

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

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2018**



**It all begins with the JRL**



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## **Affiliated Clubs**

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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

Bob Reilly

### Vice Patrons

Northern Beaches 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\*, S Tonga

\*Deceased

**Board of Directors and Management Committee 2018**

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

## Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby Football League

### POP HALL MEMORIAL TROPHY 2018

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	9	1.5	9	2.75	15.79	29.04
BEACON HILL	6	1	2.5	4	6.45	13.95
BELROSE	13	2.5	8.3	3.75	14.7	29.25
CHRISTIAN BROS	15	1.7	9	4.75	16.46	31.91
CROMER	12	2	5	3	14.83	24.83
FORESTVILLE	12	1.9	6.6	4.75	15.7	28.95
HARBORD UTD	18	1.5	9	3	17.54	31.04
MANLY COVE	2	1.7	6.6	0	14.21	22.51
MONA VALE	18	1.4	6.6	4.75	15.62	28.37
NARRABEEN	19	1.8	6.6	3	14.45	25.75
NARRAWEENA	19	2.1	6.6	0	11.25	19.95
NORTH C.CURL	10	4.1	8.26	2.25	16.08	30.69
VALLEY UTD	2	0.1	0	3.5	8.16	11.76

**1<sup>st</sup> Christian Bros**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Harbord United**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Nth Curl Curl**

**4<sup>th</sup> Belrose**

**5<sup>th</sup> Avalon**

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

**Col Mills Trophy - Beacon Hill / Harbord United / Mona Vale**

## 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 the 2018 season.

This year we had 2,066 players registered down from 2,089 in 2017. There was an increase in female registrations from 37 in 2017 to 90 in 2018.

There were 152 teams in 2018 compared to 159 in 2017 in our age groups from Under 6 to A Grade. Team numbers continue to be strong in the Under 6 to Under 10 age groups. Team numbers were weak in the Under 15 to A Grade Competitions.

Many of our teams played in combined competitions conducted by the NSWRL. Thank you to NSWRL for their administration assistance during 2018.

The season ended with Grand Finals played at Brookvale Oval on the Saturday and Sunday as well as at Harbord Park on the Saturday.

Narrabeen won the A Grade Grand Final defeating Berowra with Forestville taking out the Open Age Woman's Grand Final against Redfern All Blacks.

All our Clubs were well represented in Finals Series. The standard of the Grand Final games played at Brookvale Oval was impressive and reflects well on the quality of players being produced by our District.

I would like to congratulate all the teams that qualified for the Final Series, from semi – finals onwards.

All our competitions rely heavily on the huge contribution made by Club Volunteers who give up their time to help in some way i.e. Set up the fields and later take them back down, run the canteen, work on the barbecue, clean up the grounds and change rooms, coach, manage, perform first aid duties, act as sports trainers, ground managers and Committee Members of our various clubs. I thank them on behalf of the players and the District JRL.

I would also like to thank the referees for their contribution to our District JRL.

It is also important to highlight the financial assistance provided by the Manly Warringah Leagues Club which has supported the M-W Junior Rugby League for many years. I would like to thank the Leagues Club Board for their contribution and assistance including use of Club facilities for our fortnightly meetings. If you are not yet a member of the Leagues Club then I ask you to join and



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take advantage of its facilities and to show our support for the Club's continued contribution to junior rugby league in our District.

A huge thank you 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. All of these people volunteer at their own junior league Club and also find the time and energy to contribute at the District Level. I would also like to thank each of these people for their support and counsel during 2018.

I would also like to thank the Junior League Development Officers for their work throughout 2018.

Thank you to David O'Donnell and his team for all their great work with the Junior League Development Squads. In addition to their substantial contribution to the Saturday Grand Finals conducted at Brookvale Oval.

I would also like to thank the Manly Warringah District Football Club who provide general corporate guidance and assistance when appropriate.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers whom, amongst other things, get the players to home and away games and training. Thank you also to the spectators for attending games and supporting our players.

In my second year as President, I would like to thank everyone who contributed in some way to the running of the game in our District and I look forward to seeing everyone back again in 2019.

*Kim Hunter*  
*President*  
*MWDRFL*

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### **Executive Report (Secretary)**

2018 was a season with little hassle that culminated with some great Grand Final football being played at both Nolans and Brookvale Ovals in the 1st weekend of September. Congratulations to all teams that participated as all games were played in the right spirit, and well done to all Grand Final winners.

You may of noticed things were a little different for the Saturday Grand Final at Brookvale Oval. Having former Manly Legends Geoff Toovey, Jason King, Steve Menzies and Cliff Lyons handing out

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trophies to the teams as well as the premiers doing a lap of honour was all organized by the Junior League Development team with a special mention to Tahlia Binding.

Our NSWRL Competition Coordinator Todd Smith had to resign from his position due to his growing commitments as a NRL referee/touch judge. I would like to thank Todd personally for his efforts working in our Junior League and wish him all the best as he continues to work his way towards being a full time NRL referee.

