without this club wouldn't run, from the coaches, managers, trainers to those who each week helped out with canteen and BBQ duties. Cromer this year hosted over 77 games of football at St Matthews Farm.

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The club would also like to say thank you to all our sponsors big and small, whom without we would be unable to run and are greatly appreciated. The support of all organizations that have been in partnership with us this year are a major contributing factor to our clubs success.

But most of all we would like to pay tribute to our players, who have played each game with passion and great sportsmanship. They have brought great pride to this club and we hope that they all have loved their season of football as much as we have enjoyed watching their success.

We look forward to next season, and will continue to move Cromer forward in the same direction, that football is about the kids, ensuring they have enjoyed themselves and each week take the field with a smile on their faces.

Shane Higginbotham
President
Cromer Kingfishers JRLFC

Forestville Ferrets JRLFC



2017 has been a really fantastic year for the mighty Green and White – we seem to just keep going from strength to strength. After the 50th Celebrations last year, it would have been easy to just sit back and have a quiet year this year, but not to be!

Fielding a team in all age groups from U6's to U14's (thanks to our merger with Narraweena in the 14's) as well as our A Grade and Ladies teams still being as strong as ever, we saw many new families and players join the best Club on the Northern Beaches. And who could blame them really....

All the teams got to play lots of footy this year with the weather gods being very kind to us each week. We had a couple of Ferrets stalwarts reach their 100 game milestone this season as well, so a huge congratulations to **Riley Davis** and **Eric Fenson**, both from the Under 12's, on this fantastic achievement. Looking at the stats over the next few pages, we will potentially have even more to congratulate next season.

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This year saw the formation of the 7 'Conferences' for the International age teams – i.e. U 13's to A Grade. This is a Sydney wide initiative from the NSW Rugby League with each 'conference' made up of clubs from a number of different areas in the different age groups. This has meant these older age groups are now fundamentally under the banner of NSWRL rather than their respective Junior League, thus providing a greater scope for development of both the game and the players. As this continues to grow and develop over the next few years we will bring you more information about it.

On the field, it was such a great year to be a Ferret! We saw so many talented kids playing in the Green and White in all our age groups and the Club as a whole could not be prouder of each and every one of them. You will hear all about them reading the rest of this magazine from some very proud coaches and managers. We had many kids join this year, playing this great game for the first time. We also had some join us from other Clubs, *once they had heard about the fantastic things happening at Ferretville no doubt....*

Once again we were very lucky to retain some of the most talented and dedicated Junior League coaches going around and gain a few new ones as well. We are particularly proud of Ben Riddiough and Harry Newman taking on the roles they did with their respective teams. It is so refreshing seeing such young coaches taking on important roles within the junior teams and being fantastic role models for the kids in their charge. Harry, along with Scott of course, was so fantastic with the little 6's and 7's and I know they all loved having him there.

Ben was so professional in his approach with the 13's and really dedicated so much of his time to helping these boys develop their own games. Thank you to both Ben and Harry for taking on these roles that mean so much to the kids and the Club.

The Under 9's also gained a very dedicated and knowledgeable assistant coach/trainer in Andrew Wilson. Luckily for us, Andrew has 3 daughters who are great netballers, so Andrew decided he needed to seek out the best League club and offer his services (thanks Wil!).

The Club would like to say a genuine, heartfelt thanks to all coaches, trainers and managers for the fantastic work you do with your teams. There would be no club without you and we are very grateful that you do everything you do.

To our 3 Grand Final teams – A Grade, U10's and U9's. All we can say is Wow! You are simply amazing! All teams had extraordinary seasons and played exceptionally well in their respective Grand Finals. The victories for the junior teams were hard fought and thoroughly deserved and I am sure all involved are still floating on Cloud 9 following the games. Congratulations to both

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teams and their coaches/trainers/managers. Let's aim for back to back in 2018....no pressure though!

The A Grade may not have won the final game, but this is a really special team of young men so watch this space for exciting things in the future for our Ferrets A Grade!

On behalf of the board, I would like to pass on our sincerest thanks to all parents, players and friends of the Ferrets for all you do for us each and every week. An organisation run solely by volunteers can only exist with the hard work and dedication of everyone who has even the smallest interest in the Club – all the stakeholders. The Ferrets has always prided itself on being a family-friendly and community-minded junior sporting club and this year was no different. Whether it was help with the Canteen, BBQ, setting up the grounds, coaching/ training/ managing a team or just simply supporting your child as they do something they love, it has been very much appreciated by the Club and we look forward to this continuing into the future.

