

*“Celebrating Over 81 Years of Highland Rugby”*

**2017**  
**Gordon**  
**Rugby Football Club Ltd**  
**Annual Report**

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## Club Board – 2017

### Patron

William Currie

### President

Hayden Rorke

### Board of Directors

Hilton Chapman Andrew Dainton, Vanessa Gliddon, Angus Kingsmill  
Dr Elizabeth Swinburn, Rick Seton SC, Georgia Separovich, John Taylor

### Honorary Secretary

Not Appointed

### Honorary Life Members

H D Boland, C C Pike, H Crow, C Burton-Smith, T J Harrison, G A Wilson, G H Townend,  
P C Harrison, R G Hill, B F Shirvington, L D Evans, R A Davidson, G M Fountain, J B Carroll,  
J S Neal, N J Campbell, R N Heather, W D Twible, R A Pearson, S W Rhall, W G Gibson,  
A B Frew, D L Logan, P J Kearney, D A Ditton, J H Knox, Mrs. F Warman, W G Hearl,  
F E McMahon, A C Rea, J E Kable, H Naughton, T Allan, B J Wilson, P Serisier, C W Blunt,  
N A J Eakins, R A Huey

### Hall of Fame

C Pike, D Logan, M Spalding, R Davidson, C Blunt, B Allan, T Allan, M Hartill, B Kable,  
J Kable, A Summons, S Mortlock, R Grant

### Board Meeting Attendance

During the Financial Year there were 13 Director's meetings held. The following lists each Director's Attendance

Director	Number Eligible to Attend	Attended
Hayden Rorke	13	13
John Taylor	13	12
Andrew Dainton	13	11
Dr Liz Swinburn	13	11
Rick Seton SC	13	11
Angus Kingsmill	13	10
Vanessa Gliddon	13	10
Hilton Chapman	13	7
Georgia Separovich	13	6

## Gordon Honour Board

<b>Club Championships</b>	1949, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1993, 1998
<b>1st Grade Premiers</b>	1949, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1976, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2007 Trevor Allan Cup Winner, 8 times runner-up
<b>2nd Grade Premiers</b>	1961, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1981, 10 times runner-up
<b>3rd Grade Premiers</b>	1959, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1993, 2008, 2009 14 times runner-up
<b>4th Grade Premiers</b>	1949, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1958, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1999, 2000, 2007 9 times runner-up
<b>1st Grade Colts</b>	3 times runner-up
<b>2nd Grade Colts Premiers</b>	1974, 1981, 1995, 1998 8 times runner-up
<b>3rd Grade Colts Premiers</b>	1986, 1987, 1988, 1996, 2009 5 times runner-up
<b>4th Grade Colts Premiers</b>	1987, 1988, 1990, 1996, 2009 2 times runner-up
<b>Under 19's</b>	1995 2 times runner-up

### Australian Representatives

In the 81-year period 1936 – 2017 the Highlanders have produced 36 Australian Internationals, 4 of whom were Australian Captains. The Honor Board reads:

F. O'Brien, D. Carrick, T. Allan (c), B. Piper, A. Tonkin, B. Wilson, R. Davidson (c), B. Johnson, J. Phipps, P. Phipps, A. Summons, E. Purkiss, R. Meadows, K. Yanz, D. Logan, N. Latimer, D. Shepherd, R. Batterham, B. Taafe, P. Sullivan (c), D. Burnett, L. Monaghan, J. Ryan, S. Cutler, M. Hartill, A. Daly, A. Blades, A. Eckert, A. Murdoch, A. Dempsey, C. Blades, M. Hardy, J. Langford, T. Wallace, S. Mortlock (c), J. Dempsey

### State/ Provincial/ Australian Sevens/ Other Nationalities Representatives

There have been 79 Gordon players represent at the State / Provincial level, 6 players M Dowling, J Gamgee, D Haylett- Petty, V. Ratu, D. Harvey and B Quinn have represented in Australian Sevens, 4 players J Wilson, D. Haylett-Petty, B Whittaker and J. Turner have represented in the Australian Under 21's. J Dempsey represented in Australia Under 20's and 6 players have played for other national teams: M. Graham (NZ), S. Rokobaro (Fiji), M. Hercus (USA), A Hill (PNG) and A. Mower (Scotland), Jack Parfitt (Hong Kong), E Olmstead (Canada and Canada Under 20's) and M Parfitt (Hong Kong Under 20's).

## Representatives in 2017

### Australia

J Dempsey

### Australian Under 20's

None

### Australian Sevens

B Quinn

### NSW Waratahs

#### (Super Rugby)

J Dempsey

### Australian Barbarians

None

### Macquarie University Sydney Rays (National Rugby Championship)

J Dempsey, P Balekana



*Gordon's 36<sup>th</sup> Wallaby  
Jack Dempsey*



*Gordon's 6<sup>th</sup> Aust Sevens Rep  
Brandon Quinn*



*MU Sydney Rays Rep  
Paula Balekana*

## President's Report 2017

The 2017 season started with great depth of players and good promise, both on and off the field. For the first time in my memory, we had a person specially allocated to recruiting new players. We have now employed that person. In the current professional era, with all clubs under a salary cap, funding is a massive priority. Whilst we remain a family and community club, we need to attract aspirational players and coaches. In this regard, I would like to acknowledge Justin Rodgie who has secured so many quality Grade players and Dave Telfer for his work in recruiting our young athletes into the Colts program, all of whom add to the talent and spirit of our great Club. On another note, I would like to congratulate Jack Dempsey on a standout rugby season with Waratah and Wallaby honours being capped off with a "Man of the Match" performance in the Wallabies' win against the All Blacks in Brisbane. Our congratulations as well to Brandon Quinn for selection in the Australian Sevens.

We wish our USA Touring Party the best of luck when they depart our shores in early December for 2 weeks, first stop being San Francisco.

## *Our Management – The Board*

We welcomed two new board members to the team in 2017.

Vanessa Gliddon has been a constant presence at games during the 2017 season. A former teacher and mother of three, Vanessa has contributed hugely to the running of our functions and application for grants.

As an entrepreneur, investor and brand creator, Angus Kingsmill has advanced Gordon Rugby in the field of social media, publicity and advertising. Gus is a passionate sportsman and rugby supporter and has helped our Club achieve the strongest social media platform of any club in the Shute Shield.

The club would like to thank and acknowledge the contribution of Georgia Separovich and Rick Seton for their work on the Board. We thank Georgia for her tireless work in setting up and running the Gordon Rugby Foundation. We are indebted to Rick for his huge contributions to our club, often running the lines and as Match Day Controller, and for his sage legal advice.

## *Our Members*

We are grateful to all our members who show their support of our club throughout the year. Your encouragement and backing are integral to the continuing development and success of Gordon Rugby.

## *Our Players, Coaches, Managers and Volunteers*

We are privileged to have such a wonderful group of players working hard under the great tutelage of Director of Coaching, Mark Philp, to lift the results of Gordon Rugby in the past year. This would not be possible without the fabulous support given by our coaches and managers week in, week out, well before the first whistle has blown. We simply could not function as the connected and spirited club we are without our volunteers who pour endless time and effort into our club. We are very grateful to you all.

## *Our Sponsors*

The club would like to thank our Sponsors for their support during 2017 as they are our mainstay and absolutely vital to keeping our club running well.

I would like to make a special mention of three very important sponsorships for Gordon Rugby in 2017. We are extremely grateful Hamilton Island, our major sponsor for 2017 for their support and financial backing. The Greengate Hotel has come on board as a sponsor and we continue to enjoy a mutually beneficial relationship, with many Gordon Rugby functions being held at the Hotel and discounts for our members and supporters.

We are indebted to Fitness First who has generously donated gym memberships to many of our playing group which has enabled them to take their fitness to a new level.

Glenn Curran from Curran Property has continued his great support of our club and is a regular supporter at Chatswood Oval during the season. Glenn has now joined forces with McGrath Real Estate which will only further develop Curran McGrath as a leader in the field.

UTS have remained an extremely important partner for Gordon Rugby with several of our student/players on UTS scholarships and one which we hope to grow over many years.

We are again thankful to Mingara Leisure Group with whom we have had a relationship since 2013 for our ClubGrants sponsorship and CEO Paul Barnett and his Board. This is an enduring partnership for which we are most appreciative.

## *Our Community Involvement*

We are Gordon Rugby are very community minded and have been involved in various community events throughout the season.

We were represented by coaches, players and Board members on ANZAC Day at various Dawn Services where we lay a wreath in memory of our fallen soldiers. We have several charities which we also support. This year's nominated charity was Dreams2Live4.