Todd's resignation saw the appointment of Ben James as our new NSWRL competition coordinator. Although Ben has only been in this position for a short while, his enthusiasm from day 1 ensures that Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League will be in a great position for the start of the 2019 season.

I would also like to congratulate every player from all clubs that keep this great game going in the Manly Warringah area.

A big thank you to all of the referees and touchies, as the old cliché goes, we don't have a game without them.

I would like to thank my fellow board members, Kim Hunter, Tom Akhurst, John Fox, Bob Butcher, John Fox, Mick Covey, Les Elliott.

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

*Matt Brown*  
*Secretary*  
*MWDJRLFC*

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### **Treasurer's Report**

On behalf of the Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby Football League Incorporated ("Junior League"), I am pleased to present the financial situation for the 2018 season.

From a profit and loss perspective, the Junior League finished the year with a small profit. With just over 50% of the Junior League income provided by the Clubs, I would like to thank the Club Committees for their tireless work and commitment throughout the year in order to provide these funds to support the running of the Junior League. In particular, thanks to each of the Club Treasurers for the important part they play in the financial stewardship of their Club.

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Sponsorship continues to be an important source of income for the Junior League. This year, Sponsorship contributed nearly 30% of total income for the Junior League. The Manly Warringah Leagues Club has been a consistent and loyal financial supporter of the Junior League for many years and this year was no exception. I would like to thank the Leagues Club for their continued sponsorship of the Junior League, which is greatly appreciated.

A large portion of the Junior League Operating Expenses this year comprised of Players Insurance (\$59,961), Referees Fees (\$44,081) and Sporting Union Fees (\$16,357). These three items accounted for nearly 70% of the total operating expenses for the Junior League this year.

Good crowds, coupled with a full schedule of games on Sunday, resulted in the grand final weekend at Brookvale Oval generating a net profit of \$6,592 for the Junior League.

Finally, a huge “thank you” to all the volunteers, players, parents and spectators that have made 2018 another successful year of rugby league in Manly Warringah.

*Tom Akhurst*  
*Treasurer*  
*MWDJRLFC*

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### Judiciary Report

This year the Under 12's came under the jurisdiction of the NSW JRL and there for the MWDJRLFC only dealt with matters concerning the 'replacement' of players from Under 6 to Under 11. As instructed by NSW JRL I carried out the duties of Judiciary Chairman for any matter relating to players that had been 'replaced' by the Referee officiating that particular game. During the season I spoke with the Junior Referees at Monthly Referee meetings and instructed them about their application and process of removing a player from the field who had breached the 'Misconduct Rules' of the NSW JRL. The process was repeated on several occasions and some of the Referee's carried out this process as per rules and regulations. A report was then forwarded to me through the Referees Instructor and then after reading such report, I then processed that player, as to what I thought he/she needed, to educate them into becoming a better player and person. I found that on all occasions, in the presence of a parent (or responsible adult) and their Coach/Manager, all players have been contrite and apologised for their actions or misbehaviour and promised that there would be no further incidents of this behaviour. All the parents and coaches I have spoken to have been very supportive of this style of education and action and feel that their young players are receiving a

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fair hearing and penalty. I would personally like to thank the parents and coaching staff for their concern with problems relating to young players and as some explained 'They see it on TV and think that they can get away with it'. I have no problem visiting fields or homes of the children 'replaced' as we must remember, they are children of a 'tender age' and must be treated with the utmost care and education.

The process of 'replacement' of a player is as follows **1.** The Referee determines the offence or actions of the player. **2.** The Referee then stops the game, calls out the Captain and the POI (Player Of Interest) and informs them both of his/her decision. **3.** The Referee escorts the POI to the 'Manager/Time keepers table and informs them of his/her decision. **4.** The Ground Manager is instructed to make sure an entry is recorded on the 'sign on' sheet. **5.** The player must remove his uniform and retire behind the 'ropes'. **6.** The Referee returns to the field and awards a suitable penalty for the 'offence'.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE IF YOU ARE A GM or TEAM MANAGER THAT YOU WELL AWARE AND KNOW OF THIS PROCESS.**

To give you an indication as what occurred this year in the 'replacement rule', I will give you the following figures. I have deleted the names as only myself and my good partner Frank Cridland know the identity of these young children. I have been requested to supply the names to NSW JRL which I have refused. As we have full control over these age groups, then that is the end of the story.