Even though the season might have finished, your board of directors will be hard at work in the off- season putting plans in place for an even more successful 2018 season. We welcome any and all feedback on how things could be done better for the benefit of the whole Club and hope to see everyone at our AGM in October. This is our Club, it belongs to each and every player, their families and anyone else who is passionate about this great game of Rugby League. Keep the Ferrets name front of mind through the next few months and spread the word about how great it is down at Ferretville! We are always looking for new players in all age groups – Juniors and Seniors - and hope to make 2018 the biggest and best yet!

Finally, as you all know, this year the Forestville Ferrets chose to be a part of the NRL State of Mind Programme. Brenton Lawrence came to our first Education session with the Coaches/Managers and managed to help us support one of our Junior Sponsors as well. Reni Maitua came out to Ferretville for the A Grade-run Training/Muster night to really kick start this initiative for us with the whole club. There is nothing more important than the physical and mental health and well-being of our kids and those important to them. This is why we felt it was important to be involved with this very relevant programme and ensure everyone knows you always have an ear at the Ferrets. It is ok to not be ok and the Ferrets are very passionate about getting this message out into the wider community to remove the stigma surrounding mental ill health.

*Carly Tracey
Club Secretary
Forestville Ferrets JRLFC*

Harbord United Devils JRLFC



2017 has been a real success for the Harbord Devils. We have seen growth in our junior levels and seen new coaches putting their hands up to assist. With thirty seven under 6 players registering in 2017, it's good times ahead for the Harbord Devils in 2018 and beyond.

We are blessed with experienced coaches throughout each and every age group. Without these incredible people we would not be able to ensure our Devils get to play this amazing game. We are also incredibly fortunate to have former NRL players involved with our club that provide a wealth of knowledge and support.

We have some team achievements that need to be mentioned;

- Under 10's Gold Division Premiers
- Under 13's Silver Division Premiers
- Under 15's Silver Division Premiers

It's nice to acknowledge these achievements but what we are most proud of in this club is culture, growth in our juniors and the amazing family environment that we strive to better year after year.

We have a club filled rich with history, but to continue to make history we need plenty of volunteers to ensure this happens. As a club we have some amazing people who put their hands up every week. It's the work by these people behind the scenes completing the thankless tasks that we appreciate and want to recognise.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody involved with the Harbord Devils and look forward to 2018.

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!

U6/U7:

With the revised mini rules – The kids enjoyed a lot more game time as we could field more teams per age group – This was a joy to watch.

Not only were their football skills improving week to week but they are building great friendships with team mates to hopefully last a life time.

U8:

The team was a combined effort – Collaborating with the North Curl Curl Knights to field a team. It was great to see both sides come together and play as one. Many of the kids now having a few years' experience to Rugby League really showing in their techniques and skills. Thanks again to Shaun for his efforts all year.

Special thanks to the parents for juggling week in week out the uniforms and change of training paddock.

Our special thanks go to Rebecca Tonga, who worked overtime all season long preparing the canteen and fields for use. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we appreciate all you have done for the club.

Onward and upward for season 2018!

Grady Clarke
President
Manly Cove JRLFC

Mona Vale Raiders JRLFC



Another year has come and gone and as you would expect it was full of interesting moments.

Unlike last year where we had several committee positions vacant, this year we started with only the Secretary's role not filled. While I did not want any person trying to do two jobs, Dave O'Donnell volunteered to cover this position and the Vice Presidents role. Once again Dave thanks very much.

Frank Sergi returned as our Ground Manager, Jade Warner as our Gear Steward and Mitch Murphy changed from Coaching Co-ordinator to Junior League Delegate. First time committee people included our Treasurer Scott Williams, Nat Fogwell as Registrar, Todd Darvall as our IT Co-ordinator and Matt Ballin as Coaching Co-ordinator. It's always a bit daunting when you first become part of a committee but they were all keen and went about their jobs enthusiastically.