Gordon Rugby Club are hugely indebted to our band of willing and capable volunteers who both support and work within the club. We simply could not exist without the thousands of hours and incredible effort that is invested by all our volunteers. We are so very grateful for every contribution that has been made to help our great club.

## *Our Gordon Juniors*

We enjoy a strong relationship with our juniors under the very strong leadership of President Brad Harrison. We have made great inroads this year to strengthen the pathway between our massive stable of talented juniors through to Colts and Grade and, in this regard, we have a Pathways program being developed to ensure that our junior Highlanders remain in the Tartan for their playing careers and beyond.

## *Macquarie University Sydney Rays*

We had a limited representation this year with Paula Balekana our only selected player. Paula was easily the top try scorer of the Shute Shield Competition with 22 tries scored during the season and has attracted much attention.

## *Friends of Gordon Alumni "FOGS"*

Gordon Rugby Club is indebted to the FOGS for their ongoing support, contributions and ideas. Graeme Hearl and his team are regulars at training and home games, providing wonderful hospitality to fellow FOGS and club sponsors as well as keeping the morale high and stomachs full of sausage sandwiches on BBQ nights after training. The FOGS have also made many very generous donations of items needed for the running of the club and coaching program as well as subsidizing functions and contributing to scholarships. They have also provided financial support for the USA Tour in December which has been greatly appreciated.

## *Our Gordon Rugby Foundation*

This is a major step forward for our club and is now a fully functional and tax-effective platform to donate to the club. We have received several donations which have helped the club enormously. We are constantly looking for new ideas to build on this solid foundation which will provide a financial platform to benefit our Club for years to come.

Gordon Rugby Club would like to thank Board Member Georgia Separovich as well as James Shannon and Hugh Cropley who have both invested so much time and energy into making this venture so successful.

## *Life Member Inductees*

We are proud to announce that, at last year's Annual General Meeting, Dick Huey was unanimously elected as a Life Member of the Club for his 50 years of service to our club as a ball boy, linesman, ground marshall, scoreboard attendant, assistant to our Team Managers in all grades and, most recently, as our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade timekeeper. Congratulations Dick – and thank you! We are feeling very positive about where the Club is headed and look forward to coming together to make the 2018 season one to remember!

**Hayden Rorke**  
**President**  
**Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd**

## Financial Report - 2017

The Finance, Administration and Governance Committee is pleased to Report the Club's financial position continues to improve and is the major priority for the Board. In this regard it gives me great pleasure, due to significant work by the Board, in particular Rick Seton, that we were able to negotiate a settlement of the "Boyle debt" at a substantial discount. This is reflected in 2017 Financial Year results and a Balance Sheet in surplus.

At the end of the financial year, the club reported a profit of \$33,612.64 included in this is \$13,538.80 – Australian Sports Foundations (Gordon Foundation) 2017 donations which is not available for General Revenue requirements. Whilst income was up on 2016 mainly due to Sponsorship, Game Day and Function revenue so too were the expenses of increased cost, the employment of a Commercial Manager and player payments.

Given the settlement of the Boyle debt our objective now is re-establish the Pat Serisier Fund. Our financial objectives are underpinned with a strong governance focus. The Finance, Administration and Governance Committee is comprised of Liz Swinburn, Hilton Chapman, Peter Sherwood and Peter Bull. I would like to thank them all for their contributions to the committee. A special thank you needs to be directed to Peter Sherwood for the enormous amount of time he spends on all issues, not only the booking keeping he undertakes but on Governance matters that must remain a major focus of this Committee. Without his valuable input and sound advice my job would have been all that much harder.

**John Taylor**  
**For and on behalf of the Finance, Administration and Governance Committee**

## 2017 Rugby Reports





## Director of Rugby Report

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the following people who added so much to our rugby program in 2017:

- Our new Head Coach and Coaching Director Mark Philp who began the process of altering the mindset of our players to move from a participation culture to a winning culture. In 2018 we will be looking for full buy in by the playing group.
- Our Colts Coaching Director David Telfer who produced a very strong program and one from which our players will benefit enormously in 2018.
- Our Grade coaches Michael Hayes, Mark DeBrincat, Kieran Lewis, Lenny Rawara, Steve Phipps, Richard Grant, Mark Fargas, Col Daggar, Peter Koen and David Zwart for so willingly giving up their time to continually make our players better.
- Our Colts coaches Sam Phipps, Robbie Barnard, Tim Calvert, Steve Turner, Mike Clifford and Joel Thorpe who never stopped trying to improve our players.
- Our managers led by Ian Crothers who went above and beyond generally taking on board so many tasks that needed another volunteer. Also thanks to Andrew Quinn, Ben and Priscilla Clarke and Steve Quoyle. Our Colts managers led by Billy MacLean and supported by Giane Valente and Simon Archer who also contributed enormously.
- Tim Carroll, Dick Huey, and James Herd for their tireless efforts on match days in ensuring everything ran smoothly.
- Justin Rodgie for initially volunteering to help with our recruitment and doing a great job and later on becoming the full time Commercial Manager for the club.
- Mark Philp, David Telfer, Andrew Lennon, Rick Seton, Mark Fargas and Justin Rodgie for comprising the Rugby committee – all of whom genuinely wanted to improve our club.
- Our club doctor Liz Swinburn, physio's Bruce Anderson and Antonia Melo for so willingly attending to our players injury requirements.
- Steve De Lorenzo our trainer and strapper and genuine good guy around training and game day.
- Our Strength and Conditioning coach Karl Goodman for making our players bigger and stronger and reducing our injuries.
- FOGS led by Peter Sherwood, Gus Hearl, Ivo Clarke, Al Kirkby and Peter Bull who were always willing to help in any way possible on match day and throughout the year.

- Finally, and most importantly thank you to the players who are what the club is all about. Hopefully most of the decisions we make are correct and benefit you all in the long run.

The highlight of our season was the dramatic improvement of our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade sides who both made the Semi-finals rising from 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in 2016 to 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in 2017.

Our first grade increased their number of wins from 2 to 6 and the whole of grade increased their wins from 13 to 38. We doubled our Club Championship points. We were competitive with nearly all teams across grade for the first 13 rounds but fell away over the last 5 rounds and we will look to make sure that does not happen next year.

The Colts teams were predominantly made up of school leavers and that combined with a horrendous run of long term injuries made for a largely disappointing season in comparison with the previous two seasons. We have a lot of quality rugby players ready to step up in 2018 to make it a memorable season.

We are optimistic that all Grade and Colts teams are well positioned to play finals rugby next year.

**Andrew Dainton**

For and on behalf of the Rugby Committee

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Report 2017



**Back Row:** Adam Hill (coach), Michael Hayes (coach), Pat Toeta, Paula Balekana, Stephen De Lorenzo (trainer), Kane Ladhams, Luke Papworth, Andrew Seton, Hugh Cropley, Roni Scarano, Francis Auwerda, James Lough, Alec Palmer, Bill Freeman, Tala Moli, Mark De Brincat (coach), Ian Crothers (manager), Mark Philp (coach)

**Front Row:** Raven Nurse, Nick Fraser, Matt Hayter, Jordan Goddard, Jack Maguire, Matt McDougall, Simon Tevita, Vili Turagarua

“One small step for 1<sup>st</sup> grade – one giant leap for grade”

I agree with Geoff Townsend’s opening paragraph in last year’s report that ultimately 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be judged on win/loss but importantly, as any good coach/club/board should consider, the journey is as important as the destination. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade group have started down a path that encourages a more competitive nature at training & games as well as striving to be the best we can be, on and off the field.

To put that into perspective:

Tries scored: 2016 = 44 / 2017 = 82

Wins: 2016 = 2 / 2017 = 6

Having 8 different players making the ‘top 20 in Shute Shield’ in categories such as “tries / points scored / goal kicking / dominant tackles / turnovers” – shows the style of rugby we are trying to embrace and some of the excellent results we are starting to see.

Consistency now becomes the key to continued success, retention of the playing group has been crucial to this – research done by various organisations proves that teams that stay and play together have higher % of success. Yes, recruitment is an important element to add to that but not the most important. Consistency with execution of skills & game-plans will lead to more wins in 2018, we lost 2 games by 2 points and a few others by 10 or less.

The depth throughout the grades this year, especially having a 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time in over 7 years, has allowed consistency of selection in the higher grades but more importantly – provided a competitive training environment, something the club has not had for a few years. The club also had 2 grade teams play finals rugby for the first time in over 7 years as well – disappointment from those players and coaches that they fell in the semi-finals, but great lessons learnt about dedication to training and game plans as the long season progresses into the final rounds and into the finals series.