Under 6                      2 players

Under 9                      2 players

Under 10                     3 players

Under 11                     5 players

**Under 12                     4 players**

**(these players can take the early plea and not attend the Judiciary hearing). If they wish to challenge the matter, the player and 'advocate' must attend the 'hearing' which is usually held at Homebush or other place suitable to the NSW JRL Committee.**

The MWDJRLFC now has a paid administrator designated by the NSW JRL and we welcome Ben James into our District. He has been a breath of fresh air and given us support on many matters relating to Rugby League. He (and his lovely wife) also attended our Annual Presentation night at the MW Leagues Club together with the Men Of League members, Fred Jackson, Norm Pounder, Ken

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Vessey and Trevor Bailey and their partners. I would also like to thank Cliff Lyons and his partner for his attendance and presentation of the trophies. Thanks must also go to Julian Bou (Leagues Club Secretary Manager) for the cheque to Treasurer Tom Akhurst from the Leagues Club. That is the first night for many years that the auditorium has been fully packed (thanks to Alison Keen on a magnificent job) and what a night it was.

To my partners in crime during the Finals Series (again) Sue Tonga (Life Member No. 66) and Linda Clarke (Outstanding Long Service), congratulations on these awards for services 'above and beyond the call of duty'. Thanks to my old mate Bob Butcher as well.

Congratulations to Dave O'Donnell for his Life Membership of Mona Vale JRLFC.

Congratulations to everyone who attended.

*Brian Friend OAM  
Judiciary Chairman.  
MWDJRLFC*

## Avalon Bulldogs JRLFC



This year Avalon fielded nine teams including two teams in both under 6's and 7's, with the oldest age group being under 13. Our boys did the club proud with three of our four competitive teams making the grand final and finishing runners up in very closely contested and entertaining games. All players have worn the Bulldogs jumper this year with great sportsmanship and respect, playing the game with determination and at the same time enjoying their footy. Unfortunately this year the club did not field a senior side, despite several attempts to maintain the momentum. Our efforts are now being directed to 2019 where we are aiming to rekindle interest and ride on the success of previous years.

Like all clubs, this was the first year of the Active Kids government funded program, and despite some initial administrative headaches we pulled through and families were given some much needed financial relief. The Club also participated in several charitable events this year making donations to Avalon RSL (for school library books) at the ANZAC day march, Pink Sports Day supporting Breast Cancer Network Australia, and Bales from the Beach supporting farmers in need of drought relief. In October, we hosted a New Zealand under 15 touring side the Northcote Tigers, and despite not having an under 15 Avalon side we managed to string together a Manly Warringah development squad with the help of Dave O'Donnell and team. A big thanks to Geoff Toovey for acting as stand in coach on the day.

I would like to thank the fantastic committee that supports me in the administration and operation of the club. They have all made light work of the important jobs that have resulted in us being such a successful and respected club. To all the coaches, managers and training staff – a very big thank you. You are at the coal face every week developing and mentoring our kids and building skills in the spirit of the game. I would also like to thank all of our sponsors who generously provide the financial backing to support the club. They are critical for our club to grow from strength to strength. Finally the club would like to thank the Manly Warringah DJRL executive and referees, as well as the NSW Rugby League for their support and coordination roles.

Thanks again for an enjoyable season – go the Doggies!

*Anthony Collins*  
*President*  
*Avalon Bulldogs JRLFC*

## Beacon Hill Bears JRLFC



Season 2018 has been as eventful a season for The Beacon Hill Bears as any other on record. A rollercoaster ride of off- field drama coupled with extraordinary on –field success. I always say that in life it is better to have the “ups & downs “as opposed to just going “round & round “?? One thing I do know for sure is that our fabulous little club that I like refer to as a “ boutique “ club is now in a position to sustainably go onto bigger and better things as an organisation.

As president I see our under 6, 7 and 8’s as the real growth opportunity for The Bears. If we can grow on what we already have at the club across those age groups and add additional sides at that under 6 entry point then the club will be in good shape moving forward over the next 3 or 4 seasons. The 2018 executive committee saw the inclusion of some very committed and dynamic individuals that have proven to be a real asset to the club at administration level. I sincerely hope these individuals remain at the club in order for our young players to thrive on.

I was immensely proud of our 2018 grand finalists. Our under 13’s demonstrated what this great club is all about and contested the grand final with the desire, courage and a level of comradery of those a lot older. Our 2018 premiership winning sides the under 14 & 15 Gold Div sides again proved why they are the benchmark in their respective competitions. They carried themselves thru the regular season and the finals series often under immense pressure due to lack of numbers. These 2 particular sides also represented Beacon Hill in the Immortals Challenge play offs a week after their emphatic grand final victories and have continually developed into not only fine young rugby league players but also fine young men.

The educating and development of our under 6, 7 and 8’s sides this season has been a pleasure to witness. With the continual development of these young players the club really is in a good position. Another pleasing aspect from season 2018 was the fact that the number of local businesses that appear on our training and playing strips is growing. Thank you to all of our sponsors for their commitment across season 2018. The entire club are grateful and we hope that you all continue to get behind The Beacon Hill Bears.