This year we had 191 players spread over 15 teams from the U6's up to the U16's. This was down a little from last year but was still healthy when compared to most other clubs. Congratulations go to our U16 team who won their competition defeating Asquith 28 – 26 in a nail biter at Brookvale Oval. Although ahead 18 – 8 at half time, Asquith came out all guns blazing after half time and scored 3 converted tries to suddenly be leading by 8! The team composed themselves again and managed to get ahead by 2. The final couple of minutes were frantic but the boys held on. Congratulations go to coach Steve Wilson, manager Fiona Kelsall, Ross James first aid officer and Scott Moran and Lachlan James as trainers.

While injuries and illness affected all teams (particularly our U15 and U16's), there is 1 team I would like to mention. Our U13's started the year with 16 players but as the year progressed and particularly at semi-final time our numbers were depleted. This was never more evident than when it came to the qualifying game to try and make the grand final. Even with the help of two boys from the U12 side we could only field 11 players against a much larger North Curl Curl team with 4 reserves. At half time we were down on the scoreboard and reduced to 9 players. With player safety in mind the boys were asked how they felt about continuing and all of them said they wanted to carry on. At the end of the game we had lost but not before scoring 3 tries! The determination they showed that day was never more evident than when the coach of Cherrybrook/Pennant Hills (who had already qualified) came over and said it was one of the best efforts he had ever seen and he was glad his team didn't have to play us as he doubted they could win. Well done to everyone involved.

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A big thank you to all the coaches, managers and trainers who gave their time to help out with the teams. I know it's not always easy but to see the players out there running around hopefully makes it all worthwhile.

Of course when games are played at Newport they can't start until the fields are ready. We are lucky to have Frank Sergi and the "setup crew" who make sure everything is ready to go on time so thanks to all of you.

The day cannot continue to run without ground managers and first aiders so thank you to Frank, Dave O'Donnell, Murray Warner, Mitch Murphy, Pete Burge, Scott Williams, Terry Binding, Ross James, Ritchie Terrill and everyone else who came down and helped out.

We are lucky at Mona Vale in that we have great sponsors, many of who have been with us for years. To all our sponsors mentioned in Jason Death's Sponsorship Report thank you for your continued support.

This year Corinna Sergi took on the Canteen Managers role which was a great relief for me. With the help of team managers and parents she did a great job and made sure it ran as smoothly as possible. It was not easy this year as we were allocated a lot of what I would call half days where there were only 4 or 5 games being played and they seemed to be the same teams. This did mean we had to ask those teams to do canteen duties more times than would have been expected but unfortunately we had no control over this issue so thank you for your efforts.

Thank you to Jason Death for bringing his coffee machine and barista expertise down to the oval. As many people said it was good to not have to walk to the shops to get a quality coffee.

One project that has been simmering away this year is getting a Clubhouse built at Newport. Without going into all the detail, we have had some plans drawn up in conjunction with the Peninsular Cricket Club and they have been shown to Northern Beaches Council. They have looked favourably at them but said there is no Council money in the current budget available to assist with the building which would mean that the Raiders and the Cricket Club would have to finance the project if it was to go ahead in the near future. This is obviously not an ideal situation and one that will have to be looked at by future committees.

I have decided that I will not be standing again as President as I do have other sporting and financial interests which I want to devote more time to next year. It has been a pleasure to be your President for the past 2 years and while at times it has been challenging it has also been rewarding, allowing me to build up friendships which I may not otherwise have been able to do.

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So finally I would like to say thank you to everyone for their support and I hope that you will continue to follow the Raiders for many years to come.

Greg Newman
President
Mona Vale Raiders JRLFC

Narrabeen Sharks JRLFC



Firstly on behalf of the Narrabeen Sharks Committee I would like to thank all of our Coaches, Trainers and Managers for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the 2017 season.

You have put in a huge effort with the precious time you have generously donated to the club and our Teams this year.

A big thanks also goes out to your families for allowing the Club to borrow your skills and expertise for the winter. Without our volunteers, sporting clubs like ours simply cannot function. It can be a very thankless job but all you need to do is have a look at our kid's faces on game day that is our reward, and why we do what we do.

Thank you to our Committee members you guys are constantly working week in and week out to keep our great club running. It's a tough gig trying to keep every team in every grade happy throughout the season but you have managed to succeed once again.

You have done an amazing job and I can't thank you enough for representing our club the way you have, setting a great example for our members to look up too.

Congratulations to all of our teams on a great season! Some of our sharks have gone through undefeated, some made the semi finals and we had two sides play in Grand Finals. All of you can hold your heads up high and be proud of what you have achieved this year. I look forward to seeing you all on Shark Park in 2018. Have a great off-season and enjoy your time off, be safe and keep your fitness up for next year's pre season training.