2017 was a season to plant seeds in the playing & coaching group around changing mind-sets and perspectives, a simpler game-plan and a focus on execution was the main message for the rugby. Adding levels of accountability to the playing group to build a culture of self-analysis and reflection as opposed to a finger-pointing default is imperative to the future success of all at Gordon. The rugby program has a ‘3 is the magic number’ approach to how we play, have a shape/pattern of play that allows for 3 choreographed phases – execute well with pace = an opportunity. Once the players identified that opportunity they were given the skill-set/confidence and ambition to play rugby and ‘have a go’. This led to some sensational tries, 3 of which went ‘viral’ all over the World.

We have a core of talented players now with a taste for success – our job now as a club is to provide them with the best possible environment to achieve. Your support in that is crucial and always welcomed and embraced.

My thanks and appreciation for the support, knowledge, passion and dedication of the 2017 1<sup>st</sup> grade management team of Mark DeBrincat, Michael Hayes, Adam Hill, Ian Crothers and Steve De Lorenzo – we all wish Haysey the best with his move north and hope he returns to Gordon in the future.

**Mark Philp – Head Coach, Mike Hayes and Mark DeBrincat – Assistant Coaches, Ian Crothers – Team Manager**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Report 2017



**Back Row:** James Holden, Fergus Mitra, Keiran Lewis (coach), Stephen De Lorenzo (trainer), Barry McLaughlin, Lachie Camp, Henry Carmichael, Sam Bennetts, Andrew Boyce, Ash Goddard, Cameron Thorburn, Chris Micali, Sam Milgate, Wes Qualulu (coach), Lenny Rarawa (coach), Tom Horan

**Middle Row:** Alex Barker, Marcus Hundt, Alex Seini, Val Castellan, Andrew Chapman, Tobias Gukibau, Sean Dillon, Solo Ravovou

**Front Row:** Lachie Mitchell, James Lough, Harry Rorke

We had a real up and down season in 2s in 2017. We started strongly with some fantastic wins over eventual top of the table sides including a win over eventual premiers Uni. A few players were rewarded for this early form with opportunities in 1s and it was great to see them cement those spots.

We then had a bit of a rough patch where we struggled to build new combinations and just couldn't find a good first half. Regardless the score at HT, the guys never gave up and outscored our opponents convincingly in second halves, but our starts left us too much to do.

The start of the second round saw us chasing a finals spot and, after a glimmer of hope following a couple more wins, our loss to Wests combined with several injuries saw things drift away. To their credit the guys stayed committed and worked hard and were happy to help however we could in the latter rounds preparing the 3s and 4s boys for finals.

As I mentioned we had a few boys move up to 1s throughout the season and prove they were ready for the challenge, and likewise we welcomed many players up from 3s who were certainly not out of place. We used an incredible 73 players in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this year and I would like to thank the entire grade squad for an enjoyable season with its share of truly memorable moments.

The first thank you must go to Andrew Chapman who had a fantastic season personally and as captain of the side before injury cut his year short with a few rounds to go. Special mention also

to a couple of players who assisted with managerial duties for us throughout the year, particularly Fergus Mitra, Jimmy Holden and Chris Micali. It made Lenny & I's day that much less stressful.

There are some others I must mention. Firstly, Philpy, Hayesy and the Big Cat, it was great to work with you this year. The healthy love-hate relationship between players of 1s and 2s and the cooperation between the coaches is a great thing to be a part of.

To RG and Phippsy, I know the second half of the year was not ideal when it came to us poaching your players, but you were always happy to discuss options and at the end of the day put the strongest teams on the park.

To all the other coaches, managers, medical and other support staff, thanks to you all from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for helping the club get 7 sides on the park every week.

And last but certainly not least, thanks to my fellow second grade coach Lenny Rarawa. We have a similar approach in how we think the game should be played and it has been an absolute pleasure coaching with you in 2017. The way Lenny continually challenged the players with new ideas and strategies throughout the season, combined with his leading approach to player welfare saw him build real respect and trust with the player group. I wish Lenny all the best and hope to see him back with the Highlanders in 2018.

**Kieran Lewis and Lenny Rawara – Co Coaches, Steve Quoye– Team Manager**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Report 2017



**Back Row:** Ben Clarke, Vili Taraguraa, Mitch Lochley, Nathan Kelly, Justin Rodgie, Chris Micali, Jack Margin, Rob Lacinski, Adam Vilimaa, Lachlan Camp, Tom Carruthers, Jordan Goddard, Ben Butler, Andrew Bligh, Oscar Woods

**Front Row:** Priscilla Clarke, Jarrod Dowie, Hamish Hall, Steve Phipps, Sam Bennetts, Richard Grant, Will Shirvington, Kurtis Quinn, Nick Brown

Played 18 games won 12 lost 6 (3 games by 5 points or less)

Points For 446 Points Against 360

14 bonus points

5<sup>th</sup> place on the table

Leading try scorers: Jum Woodhill and Vili Turagarua

Leading goal kicker: Will Shirvington

Won 55 % of Home Games Won 86 % of Away games

The Third Grade season was vastly improved from previous years when measured by the club's traditional expectations. The Third Grade team had the capacity to match it with any opposition in the competition, however at times we lacked the ability to do it for the full 70 minutes week in week out. Not that all was lost though, tough people stand up for what they represent, opportunities are created, and potential is unmasked. A number of exciting young players were unearthed that will make visiting Chatswood a delight in future winters. All will make an impact if they choose to put in the preparation.

The Third Grade team made the semi-finals but unfortunately got beaten in the first week of the semis. As a yard stick, if we compare our performances against the top teams in the competition and the grand finalists we are not far away from being a genuine threat in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade competition in 2018.

To all the players involved in Third Grade during the year (over 60), thank you for your commitment at every training and every Saturday. The effort at training and during games could not be questioned and herein lies the true spirit of the Gordon Rugby Club. Credit must be given to the players in Third Grade this year, both senior and new to grade, who contributed to our performances and maintained a fantastic team spirit and camaraderie, this is a credit to all of you.

A special mention to our captain Sam Bennetts. Sam's leadership was invaluable with his ability to step into the role by taking charge and lift his troops with passion and supreme "team-manship". His performance, along with others, demonstrates that the club is well served with leaders who will do the right thing.

Many people contributed to the season and space prevents a full expression of what your efforts mean to the players and coaching staff. A huge thank you to all the people who volunteer their time for the club, all your work is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. To the coaches and managers of the other grades, thank you for sharing your knowledge, enthusiasm and advice throughout the year.

To my co-coach, Steve Phipps, whose love and passion for the game is unquestionable, his contribution to the team this year was outstanding and the passion he expresses is an infectious trait. I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach with him this year. Many thanks to our amazingly good humoured and vigilant managers Ben and Priscilla Clarke, Saturdays would have been immeasurably more difficult without their efforts. We can only hope that there is more success to come for these people who care so much for the Club.

Congratulations to our award winners for 2017:

Best and Fairest (Players player) – Jum Woodhill  
Sportsmanship Award – James Shepperd

There is a determination from many at the club to ensure we return to more successful times, and certainly many of the ingredients already exist. Enjoy the off-season and look forward to the 2018 season.

Once again, I would like to thank all the players, coaches and volunteers for their considerable contribution during the year. It is such a pleasure, and an honour, to be associated with the wonderful bunch of people we have throughout the club.

Richard Grant (RG) and Steve Phipps – Co Coaches, Ben and Priscilla Clarke – Team Managers

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Report 2017



**Back Row:** Mark Fargas (coach), Tristan Pixley, Mitch Lochley, Mitch Ward, Oli Harradine, Jordan Small, Beau Vrbas, Lochie Burke, Will Dempsey, Paul Katia, Jordan Sharp, Ryan Metalovski, Sam Frankham, Ace Naati, Scott Nicol, Andrew Quinn (Manager), Stephen De Lorenzo (Strapper)  
**Front Row:** Li - Han Wei, Paul Katia, Zach Lees, Nathan Tongia, David Serukai, Rasmus Burger, Patrick Sutton, Oscar Woods, James Ampherlaw, Luke Gardner

Fourth grade started the season like a house on fire with nine straight wins, five with bonus points, to put us up the top of the table before our first loss, to Norths. Three more wins followed so that by the time we met Wests at Concord in Round 14 we had only one defeat for the year to that point. Things slid a bit from there as we lost some players to injury, others were rightly rewarded with promotions to higher grades and some coaching confusion not helping. Even our valuable backups in fifth grade could not prevent a late season slump when first, we went down to Wests, then had big losses to Norths, Randwick and Uni, before righting the ship with an encouraging final round win against Easts.