In conclusion I would like to also extend my personal sincerest thank yous to the members of the executive committee and all of the coaches, managers, trainers and other officials for their input to

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this great club in 2018. It is no secret that I have decided to stand down as club president but my fondness for this club will see me remain in any capacity needed. I believe in order for a club to function at its best the hierarchy must remain fluid and continue to evolve. It is my belief that we have some new additions to our club that can build on the legacy that past executives have left behind and they need to be in these key positions in order to see their vigour and passion turn into success for our wonderful player and supporter community.

Finally a special thank you to my vice president Michael Bendall and to my dear friends Brett & Vanessa Fulton. Without you our great club simply would not exist !

Go Bears!

*Adam Hickson  
President  
Beacon Hill Bears JRLFC*

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### Belrose Eagles JRLFC



After our numbers going down in a big way in 2017 Belrose have held numbers in 2018 A special thanks to Charles Dunn who promoted the under 6's this year. While the numbers were finally not as high as hoped he did prove if you have time to promote the game the numbers will come

It was disappointing for Pete Asprey to get his under 12's to a grand final again but miss out to Cromer but that's the game we play.

It was great to see a new improving team at under 10 pick up a Premiership. Pete Jordan and Shaun Ballesty found a way to get to a Grand Final and win. Congratulations to all in this team it was clearly a result of hard work .Success breaths success and let's hope these boys can improve again next year at a new level.

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.



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The Players Coaches Mangers Trainers Mums and Dads that support the Club are the Club and to all. Thank you for your efforts in 2018

Before closing I would like to pay tribute the Barry Johnson who passed away while still working on the Club's booking keeping. Barry 's contribution the Belrose has not just been inspiring to me but one who inspired so many in the Club . He started to contribute firstly in 1980 as the Club Social Secretary got elected to the board and help positions of Secretary and President .After a break of some 20 years came back on the Board to serve as Treasurer before is illness forced him to retire in 2017.He was one whose opinion was valued and one who never stopped coming up with ways to improve the Club a real doer.

*Eric Galloway  
Belrose Eagles JRLFC*

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### Christian Brothers OBFC



Season 2018 was both a successful and challenging one at Brothers. We had 15 teams from U6 to U16 with over 200 Registered players. Unfortunately we could not muster the required personnel and resources to field an A Grade side this season.

All teams took the field in brand new ISC supplied playing kit and certainly looked the part for the start of the season. A massive thanks to our Sponsors, especially Channel 9 and URM for making this possible. It is a considerable investment.

Online registration and the Active Kids vouchers also contibuted to the health of the Clubs financial situation.

Many thanks to the Clubs group of dedicated Coaches, trainers and managers who all give up valuable time to help our players aquire not only the skills of the game but a real love of footy.

I especially enjoyed watching the Mini sides (u6, 7 and 8) run around this year, and seeing the skills develop as the season marched on. The Mini teams presentation day was a highlight. Seeing the faces light up as they came up to get a trophy from their coach was a real pick me up. Thanks to David, Brendon and Ryan for having the patience to help these kids develop skills and making sure

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that enjoyment is front and centre of all games. Thanks also to Amy, Mark and Paula for managing the teams and helping parents and players learn the ropes.

The Modified game teams (u9 to 12) have many challenges with lots of rules designed to ensure equal game time for all and equal competitions. Congratulations to Darren, Steve, Gary, Craig and Stefan for so ably helping the boys through their first years of competitive footy while maintaining the Brothers ethos, that enjoying the game and playing fair are first and foremost. Thanks also to Ivor, Sam, Grant, Alexis and Sandy for managing these teams so well.

Congratulations to the 11W team (Div 2 Grand Finalists) and to the mighty U10's – 10W Premiers for 2018.

International Rules (u13 and over) also has many challenges and with so many players having school and other sport commitments it was difficult to get our 14's 15's and 16's on the field on occasions throughout the year. It was pleasing to see so many players playing up divisions or age groups to help teams out. This will make them better footballers and strengthen the Club in the long run. Well done Jason, Trent and Matt for preparing these teams and getting them on the park and competitive throughout the season. Thanks also to Paul, Mel and Andrew for their outstanding management skills. How much time left? Must be a question they get sick off early in the season.

Thanks to all the parents and siblings who helped out with the numerous jobs that goes with hosting footy matches; canteen, bbq, ropes, pads benches etc. whatever needed doing it seemed we always had some help. Thanks again.

Big shout out to Jac McCauley for taking on the role of canteen manager this year. Working tirelessly, Jac made sure the canteen ran smoothly and helped the Clubs finances in a big way.

Congratulations also to our Secretary/Registrar team Malcolm and Joyce Engledew. They ensured the registrations were all in order and the Club members were kept informed all season.

Thanks to Stefan and Gary, Vice presidents who were always available for advice and assistance when required. Massive thanks to John Fox (Foxy) who as well as being treasurer and club house manager does at least 90% of the rest of the work around the Club, making my job very easy.

I hope all our members have a great summer and hope to see you all back for Season 2019.