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The Club has received a pre approval from Northern Beaches Council to proceed with our plans to develop our Club House in the coming year.

We are in the final stage of planning with the Engineers preparing the final documents to submit to council. Hopefully we can start building in the New Year and have our new viewing platform and BBQ Bar ready for the 2018 season.

We will be conducting plenty of fundraisers this pre season and over the year to raise funds for the developments. I will be calling on all sharks to assist us in this community effort. Players, parents, friends and associates we need you all to chip in when you can and help us expand our club for our future generations.

Thanks again to all of you for a great season, see you at Lake Park next year.

Jason Quested
President
Narrabeen Sharks JRLFC Club

Narraweena Hawks



Wow that went quick - another season has come to an end & it is pleasing to see that preparations for next season have begun.

It was very pleasing to see the numbers of participants increase especially in the Under 6's where there were 32 registered players which proved a hand full but lucky that we had some great new coaches come in and be involved

We also had 2 sides in the U7'S – U8's – U9's & U10's which will hold us in good stead for the future going into the harder teenage groups.

We had a massive year on the field with U9 – U11 & U15's all making Grand Finals as well as most other teams being competitive

Congratulations to all our players that contributed there were some teams that struggled for numbers but played on all the same & our U13's merged with Belrose & U14's merged with

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Forestville to make a side well done to all the people involved that made it happen and the players on going along with it – both teams were competitive and played in Semi Finals.

Off the field it was good to see some new faces around the club helping out and contributing as well as the old faithful the more people we have involved the better the club will be.

The highlight of the season for us was seeing the club rally to help out one of our families in need & also the memorial day for Stevie & Ata Berryman – to the organisers you did an amazing job the day was the best with so much contribution from everyone they were able to raise much needed funds for someone in need as well as create the most enjoyable atmosphere that was raved about by all that attended – thank you to the Junior League community & other clubs that donated prizes & funds towards this day it was greatly appreciated & pleasing to see everyone stand together & help out.

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

*Joe lemma
Club Secretary
Narraweena JRLFC*

North Curl Curl Knights



I have now been Secretary of this fantastic club for 4 years. It has been great getting to know the kids and families of the club a lot better.

We were able to field teams in ages from U6's to U13's. I believe that is a great effort for a small family orientated football club. Of course most teams could do with more players, so please spread the word in the off season!

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! "It's not the team with the best players that win. It's the players with the best team that wins".

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We had 2 teams in the grand final this year, which is a huge accomplishment in itself. And with both teams winning the grand final, the club was very excited. 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.

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.

*Alison Keen
Secretary
North Curl Curl Knights JRLFC*

Valley United Spartans



Another season has now been completed and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the people who made continued contributions to the club throughout the 2017 season. Whilst we didn't get the result at the end of the season we would have liked, it was a great achievement to be a part of Grand Final day itself. Well done to our super coach Mitch Brunell & 19s a real fight until the end!

To our sponsors BeachWheels, Vivid, Your Style, Bendigo Bank, The Captains Shop, Harbord Beach Hotel & CTQ thank you for your support. Your contributions to the club are appreciated and integral for the continued success.

A big thank you must go to all the coaching staff for the time and effort they make to get the team onto the field week after week. Greg, taking over the head coaching duties was never going to be an easy job with a high turnover of players and coaching staff for the 2017 season. He stuck with it even

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after a tough start he managed to keep the boys motivated and train harder as the season went on. Shannan, for his contributions during the week at training and on game day. Together the coaching staff developed a great culture at the club both on and off the field throughout the season.

With a declining number of Volunteers Darren had to put in extra time and effort as the President of the club. Having to set up the field on a Sunday morning on top of their usual duties, there would be no club without out all his hard efforts. With resources stretched especially on game day, Bob Belford assisting as ground manager was much appreciated, kindly putting up his hand up every home game to assist. We are hopeful that he will continue to assist in 2018.

Lastly I would like to thank the players on what turned out to be a great season. With a high number of new faces in the team it was pleasing to see all of them sticking together after a tough start to the season and developing such good friendships on and off the field. Taking the field on grand final day was a great achievement, hopefully everyone will stick together and make next season even more successful.

Looking forward to a very promising 2018.

*Heidi Alexander
Club Secretary
Valley United JRLFC*