Luckily our early season good form ensured we made the semis and despite a qualifying semi loss to Eastwood, losses by lower placed Randwick and Warringah meant that we still went thought to

the semi against Uni at Pittwater. Taking advantage of players returning from higher grades and the open selection policy that third grade's qualification also provided, we could field a strong side. However, in difficult windy conditions we fell just short in a try less game. We probably did not make the most of the wind behind us in the second half and ended up losing 9-6 in a game that Uni can probably count themselves lucky to have got away with. We can be heartened that, by coming so close to beating the eventual premiers, we one of the top performing fourth grade sides.

Tireless Mitch Lockley won the Players Player Award and ever reliable Dave Serukai the Sportsmanship Award. Other strong performers through the year included Hamish Hall, Luke Gardner, Will Shirvington, Adam Vilimaa, Hugh Morgan, Lachlan Camp, Tom Carruthers, Cam Thorburn, Grant Hutt and Henry Carmichael, who all scored well in the players' player award. Special mention to Jordan Goddard, whose first grade season was cruelled by injury, but came back through fourth grade towards the end of the year and provided valuable experience and robust running on the field.

Also, special thanks to coaches Col Dagger, David Zwart, Adam Hill, Peter Koen and the ageless Mark Fargas as well as Nick Olive. The players also very much appreciated the presence and support of many first graders who, their season over, came to help at training during the semis.

There was much to be encouraged about the 2017 season and high hopes for 2018.

**Col Dagger – Coach, Specialist Coaches – Adam Hill, Mark Fargas and Peter Koen, Manager – Andrew Quinn**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade - 2017**

#### **No Photo**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade did not have a 'competition' to play in. The team played eight games – all organized at the last moment with other clubs who had some extra players. Two wins from eight games – a result sheet that does not reflect the effort and energy these guys put in. The season started with thirty extra players for the first home game against Warringah, and the season ended with these guys playing 3rds or 4ths! Without them, the club would have forfeited many lower grade games, and their contribution enabled 3rds and 4ths to reach semi-finals in 2017.

A few standouts deserve mention. Ace Naati and Nathan Tongia anchored the unopposed scrum, and Oli Harradine, Zac Lees, Ryan Metalofski, Nico Furlian and Aaron Hutt contributed many memorable moments. The Sharp brothers provided the skill, while the "three Wills" – Will Dempsey, Will Makeig and Will Passi provided the brawn. James Clarke, Ruben McKellar, Nick Brown, Mitch Ward, Pat Sutton, and Jordan Small all provided the starch that makes a team competitive.

Matt "Pyno" Pyne helped coach this group for much of the season, and mention also to Peter Koen, Dave Zwart, Henry Carmichael and Nick Olive for generous coaching contributions. The value we all placed on this group was highlighted by the efforts of head coach Mark Philp, who

made several coaching contributions and watched all games when the team played with the rest of the club.

A final word about this outstanding group. This Gordon team played Warringah 5ths on the back field of Rat Park mid-way through the season, and young Lachie Ward (Warringah second rower) collapsed and passed away. As club and match officials worked frantically to revive Lachie, the Gordon players stood with, consoled, and supported their grief stricken Warringah opponents. For over an hour they played their part in a tragic scene, and when the ambulance finally left, the Warringah officials were high in their praise of the way the Gordon players had behaved. I left Rat Park that day with very mixed emotions, but truly proud to be a Gordon man.

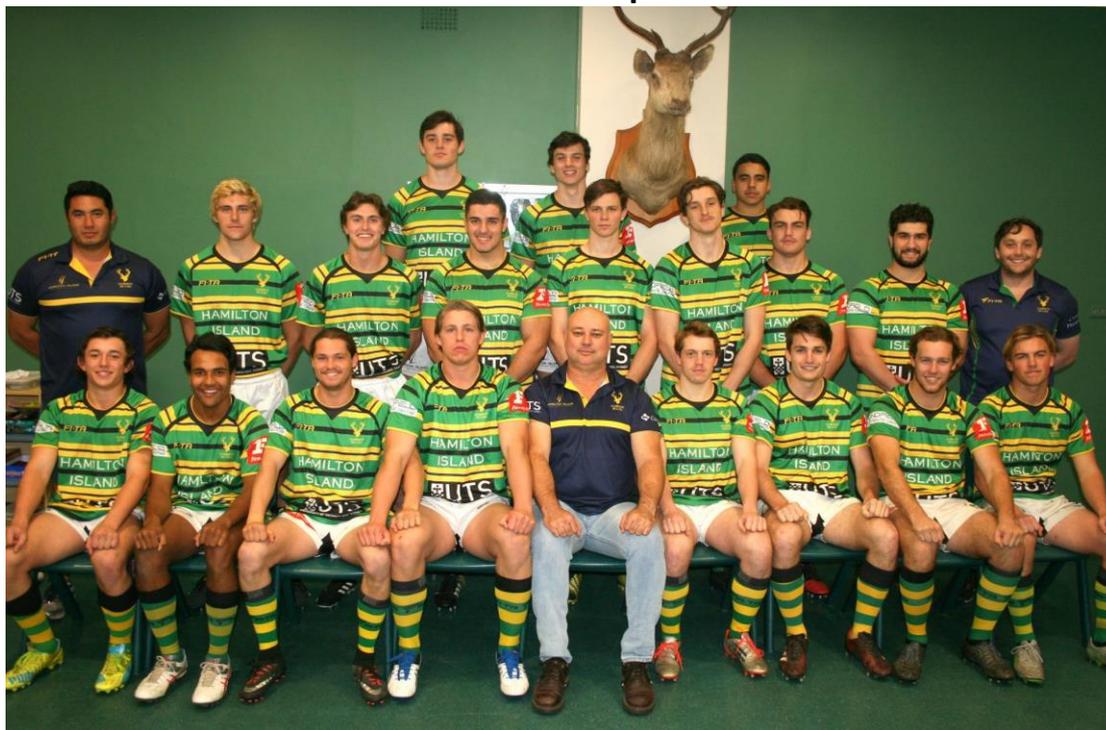
We will do better for the 5th Grade group in 2018. This group is needed if we are to be a force in lower grades, and the Gordon Club will be better prepared. Thanks to all of you in 2017, and I look forward to watching you again next year

**Mark Fargas – Coach, Matt Pyne - Manager**

## COLTS RUGBY



## 1st Grade Colts Report 2017



**Back Row (Left to Right):** Will Halliday, Will Denny, Levi Tofa

**Middle Row:** David Telfer (Coach), Kyle Brown, Will Mitchell, Kristian Souvaliotis, Nic O'Donohue, Jack Mazaraki, Deahn Wanstall, Daniel Lombardi, Sam Phipps (Coach)

**Front Row:** Leo Bosch, Borore Howton, Rory Burns, Hugh Margin (Captain), Robbie Barnard (Coach), Lachie Archer, Simon Pursell, Campbell Clifford, Nick Hrdina

**Absent:** Angus Margin, Nick Brown, Billy Maclean (Manager)

The 2017 season for the Colts could be summed up by saying it was a year of transition and learning. With less than 20 players returning from 2016 it was to be a young group of Colts which bodes well for 2018. However, it can be said that whilst on-field results didn't come often enough, 2017 provided a big learning curve for the players showing what is required to succeed in the Sydney Rugby Union Colts Competition. The season started well with a resounding 81-14 win over Penrith however in what was to become an unfortunate trend we were unable to get back-to-back wins the following weekend against Warringah.

Consistency was a big issue for this side as we were unable to perform at the level required on a weekly basis. Examples of this was losing 40-0 at home to Southern Districts before competing with Sydney University going down 17-33 the following week. One of the highlights came in Round 7 under lights at Chatswood Oval when we beat Eastern Suburbs 15-12 in tough circumstances. This should have provided the belief to the players that we could win against any side in the competition on our night. This is exemplified by the fact that Eastern Suburbs beat Randwick twice and made the Grand Final!

Finishing the season with 6 wins and 12 losses was difficult but I must commend the players in the respect that they never gave up and continued to learn throughout the season. I have no doubt that they finished the season as better players than when they started. The motivation for the 2018 season is there and it is an exciting time to be around the Colts Program and we will be going "All In" in 2018.