Greg Keogh  
*President*  
*Christian Bros OBFC*

## Cromer Kingfishers JRLFC



Season 2018 at the mighty KINGFISHERS kicked off in grand style running onto St Matts Farm Round 1 in a new playing strip fielding junior and senior male age groups from u6's through to u16's. We also had the inclusion of the inaugural year of women's u14 and u16's rugby league teams.

We had 180 registered male and female rugby league players playing the game we all love. I would like to thank all these players for a terrific season on the field but also the way you represented our club off the field.

Thanks once again to our executive and general committee members, coaches, managers, trainers, first aiders and all parents for your amazing contributions and efforts this season.

Our new playing strip ,training and polo shirts along with all our training equipment was made possible with the support of the following sponsors ,whom without the club could not operate at the level we wish to so our players and families have the best support structures around them to play rugby league. The club truly values the support of its sponsors both new and old and hopes to continue the relationships into the future.

We look forward to 2019 celebrating our 50th year anniversary!! Also running out onto are graded re turfing playing field under new LED lights thanks to the Northern Beaches Council and our state government.

*Shane Higginbotham*  
*President*  
*Cromer Kingfishers JRLFC*

## Forestville Ferrets JRLFC



It was another action-packed season in 2018 for the Mighty Ferrets!

The year started in early January when the Sea Eagles invited all Clubs to select 2 Junior players to have a photo with the entire team. 2 of the biggest Manly fans in the Club, Jimmy & Marko from the U10's, were lucky enough to meet their NRL idols and have a group photo taken with them. The Manly players were absolutely fantastic with all the kids and very generous with their time throughout the morning. I know Jimmy and Marko had a ball, so thanks to the Sea Eagles for making this happen.

Like most years, our recruitment for the season started at the Forestville RSL Australia Day 'Big Breakfast'. We really appreciate so many of our Coaches & Managers, junior & senior players and families making it on the day to help spread the word about our great Club. It's always fun watching the kids try their hand at the pass-the-ball board and we even got our Patron, the Hon. Tony Abbott to have a go as well.

This year was extra special as, great friend of the Ferrets, Fraser McEwen from Eyetonic, 'reinvented' our pass-the-ball board to feature our new logo and really make us stand out on the day. Fraser not only updated the board, he also created new stickers for us and the awesome banner our 2 Grand Final teams got to run through at Nolan's and Brookvale Oval.

It was an exciting year for Women's Rugby League in general, and for the Ferrets in particular, with our partnership with North Sydney Bears seeing some great opportunities for the Ferrets Ladies team. Female participation at a National, State and Local level is only gaining more and more momentum so we encourage all females, no matter what age, to get on board now and enjoy everything our great game has to offer.

As the primary schools in our area don't currently participate in the PSSA Rugby League competition, the NRL Game Development Officers for our region came up with the Ferrets/Eagles Shield to encourage kids from all schools in the surrounding areas to give Rugby League a try. The inaugural Ferrets/Eagles Shield was played in April this year with kids from Forestville, Mimosa, Kambora and Belrose Public Schools taking part. Some of the participants already play Rugby League but it was great to see so many that are new to the game, especially girls! It was an unusually hot April day but

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the kids had a ball and there were some great games played. This inaugural event was non-competitive overall (although the kids all knew if they won or not!), but we are looking to make it competitive from 2019 which should make for some healthy rivalry throughout the area.

Our friends at Nova FM joined us again this year down at Ferretville when we had most Junior Teams at home. It's always great to see the team from Nova and not just for the giveaways the kids receive! Thanks to James and his team for being there on the day and making it a fun day once again. Hopefully we can make this an annual event at Ferretville.

Sea Eagles players joined us at Ferretville on a couple of occasions this year which is always a highlight for the kids. We also had the pleasure of Frank Winterstien & Matt Wright's company in the Ferrets tent at Brookie for the Sea Eagles season launch day. Whether it was the players who came to Ferretville or Frank & Matt at Brookie, all the players were fantastic to the kids and that is all that matters.

Special mention to Jorge Tafua, Curtis Sironen, Peter Schuster & Jonathan Wright who were at Ferretville in the July school holidays. This was supposed to just be a fairly quick meet & greet, have some photos, get some autographs. However, the players got a game of footy going with all the kids and took the time to learn most of the kids' names during the game - having Jorge Tafua call you by name during a game is pretty special!

Some of our super-star Ferrets veterans reached their milestone games this year – Cooper Eisenhauer & Logan Featherstone from the U9's, Jett Lythall from the U11's, Zach Featherstone from the U12's, Max Duffield & Ollie Cerovic from the U14's and A Grader Rueben Akuira all played their 100<sup>th</sup> game for the Ferrets in 2018. A Graders Dan Hickey and Tom Walsh as well as Ferrette Laura Eisenhauer each notched up their 200<sup>th</sup> game for this great club! Congratulations to everyone on these achievements and here's to the next 100 games for you all! 2019 will see a few more players reach milestones as well, and we are looking forward to celebrating this great achievement with them.