I would like to thank my assistant coaches, Robbie Barnard and Sam Phipps, for their tireless work all season and coaching the side. I would also like to thank Billy Mac for his managerial duties and ensuring everything went as smoothly as possible. I would like to finish by stating that we must unite and ultimately for us to succeed as a club we will need to have the Club's best interest at thought as we move into 2018.

David Telfer – Head Coach – Sam Phipps/ Robbie Barnard – Assistant Coaches, Billy Mclean - Manager

## 2nd Grade Colts Report 2017



**Back Row (Left to Right):** Hunta Campbell, Dan Attewell, Richie Davis, Nick Hrdina, Saul McCredie, Byron Blaik

**Middle Row:** Brandon Marsh, Steve Turner (Coach), Jack Mazaraki, Clay Henry, Jack Sharp, Bryn James, Will Denny, Ryan Hasgard, Eric Stene, Harry Cannell, Tom Wilks, Kav Naati, Matt Renshaw, Tim Calvert (Coach)

**Front Row:** Hugh Roberts, Dan Rorke, Josh Vincenz, Will Glascott (Captain), Nick Tracy, Simon Pursell, Oliver Iles-Mann, Josh Marsh

**Absent:** Gianni Valente (Manager), Richard Colley (Trainer)

Season 2017 began with a lot of promise. Pre-season training from January was well attended and the introduction of a colts training camp at Nelson Bay brought the playing group together well. A deluge of rain cancelled most of the club's trial matches, with only one abbreviated game able to be played against Eastwood before the season proper commenced.

The 2s squad bore only 4 regular final year colts. Impressively, there were up to 15 first year or under 18 colts who regularly played in the 2s team. Inexperienced, but eager, a playing group of up to 50 players entered the 2017 season, many for the first time, to take on some of the best U/20 teams in the country.

The opening match saw the Stags travel to Penrith, who fielded only competitive first and second grade colt's teams in 2017. The performance reflected the limited preparation that had been available, with the visitors walking away with a comfortable 45 – 0 victory. However, the highlight was the defensive determination to prevent the opposition scoring any points. This was followed the next week against Warringah, with a hard fought 25 – 0 victory to the Highlanders. For the third away match on the trot, a 26 – 0 half time lead against Wests looked like it was going to be a walk-in. However, Gordon committed a cardinal sin of shutting up shop and were lucky to escape with a 26 -12 win. This victory achieved equal top of the table status.

The Stags first home game versus Souths promised to be the toughest match so far. To Gordon's credit, their dogged effort in defence with slick attack saw a well-earned 39 -12 win. Then came a disappointing home performance to Sydney Uni, going down 40 – 0. Like a deer in the headlights, all the fluidity from the previous weeks was lost and Gordon simply could not make any attacking or defensive inroads into the eventual winners of the competition.

A shock and, frankly, inexperienced loss 35 – 33 to the Two Blues at Death Valley was like a harpoon in the side of the team. A big effort, particularly in one on one tackling, was required to take on the second placed Eastern Suburbs. On a cold Friday night, beset with teeming rain, Gordon surpassed their best performance of the season to win 17 -8. This demonstrated the team had the ability to get in the ring and beat the heavy weights, but needed to consistently play at that higher level across a long season to be in the reckoning come finals time.

A tough game against the lowly rated Marlins away saw the Highlanders sneak home 27 -22. Then came the first of two thumping's from Randwick, 38 – 0. Strangely, Gordon started well for the first 20 minutes, but could not convert territory and possession pressure. What was a disappointing performance against Randwick turned into a horror show against Norths the following week: 57 – 12. Words cannot describe the insipid tackling, resulting in the humiliation of being thrashed by the club's closest rivals.

A dominant first half against Eastwood two Friday's later witnessed a considerable improvement in incisive ball running and sticking more effective chop tackles. However, two sin-bins at inopportune times allowed the Woods back into the match, Gordon going down 12 – 19. Comfortable wins with improved home performances against Parramatta (sweet revenge 34 – 17), Penrith 41 – 0 and West Harbour 78 – 7 did a lot to assist the Stags for and against. It proved vital to making the top 6.

Gordon's return match against Norths started in a poor manner, conceding a try inside the first three minutes. Norths again outmuscled the Highlanders to win 57 – 12. If that performance was poor, next weeks would be classified as soul destroying.

With 8 players warming up prior to Randwick at Coogee Oval, one could say preparation was not ideal against the competition leaders. An 84 – 7 walloping ensued – thank you university holidays

and Splendour in the Grass. A tight encounter against Sydney University made some amends for last week's obliteration. Gordon were matching the students, but two tries in the last ten minutes sealed it to the home team, the Stags losing 33 – 7. The final round match against Easts away was a great game of football, the lead changing multiple times. As was the case the previous week, consistent penalty infringements late in the second half helped the Beasts to a 33 – 14 win.

On the back of four straight losses, Gordon scraped into the top 6 with a third match against Randwick scheduled for the calendar year. The Highlanders defended valiantly and took what attacking opportunities they could. However, the minor premier's ability score tries from turnover ball proved the difference between the teams. Gordon bowed out of finals footy, going down 33 – 7 at Chatswood Oval.

Following the numerous season ending injuries, weeks off for holidays and representative commitments, making the finals was a credible achievement for Gordon 2s colts. The early season goal of making the grand final had to be adjusted once legs on the ground became lighter as the season wore on. Realistically, the final's match versus Randwick pretty much saw the team play to the best of its potential – the opposition was just that much more powerful, smarter and executed their plays more proficiently.

That said, the players, individually and collectively, can improve on those three elements.

If the same playing group commit to season 2018 from the end of this year (rather than January next year) and get into the gym and put on some bulk and increase power, then the experience they gained from 2017 will stand them in good stead for 2018. Playing 18 rounds of rugby fresh out of (or in some cases, still in) school is an unknown phenomenon at the start of the season – it taxes the body; takes focus both long and short term; eats into social, family and work time; and presents numerous unforeseen physical and psychological difficulties. In the most part, the 2s colts side now have this experience. It is up to them how they wish to use it.

Credit to Hunta Campbell, Tom Wilks, Josh Marsh, Harry Cannel, Nic O'Donoghue, Clay Henry, Oliver Isles-Mann and Dan Atewell, all first-year colts who were members of the Gordon team that won the 2016 U17s Sydney wide Sunday competition. Many of those players started this season in 3s Colts and worked their way up to starting positions in 2s, with one holding down a regular 1s berth.

Special thanks to David Telfer and the 1s and 3s coaching team for their assistance throughout the year. I am very grateful to Steve Turner (coach), Gianni Valente (manager) and Rich Colley (runner) for their dedication and effort to making the 2s colts 2017 the season it was. For his first year in colts, Will Glascott lead the team with determination on the field and his commitment to gym work set an example for others to follow. I wish those players moving up to grade the best of luck – each of you can perform well and represent the club with distinction. For those colts returning, we left the job partly finished this year. Next year, we need to complete it.

**Tim Calvert - Coach, Steve Turner - Asst Coach, Rich Colley – Trainer, Gianni Valente - Manager**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Colts Report 2017



**Back Row:** Eric Stene

**Middle Row (Left to Right):** Robbie Barnard (Coach), Rocky Naati, Josh Marsh, Dan Attewell, Stuart Mackrell, Charlie Mannix, Jack Sharp, Nick Tracy, Harry Cannell, Will De Vries, Daniel Su, Richie Davis, Tim Calvert (Coach)

**Front Row:** Simon Tooth, Bryn James, Josh Vincenz, Oliver Iles-Mann, Lachie Richards, James Jackson, Simon Pursell, Louis Sollano-Antonio, Matt Anschau

The commencement of the 2017 season saw the luxury of a surplus of players that gave many options to the 3's coaching staff. With a plethora of forwards and only just enough backs we were fielding sides that could not give a lot of game time to a number of forwards. The season started well enough with more wins than losses. Training turnout was excellent and enthusiasm high.

Half way through the season we managed a top 6 position on the table. As each week progressed several injuries (both long term and in the short term) across all grades, saw numbers dwindle alarmingly – to a point where two thirds of the way through the season we could field a team but no one team was even close to the same as the previous week. To the boy's credit they stuck to their guns and played to the best of their abilities, even though some were playing out of position and in fact some forwards playing in the backs.

The Gordon team was one of the smallest sides if not the smallest side in the competition but never wavered in their commitment in front of much larger opposition each week. Sticking to their patterns and with some fabulous team work we were always in the hunt for a win. Each week the

same story started appearing, and with the last 10 to 15 minutes of each game our opposition gained the upper hand.

At around this same time players sadly disappeared for other activities and with a third of the season left there were few to training and attitude heading south. The coaching ranks changed, and Glen Tracey came on board to assist with the backs.

The last third of the season was really quite difficult and again each of the boys having to lift every week to bring an A grade game to a very difficult situation.

I would like to thank a number of the boys who were regulars at training, played out of position, brought their mates to fill player ranks, had fabulous attitudes and were the mainstay of an ever-changing landscape. Finishing 1 place out of the semis was disappointing especially after such a robust start to the season. I would like to thank Ollie, Eric, Bryn and Josh for their leadership on and off the paddock

I would also like to make special mention of Glen Tracey and Simon Archer who stepped into a backs coach and managers role respectively. Congratulations to the following players for their well-deserved year end awards;

Best Back – Ollie Iles Mann

Best Forward – Lachie Richards

**Michael Clifford/ Joel Thorpe – Co Coaches, Glen Tracey – Backs Coach, Simon Archer – Manager**



## **Presentation Night Awards – 2017**

### **COLTS AWARDS**

#### **Colts Thirds**

**Best forward:** Lachlan Richards

**Best back:** Oliver Iles-Mann

#### **Colts Seconds**

**Best forward:** Nick Tracy

**Best back:** Tom Wilks

#### **Colts Firsts**

**Best forward:** Deahn Wanstall

**Best back:** Borore Howton

### **GRADE AWARDS**

#### **Fourth Grade**

**Sportsmanship:** David Serukai

**Best and Fairest:** Mitch Lockley

#### **Third Grade**

**Sportsmanship:** James Sheppard

**Best and Fairest:** Jum Woodhill

#### **Second Grade**

**Sportsmanship:** Alex Barker

**Best and Fairest:** James Lough

#### **First Grade**

**Sportsmanship:** Talalelei Moli

**Best and Fairest:** Patolo Toeta

### **PERPETUAL AWARDS**

**200 Club Games:** Lachlan Mitchell and Matt McDougall

**100 Club Games:** Tristan Pixley

**Highest Colts Points Scorer:** Hugh Margin

**Highest Grade Points Scorer:** Paula Balekana

**Willoughby Cup (Greatest contribution by player or non-player):** Hugh Cropley

**Volunteer of the Year:** Steve de Lorenzo

**Pat Serisier Colts Rookie of the Year:** Hugh Margin

**Dave Bezer Cup - Most Improved Colts Player:** Bryn James

**Charles Blunt (Snr) Colt of the Year:** Lachlan Archer

**Dan Robinson Memorial Award - Grade Rookie of the Year:** Bill Freeman

**Most Improved Grade Player:** Andrew Seton

**Rob Allen Sportsman of the Year:** Nick Olive

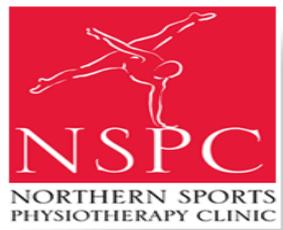
**Coaches Award:** Peter Koen

**Boyle Family Award:** Paula Balekana

**Friends of Gordon (FOGS) Alumni 2017 Player of the Year:** Jordan Goddard



*Paula Balekana and Club President Hayden Rorke, Bill Freeman with Club Captain Lachlan Mitchell and Jordan Goddard with FOGS Chairman Graeme Hearl*



## **Grade Physiotherapy Report - 2017**

Northern Sports Physiotherapy Clinic was delighted to be part of the GRUFC season again for 2017. We have provided physiotherapy services to the club since 2008, apart from a hiatus of 2 years (2013 & 2014). The season began with Nathan Sculthorpe doing a great job covering the first 6 rounds and trial matches. Unfortunately, Nathan moved on from the physiotherapy clinic and joined a rival Club (no transfer fees were paid). I was happy to be pulled out of Saturday work at the physio practice to once again return to the enjoyment of watching and being a part of the Gordon Rugby club which I have supported for so many years, even going along to games with my dad as a keen but average junior player. I began covering the grade games on the weekend we travelled to Orange – nice drive, good food, TV appearance carting Ru Wilson off the field, but an unfortunate result. However, it wasn't long before the club song was sung and the one of the best feelings was defeating Norths at home. Nathan was certainly a little sheepish and stunned by the result.

Unfortunately, the year was not a good one for injuries. I feel there was a number of shoulder injuries (stingers and AC joint disruptions), which were perhaps due to poor tackling technique (dropping a shoulder at contact). Undoubtedly there were several injuries, strains and niggles due to poor strength and conditioning which need not reflect the S&C staff, but rather some players' below average commitment to pre-season preparations. Whilst this has reportedly improved from previous years, it would still appear below par compared to the rest of the competition. This is certainly a controllable element. However, the vast majority of injuries were from contact and are part of the game. In total there were 20 season ending injuries, 3 were possibly preventable. There was a total of 162 injuries that I felt warranted a physio review at the Monday Clinic after a

game across all 4 grade teams over 18 rounds. This did not include finals or trial matches. Unfortunately, Monday Clinic was not well attended until the club offered it to players for free.

Moving forward to the 2018 season, Northern Sports Physiotherapy Clinic is once again delighted to provide physiotherapy services to the club. We have listened to the player feedback and have consequently made some changes. All player's will receive a \$20 discount on physiotherapy treatments. This amounts to a cost of only \$75 under our current charges for the physios looking after the teams and a further reduction depending on your health fund cover. Also, Monday night injury assessment clinics will be at Health Fund Rebate Only or \$40 if you don't have a Health Fund card on the night. I will be taking on a background advisory role to make way for Antonia Melo who has been promoted to cover Grade and Olivia Clarke will be covering Colts.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to Steve De Lorenzo for all his help and commitment and to the strappers, in particular Ed Gellert, Tiff Aldred, and Mi Dinh. Above all I would like to thank Dr Liz Swinburn who has been an immense bonus to the club and who enables the injury management team to provide the very best for the players. The medical and injury management that Liz has been able to provide and co-ordinate for the club is very rare in Sydney Club Rugby and certainly envied.

**Bruce Anderson**  
**Northern Sports Physiotherapy Clinic**

## **Colts Physiotherapy Report**

It was fantastic to be a part of the Gordon Rugby Club this season and be a part of the club as a physiotherapist from Northern Sports Physiotherapy Clinic. I was new to the club this year and felt included not only from players, but from the coaching and support staff. The culture of team mates and 'Staggie Pride' resonated throughout the season and it was hard not to feel pride in the boys as they played a great season.

One significant impact over the season was injuries. We had multiple injuries at the beginning of the season, averaging about eight players per Saturday and had three season ending injuries within the first five weeks. Due to the poor weather, the trial games leading up to the season were rained out, which I felt left the players unprepared for the season. The lack of pre-season individual commitment as well as commitment to strength and conditioning from each player is what I feel let the club down this season. However, I have already noticed a surge in motivation during the pre-season of 2018, which I believe has come from a communal place for the boys to train, guided by the new strength and conditioning staff.

I would like to thank Dr Liz Swinburn for all her support throughout the 2017 season. Not a week went by where she wasn't there to provide constant support to myself and the players and her involvement in the Gordon Rugby Club will be sorely missed. I would like to thank Steve De Lorenzo for assisting the Colts whenever needed even though he had his hands full with Grade. I would also like to thank Ed Gellert, Tiff Aldred and Mi Dinh for their help with strapping at training throughout the season.

**Antonia Melo**  
**Northern Sports Physiotherapy Clinic**

## **Sponsorship, Membership and Marketing Report 2017**

In 2017, we have had remarkable growth in overall sponsorship, continuing from 2016's increases, and the net result of this sponsorship has been one to celebrate.

This year, we have been very fortunate to secure Hamilton Island as our major sponsor. We thank Glenn Bourke and his team for his support of our Club and look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship.

We are most grateful for the backing in 2017 of Fitness First, the largest privately-owned health club in the world. Fitness First have provided us with the use of gym facilities for a multitude of our players which has ensured that Gordon Rugby literally hit the ground running this year.

We have also been very fortunate to secure sponsorship with the Greengate Hotel where we have held many of our official functions this year. We are looking forward to growing this sponsorship moving forward and providing discounts for our members and supporters at the same time.

UTS have continued their ongoing support of our Club and we are grateful for this. We are very keen to grow our student numbers into the future.

Curran Property has backed Gordon Rugby once again this year as one of our major sponsors. We thank Glenn for his support and general activity around the club.

Kingston Capital Services were generous in their sponsorship of our Annual Lunch which proved to be a hugely successful fundraiser and we look towards creating a beneficial relationship for both Kingston and our club moving forwards.