Our playing season finished with most teams making the semis and 4 progressing to the next stage of the finals, then of course our 2 Grand Finalist/Champion teams, the U9's and Ladies! Such a great season by these 2 teams and we could not be more proud of them. Congratulations to all teams who played in the finals series. I know every player put their heart and soul into each game, as all did throughout the season.

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So now we look forward to 2019 and plan for a new season. Player retention and recruitment ideas are well underway and we are particularly focusing on the younger age groups as this is where we struggled this year, especially in the U6-U9 teams. With the lack of PSSA Rugby League in this area, we need more exposure in the primary schools, so would be great to work with NSWRL and the NRL to promote our sport through the schools and hopefully get some clinics happening at the start of the new school year. These are imperative if we are going to compete with Rugby Union, Soccer and AFL.

Finally, the Forestville Ferrets would like to express our thanks and sincere gratitude to the members of the Manly Warringah DJRL for all you do throughout the year to keep the game going in this region.

It's often a thankless role that you take on, but without the dedication of the members of the Junior League, our kids would have no way of playing the game they love.

*Carly Tracey  
Club Secretary  
Forestville Ferrets JRLFC*

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## Harbord United Devils JRLFC



2018 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. Once again we have seen growth in our under 6's. Considering last year we had thirty seven under 6 players registered it's amazing to continue to see growth.

We have some team achievements that need to be mentioned;

- Under 9's Gold Division Premiers
- Under 11's Gold Division Premiers
- Under 8's Caltex Cup winners

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.

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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 our 70<sup>th</sup> year in 2019.

*Bob Butcher*  
*Club Secretary*  
*Harbord United Devils JRLFC*

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### Manly Cove Rebels JRLFC



Another year has come and gone!

2018 has been another challenging but rewarding year at Manly Cove- Fielding only a couple mini league junior teams.

A fantastic group of kids in our Mini teams - It's a joy to watch them grow & improve their Rugby League skills.

To all 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!

Extra Special thanks to Haereora - Men of League Volunteer Award recipient, who worked overtime all season long behind the scenes. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we appreciate all you have done for the club.

I look forward to the season ahead, Hopefully many familiar faces & new ones too.

Onward and upward for season 2019!

*Grady Clarke*  
*President*  
*Manly Cove JRLFC*

## Mona Vale Raiders JRLFC



Firstly, on behalf of the Mona Vale Raiders Junior Rugby League Club we would like to thank MWDJRL for all their hard work in the 2018 season.

Overall Mona Vale had a great year. We had 205 registered players (up from 191) and 17 teams (up from 15) and 54 volunteers (up from 46). All teams played some hard but fair football throughout the year

U11 Minor Premiers and Grand Final Winners

U12 Minor Premiers and Grand Final Winners

U14 Minor Premiers and Grand Final Runners Up

U11 Minor Premiers and Grand Final Winners as well as State Champions

Our 2018 committee members were Richie Terrill (Vice President), Chanel Boyle (Secretary) Andrew Drennan (Treasurer) Shonagh Wheeler (Registrar) Frank Sergi (Grounds Manager & Junior League Delegate) Mitch Murphy (Junior League delegate) Jade Warner (Gear Manager) Vaughan Wooldridge (Recruitment & First Aid manager) Jason Death (Sponsorship Manager) Jen Schulenburg (Social Events / Fundraising Manager)

The tremendous efforts our coaches, managers and trainers put in really paid off. We know there are plenty of challengers in these roles especially if you are new to coaching but we hope you had an enjoyable time in your role and will be back coaching in 2019. Seeing the kids improve over the course of the season makes it a thoroughly role. A thanks must go to Pete Burge for helping the coaches early in the preseason with any questions they may have had

Some special thanks must go to

- Jason - Again worked wonders with his sponsors, not only retaining sponsors but also bringing several new sponsors the club, without Jason's dedication and the sponsors support we wouldn't be able to afford new uniforms each year, new balls, new water bottles, a new website or a new app.
- Jade – To say our uniforms are the best on the beaches is an understatement. It's not an easy job, arranging a new design every year, gathering all the sponsors logos, guessing team numbers and



player sizes before everyone has signed up and then competing with all other clubs and codes to get the kits delivered on time.