We also welcomed new sponsors in Wise, Jigsaw OOSH and PainAway and thank them for putting their trust in GRFC.

We acknowledge and are appreciative of the ongoing support of our sponsors for 2017: -

- Hamilton Island
- Fitness First
- Greengate Hotel
- UTS Scholarship Grant
- Curran
- Kingston Capital Services
- Mingara Leisure Group
- Lindfield Corporate Centre
- Lion Nathan (Tooheys)
- KFC
- AEI Insurance Broking Group
- DFK Richard Hill
- Forte Financial
- Alta Investment Management
- Rhino Rack
- Storage King
- IPMG
- Victor
- Glascott Landscape & Civil
- Premier Northpack

- Central Coast Academy of Sport
- Secure Parking
- Carfax
- Donnelly Constructions
- The Runaway Spoon
- Dentists@Pymble
- Amadan Beef
- McDonalds Gordon & North Ryde
- Wise
- PainAway
- Jigsaw OOSH

Membership has remained stable in 2017. Our General Manager, Christie Krenkels, has focused on increasing our database from 300 to over 1200 during the year so we will be working hard to add to this as well as to increase membership numbers for the 2018 season.

Our social media sites have excelled under the watch of Commercial Manager, Justin Rodgie, and Director, Angus Kingsmill, as we strive to have the strongest social media platform of any Club which we will also use to drive our membership numbers for 2018.

**Hayden Rorke**

For and on behalf of the Sponsorship Membership and Marketing Committee

## Club Sponsors 2017





## Social Media Report – 2017

Gordon Rugby enjoyed a very successful year on social media, moving from the 8<sup>th</sup> most followed and engaged with club to the best supported and engaged with.

There is an anomaly when looking at pure numbers, Parramatta has over 11,000 Facebook followers, but it is clear that many of these are “bought” as Gordon enjoys better engagement (likes, comments and shares) despite having a third of the followers. Our Facebook following has moved from 1,800 to 3,853 as well as an ex-players page of several hundred.

Gordon's Instagram page was one of the least followed in the Shute Shield (approximately 960) 10 months ago, although improving. It has grown by 650% to be easily the leading Instagram page in the Shute Shield.

The tables are below:

	INSTAGRAM	FACEBOOK	TOTAL
GORDON	6,680	3,855	10,533
WARRINGAH	3,663	3,931	7,594
RANDWICK	3,889	3,446	7,335
MANLY	1,772	5,211	6,983
EASTWOOD	1,402	4,015	5,417
EASTS	2,012	3,390	5,402
NORTHS	2,278	2,892	5,170
SYDNEY UNI	1,992	3,094	5,086
PARRAMATTA	1,112	11,490	12,602
SOUTHS	1,345	3,260	4,605
WEST HARBOUR	943	3,104	4,047
PENRITH	1,078	3,115	4,193

Summary: This is a great result, which has enhanced the community spirit of a great club in the communication form that is most relevant to the age demographic of our player roster.

Huge thanks to Justin Rodgie, Ruben Mackellar and several other players for working so hard in engaging the club community. They have done a superb job, but we need to be aware that this phenomenal level of growth will stagnate quickly if we don't continue investing small amounts in growing our audience and engagement.

Beyond building club community and potentially attracting a better player roster to the Gordon club, having a significant Facebook and Instagram audience makes the Gordon Rugby brand far more attractive to potential sponsors. As we continue to build our audience over the coming years, Gordon will become irresistible to sponsors.

**Angus Kingsmill**  
Social Media Co Ordinator

## **Gordon Rugby thanks our Photographers**

Thank you to Keith McInnes and Andrew Quinn for providing our brilliant photographs for the 2017 season. If you are interested in using their wonderful services, Keith can be contacted at [keith@mcinnesphotography.com.au](mailto:keith@mcinnesphotography.com.au) and Andrew can be contacted at [ajquinn@hotmail.com](mailto:ajquinn@hotmail.com).

Thanks also to our very own Colts Manager Billy Mac for his brilliant Colts pics.

## Volunteers Report – 2017



*Some of our valued Volunteers – Andrew Quinn, Tim Carroll, Steve Quoyale, James Herd, Ben and Priscilla Clarke, and Steve De Lorenzo*

Volunteers are the club's life-blood and they make or break a club. We have many volunteers, some of whom take on more than their fair share of responsibilities and the club is deeply in their debt. In no order, the club wishes to thank:

- Peter Sherwood, for countless hours spent on the club's finances and reporting, Friends of Gordon activities and communications, compilation of the Annual Report and general historical information.
- Tim Carroll, ground announcer and all-round Gordon stalwart.
- James Herd, for assisting at the ground announcer's desk, match day controller duties, and ground take down at the end of a day.
- Dick Huey, long-serving time keeper at all home games.
- Ace Naati, for helping out on all matters of communications and presentations.
- Ruben Mackellar and Will Makeig, for having helped propel the club's social media into a leader amongst the other clubs.
- Mitch De Lorenzo, upcoming referee who, when available, numerous times ran the sideline for us before going off to his own refereeing commitments.
- Andrew Quinn, for his managing of fourth grade and then his photography skills in capturing players, spectators and the action.
- Grade Team managers, Ian Crothers, Priscilla and Ben Clarke, Nick Olive, Andrew Quinn
- Nigel Lloyd-Thomas, for assisting in end of game day take down and clean-up.

- Dr. Liz Swinburn, for her provision of endless hours of medical services to the players both on game day and throughout the week including late night syringing of the odd cauliflower ear!
- Jordan Goddard, for running the water and many other game day duties whilst having to spend most of the season frustratingly injured.
- Nick Olive, for likewise having to experience the frustration of being injured all season, but throwing himself into team management and then even coaching!
- All the players who set up the ground in the morning of home games and then took down at the end.
- All the players who helped behind the BBQ.
- Steve Quoye, who assisted as ball “boy” for the lower grades both at home and away.
- Georgia Separovich, apart from her board duties, for helping out on The Gordon Foundation.
- Ross Carmichael, for putting up the fence each home game and helping out in the field set-up, take down and clean-up post game.
- Terry Preston for all his help in liaising with the junior village clubs and arranging ball kids.
- Graeme Hearl, for chairing the Friends of Gordon and his expert advice on refereeing errors!
- Alex Lennon, David Bezer, Will Zhou, Alistair Wilson, Angus Hordern and Alex Carmichael, all of whom also ran the sideline for fours, threes or twos, when they could.
- James Shannon, Paul Nicholson and Stirling Mortlock, for giving their time to the running of the Gordon Foundation
- Steve de Lorenzo, for turning up to all mid-week training sessions and game days to provide strapping services and then running the water for all grades.
- Volunteer coaches and managers, Lenny Rawara, Kieran Lewis, Richard Grant, Mark Fargas, David Zwart, Steve Phipps, Sam Phipps, Colin Dagger, Peter Koen, Robbie Barnard, Billy MacLean, Gianni Valente, Tim Calvert, Steve Turner, Joel Thorpe and Michael Clifford.
- Peter Bull, for his contribution to the Finance and Governance Committee and his involvement with the FOGS marquee on game day, in setting up and pulling down and all associated catering tasks!
- Al Kirkby for his expert culinary skills on the FOGS barbeque.
- Graham Nicol, for always being available on game day to help out in whatever way required.
- Andrew Lennon, for his active involvement in the rugby committee.
- Ivo Clarke, for his assisting in updating the club’s honor boards and the moving here there and everywhere of club equipment at start and end of season
- Vanessa Gliddon, apart from her board duties, for helping organize social functions throughout the season and “manning” the “sales desk” on game days to sell club merchandise etc.
- Norm Eakins, for his club archive keeping.

Apologies to anyone left out, but then again, that’s the beauty of all our volunteers...they do it for the love of the club and not for the accolade. See you all next year.

**Rick Seton – Volunteer Co-Ordinator**

## Community Liaison Committee – 2017



*Australian Coach Michael Cheika, flanked by Linda Bourke (left) and Glenn Bourke, CEO of Hamilton Island (right), at our Annual Lunch*

The Community Liaison Committee had a very successful 2017 and we are indebted to our conscientious assistants, Hayden Rorke, new Director Vanessa Gliddon, GM Christie Krenkels and Commercial Manager, Justin Rodgie, and our Club Captain Lachie Mitchell for their support and assistance throughout this busy year.