- Frank - What a year! your passion for the club is second to none, being at the field on a Saturday from 6am setting up the fields then becoming the ground manager or a referee, to then jumping on the BBQ when needed or then ducking off to pick up new gas bottles or to coach his U13 team which was often away games to then come back and do the pack up.
- Mitch – aka supercoach, Thanks again for such a great year, like Frank Mitch was always one of the first people to arrive on a Saturday and last to leave. He coached the U/11 team to the grand final, attended junior league meetings, ground managed. Most would be aware, Mitch doesn't have any kids still playing at the club (Son Oscar is the Strength coach for U11) so to stay involved year in year out is a huge for the club.
- Andrew – New to the committee this year and he was more than the just the treasurer, Andy would collect meat, canteen supplies, referee when needed, ground manager, Chief Cook on Friday night BBQ, help set up the field each morning and was also promoted to CEO of the pre-pack up meeting crew and anything else anyone asked. He made sure all the bills and suppliers were paid on time and everything was in check financially, Thanks for coming on board Andy
- Vaughan - excelled in his role as recruitment manager, he arranged our come and try day and school visits across multiple schools with a couple of Manly Sea Eagles in attendance. When we were running short in a couple of age groups to make a third team we were stuck on ideas on how to get kids to sign up, Vaughan goes I have an idea! An hour later he had organised Jake & Tom to do a video for the club to put on Facebook & Instagram promoting our great club and asking for kids as well as coaches and volunteers for these team... it worked a treat with over 6500 views. If that wasn't enough Vaughan was also our U9M trainer and First Aid manager, it's would have to be one of the tougher jobs getting volunteers for each home series but Vaughan as usual handled it without fuss.
- Kurt - for putting his hand up to mark the fields every Wednesday as well as being a trainer for the U8 Maroons.
- Jen – the social night wouldn't have happened without your hard work and dedication. To get so many prizes and signed jerseys from local and internationally recognised companies is a huge effort, not to mention the \$2000 holiday voucher you organised from our wonderful sponsor

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Blackmores. Thanks for getting the social night back up and running after a few years on the side lines. You set a plan about 6 months ago and you nailed it.

- Matt Ballin – for those who were able to attend the social night you would have seen the bandage on his arm, he flew in Friday night from Brisbane and when I collected Matt from the airport he asked to be taken straight to the hospital due to an infection under his arm. Well long story short he had full surgery Saturday morning then checked himself out of hospital to get a cab to The Bored Monkey and be MC at our social night which he did a fabulous job. At the end of the night he caught a cab back to hospital for more treatment before checking out on Sunday morning, he also donated a game used jersey for the auction all at his own cost. On top of that he did 2 great workshops for the Raiders with his NRL programs he runs. Matt you're a true gentleman
- Nathan Hogan – a former junior raider who played over 100 games for the club, he has gone onto coaching in the Sydney Roosters System, Nathan come down and did two sessions, one based on defence for the U/13 & U/14 and one for the U9 Whites later in the year. The U/9W were still using the calls your taught them in the final's series. He also organised through the roosters a fully signed 2018 rooster team jersey for our Social & Fundraising night... Thanks Hoge's
- Jemma Murphy – Thanks for all the wonderful photos from the Grand final games.
- Caitlin – Thank you for putting together this fabulous year book again in 2018, to have it all done so quickly and with so much care, Caitlin moved to Canada this year but still offered to do it. THANK YOU!
- Jake Trbojevic - for taking time out from origin camp and spending it with the raiders as well as donating a signed jersey which fetched big money for the club and having to be back in camp at 7:30am. He was also the assistant coach and trainer for grand final teams U/14 and U/17 when his busy schedule allowed. Nothing is ever to had for Jake.
- Major Lieutenant Colonel Matt S – again did an outstanding job with our annual ANZAC ceremony at Newport Oval. It was great to see so many people come down and show respect for this event. I was lucky enough to be in the sheds to hear his pregame speech to the U11 team, it was spine tingling, I positive his speech to the boys that day about team mates and team work played a big part in their great season. Thank You

*Todd Darvall*

*President*

*Mona Vale Raiders JRLFC*

## Narrabeen Sharks JRLFC



Well what an amazing season we have all had being involved with the mighty Narrabeen Sharks in 2018. U6s,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,18s and A grade .To our players, you all have played this wonderful game with so much pride and passion wearing the Black and White jersey. I have been privileged with the role of President and seen our club exceed this year. From our U6s little legends carving up the paddock, thanks Gavin and Aaron. our U7s, with Tim, Matt and Andrew , showing they have the best defense in the comp. Shane and Nippers U8s going from little kids to real rugby league players showing their talent with the ball in hand working as a team , who will no doubt be featured in the finals series in 2019. Our U9s, first blues coming up 1 game short of the grand final. Matts whites making the GF and Mighty Maroons, Minor Premiers but unfortunately both runners up in grand finals at Brookvale oval, both blues and Maroons coached by Jason and I. Our U10 blues coach by Jacob made the semis in their first year. Bens U10 Maroons lost their final a nail bitter to the team who went on to win the GF the following week. Pommys and Craigs U11 Maroons lost their final in a nail bitter as well. Robbos U12 silver who also lost 10-6 in their final, all these teams are red hot and I am curtained have what it takes to bring home the silver wear in 2019, Our mighty U13 silver coached by Jason ,who Won the Premiership !!! after the bell of extra time, NARRABEEN BOYS ARE WE ARE WE NARRABEEN BOYS ARE WE !!! . Marty and Darrens U14s, the most talented group of boys I have watched play our game, unfortunately had to forfeit their Major Semi thru injury, Our U18 silver coached by Barney, lost their final after a massive season and Frank and Shanes Mighty A Grade who won the Premiership in a convincing performance in front of a huge Sharkies crowd, who mind you was full of young Sharkies , who absolutely loved having A Grade coach and do skills seasons with them thru out the season and think this showed on Sunday home games too, good work boys .To all our players, you all showed the peninsula what our Club is all about and should be so proud .

To our Coaches, Trainers and managers , what can I say, the passion, commitment and love you have for our club and these kids is something you don't always see in a rugby league club and I commend you all for this.

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To our Committee and amazing volunteers , you have seen first hand this year what happens when there are good people involved , thank you all so very much, special mention to our awesome canteen ladies and Jason McGregor who was there every Saturday for set up.

Parents, Parents, Parents, I take my hat off to you all, thank you for allowing your kids to play this wonderful sport with The Sharkies, which gives them so much confidence and so many skills, to move them forward on their incredible journey in life.

Sponsors , this doesn't happen without your generous support , thank you all so much and hope you enjoyed the season and come back next year , a special mention of Scott Pethybridge from Turbo Financial , who continues to assist with minimal recognition, our awesome new PA system is funded by his very kind and generous financial contribution to the club and Shane Casey from Anytime Fitness for donating a defibrillator to the club.

Momentum is already building for next season , we are looking good to add U15, U16, maybe U18 and 20s to current age groups, which would put our club way out in front of any other club in the Northern Conference.

Congratulations to all our teams, you are all Champions !

So for next season, let's all get onboard and do our little bit to help this wonderful club continue to thrive in 2019 .Remember It's your kids who love and benefit from seeing their mums and dads take an interest in their Club

Thank you all for a Great season

GO THE SHARKIES !!!

*Sean Wilkinson*  
*President*  
*Narrabeen Sharks JRLFC Club*

## Narraweena Hawks



Another season has come & gone - preparations for next season will begin again for 2019.

Congratulations to all the other club representatives & volunteers who week in week out work tirelessly to make it all happen with little or no help from the stakeholders of the game.

Every year the clubs are asked to do more & more to adhere to the demands from above which stretches the volunteers to breaking point who 9 times out of 10 just want to see their kids play Rugby League.

Hopefully the clubs will get some assistance in the near future to lighten the load.

This year our club had one of the largest participation numbers in the Manly Warringah Junior League.

We were able to field multiple teams in most age groups up to U11's.

Massive congratulations to our U9W & U10M who were successful in winning their Grand Finals.

Commiserations to our U10W & U11M both teams were great all season and put in a great effort on Grand Final day.

It was also pleasing to see our Senior Teams being competitive as well.

Our club was also very lucky to be chosen to represent NSW at the 1<sup>st</sup> State Of Origin in Melbourne – what an amazing experience for those kids & a massive thank you to Holden Australia & Jen Aiello for the work that went into making that happen. I'm sure the players & parents will hold onto those memories for a lifetime.

Off the field we had our fair share of dramas, the Executive Committee did the best we could - it was also good to see some new faces around the club helping out and contributing as well.

To our many sponsors thank you for sticking with us - your support allows us to put the kids on the field week in week out.

Look forward to seeing all the players and families back next year.

*Joe lemma  
Club Secretary  
Narraweena JRLFC*

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### North Curl Curl Knights



I have now been Secretary of this fantastic Club for 5 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 all be proud of the way our whole Club supports all of our teams. We are showing great 'mateship' and that is a great trait to continue to encourage in all our players and supporters.

"It's not the team with the best players that wins, it's the players with the best team that wins".

We didn't have any teams in the grand finals this year, but I truly believe all the teams tried their hardest all year. All the players, coaches and managers should be very proud of themselves.

Which brings me to giving a huge thank you to our coaches and officials in our 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. But they turn up every week to help and I am very grateful, as I am sure the rest of our 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.

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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*

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### 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 2018 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.

To our sponsors BeachWheels, Vivid, Your Style, 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. Larry taking over the head coaching duties for A Grade, with Greg Sinclair as assistant Coach. This was never going to be an easy job with a high turnover of players and coaching staff for the 2018 season. They both stuck with it even after a tough start he managed to keep the boys motivated and train harder as the season went on. Together the coaching staff developed a great culture at the club both on and off the field throughout the season.

Highlight of 2018 was watching our 20s make it through to the Grand final again, congratulation to all players and Coach Mitch Brunell for another fantastic season. BIG shout out to John & Maurice Kennedy from Ksquared Sportstle for all their help with the Valley Under 20's team this year.

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With a declining number of Volunteers Pommy John having to set up the field on a Sunday morning on top of their usual duties at the bar, thank you for all your efforts. With resources stretched especially on game day, Bob Butcher 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 2019.

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 2019.

*Heidi Alexander  
Club Secretary  
Valley United JRLFC*