We welcomed Karen Watson, a media and photography specialist, who produced quality programs for us on Grade game day. Last year's UTS intern, Jasmin De La Cruz, following on from the event management experience she gained with us last year, produced some terrific flyers for us as well as a calendar for Grade and Colts which was displayed each week in Tartan Talk, giving members the ability to plan.

Our thanks also go to our chief photographers (Keith McInnes, Andrew Quinn and Billy MacLean) who have provided such great shots of our Highlanders and supporters.

We launched the season with a celebration at The Greengate Hotel, a new sponsor for 2017 and the home of many of our functions throughout the year. Apart from post-match celebrations and our Season Launch, the Greengate has been home to our Colts Welcome Dinner, FOGS 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Dinner and Presentation Night as well.

We were again grateful to have the services of barista Mario who served up cappuccinos from his coffee cart all season.

Thanks to Terry Preston and Little Legends, we had ball boys and girls from our 8 Village Clubs to toss the coin at match start and retrieve the ball for our players, a thrill for the youngsters.

Whilst we were unable to secure any Super Saturdays during 2017, we hosted Pacific Day against Penrith with inspiring Polynesian dancers who gave performances which will live on in the memories of those who witnessed them.

This year, Gordon 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Eastern Suburbs travelled to Orange to put on a show for the locals. This proved to be hugely successful and something which the NSWRU are very keen to continue and expand on.

Grade Ladies Day was hugely successful thanks to the organizational talent of Olivia Rorke and Isabella Mahoney, raising much-needed funds for the charity Dreams2Live4. The players wore pink jerseys donated by FiTa and provided a spectacle by defeating last year's Shute Shield premiers, Norths – a memorable day. Our Colts Ladies Day also attracted big numbers thanks to the work put in by Sam Reimer and was a successful addition to the Gordon Rugby calendar.

We were again successful in bidding to host the Colts Semi-Finals and Finals at Chatswood Oval at the end of the season. This required a massive input from volunteers to whom we are very thankful as this proved to be a great fundraiser for the club.

This year's Annual Lunch was held at Doltone House Hyde Park with All Black Andrew Mehrtens and Wallaby coach Michael Cheika as our guest speakers. Together with Rod Kafer as MC, the three celebrities provided wonderful entertainment, and this helped the live auction run exceptionally well. The party carried on at the Tattersalls Club afterwards and the end result was a very big profit for GRFC.

Rick Seton continued his wonderful work allocating certain home days to our Junior Clubs, creating a great atmosphere for all. The juniors tried their hands at kicking competitions at half time and some were even lucky enough to be invited into the post-match dressing room to be entertained by 1<sup>st</sup> Grade belting out "A Gordon For Me".

In 2017, the Gordon Junior Representative teams again held their presentation at Chatswood Oval before 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and the result was a huge turnout and a very successful day. The more opportunities we have to link our Juniors with our Seniors is something we are working hard to develop and nurture.

This year's Presentation Night at the Greengate Hotel was a resounding success. We had a great turnout of 150 players, coaches, managers and supporters attend the function, which had a great vibe, and hear the many tales from this season. A huge thanks to Lachie Mitchell who was so captivating and sincere as MC for the night.

To our USA Tour Party leaving our shores in December this year, we wish you the very best of luck over in the States. You have done an incredible job of fundraising extending from wine sales to helping on the BBQ, manning the gate on game day, selling tickets for our weekly meat tray and sourcing auction items for sale at our Annual Lunch. Special thanks go to Hugh Cropley, Henry Carmichael, Lachie Mitchell, Andrew Chapman and Ian Crothers for going above and beyond the call of duty to make this happen for our tour boys.

Planning for 2018 is already in full swing with functions being organized for next year. Please mark your diaries for Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – our Gordon Rugby Annual Lunch at Doltone House Hyde Park. If you or any of your contacts would be interested in sponsoring the lunch or donating goods and services to help our fundraising initiative, we would be very keen to hear from you - please contact our GM, Christie Krenkels, on [generalmanager@gordonrugby.com.au](mailto:generalmanager@gordonrugby.com.au).

**Dr Elizabeth Swinburn**  
For and on behalf of the Community Liaison Committee



*Village Club Days at Chatswood Oval*



*Pacific/ Polynesian Day at Chatswood Oval*



*Ladies Day at Chatswood Oval*

## **Gordon Rugby Foundation Report – 2017**

The Gordon Rugby Foundation continued to build and develop throughout 2017 as we entered our second year since being established in 2016. Through the Australian Sports Foundation, a tax effective platform has been established in order to secure the financial future of the Gordon Rugby Club and to focus on the following areas as per our charter:

1. Sustain on-field success including player welfare and development for Grade and Colts;
2. Maintenance and improvement of Club facilities and amenities;
3. Development of a pathway for women's rugby in the Gordon catchment;
4. Support and development of our junior clubs; and
5. Community engagement, social inclusion and support for our indigenous players.

To date, the Foundation has raised over \$ 58,430 from multiple donors, spent \$30,369 on worthy projects managed through the Foundation Committee comprised of James Shannon (Chairman), Stirling Mortlock, Paul Nicholson, Georgia Separovich and Hugh Cropley.

In 2017, the Foundation arranged to host and facilitate the inaugural Gordon Junior's VIVA 7s gala day; however, consistent wet weather through February and March 2017 led to the cancellation of the carnival. It is our intention to run similar carnivals in the future.

Additionally, further support was provided the Gordon Grade and Colts 7s sides throughout the year along with numerous other initiatives.

A highlight of the year was the relationship formed with Peter Murphy from the Australian Rugby Foundation. Peter provided the Gordon Foundation with several initiatives and a strong framework to build on in 2018. Furthermore, Peter was very impressed with the progress of the Gordon Rugby Foundation to date and has offered his assistance in providing further guidance to raise funds.

Once again, thank you to all our donors and the continued support shown from the Gordon Rugby Community in 2017 – we look forward to raising more money in 2018 and continuing to financially support the rise of Gordon Rugby!

**Hugh Cropley**

**On behalf of the Gordon Rugby Foundation Committee**

## Friends of Gordon (FOGS) Alumni Report – 2017



*1967 1st Grade Grand Final Team members and current FOGS*

*Alastair McTavish and David Leckie, 2017 FOGS 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Dinner - Tim Wedlock, Jordan Goddard, Norm Tasker, Mark Philp (Head Coach) and Graeme Hearl*

The Friends of Gordon (FOGS) Alumni provide support and encouragement to the Gordon Rugby Club Football Club Ltd, and are a separate entity to the club. All are financial members of the Rugby Club and whilst closely linked, the assets of the Alumni are separate from those of the Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd.

### **2017 Priorities, Initiatives and Outcomes**

- **“Friends of Gordon Scholarship Fund”** - Invest in the development of talented players through the extension **“Friends of Gordon Scholarship Fund”** started last, to provide educational and assistance (tertiary or technical) to talented individuals (male or female) from the Gordon Juniors/ Central Coast, of Indigenous background or the Country. This fund will compliment but not replace or take priority over Gordon Rugby’s existing

Scholarship Agreement with UTS. Scholarship recommendations will be reviewed by a FOGS Sub Committee comprising of Peter Matthews, Graeme Hearl and Peter Bull.

- ***“The Friends of Gordon Player Award”*** - Create a yearend award – ***“The Friends of Gordon Player Award”*** – Grade, Colts, Sevens or Women’s Rugby, voted on by the FOGS Alumni on the player who they believe best represented the traditions and values of Gordon Rugby – on and off the field throughout the year. The award will be a perpetual trophy.
- ***Community Engagement*** - Continue to invest and participate in Community events such as ANZAC Day etc.
- ***Gordon Tradition and History*** - Continue to invest in helping today’s generation of players understand and appreciate the traditions and history of Gordon Rugby through hosting a ***1<sup>st</sup> Grade Team Dinner*** with guest speakers, and a ***Colts Family Barbeque***
- ***FOG Marquee on Match Days*** - Host Alumni Members and Guests in FOG Marquee at selected Home Matches, such as the Local Derby with Norths, the Annual Friends of Warringah match and any other key matches determined appropriate by the FOGS Committee.
- ***2017 Gordon Rugby Tour*** – The FOGS donate some merchandise that can be used to generate income for the proposed 2017 Tour being planned.

In line with the above and our Charter, spending for 2017 was as follows;

- ✓ Supporting talented 1<sup>st</sup> year Colt Kyle Brown’s 1<sup>st</sup> year tuition fees at ACPE under the ***“Friends of Gordon Scholarship Fund”***
- ✓ Subsidised the very successful 2017 Parents/ Colts Dinner held at The Greengate Hotel under the ***“Gordon History and Traditions”*** priority.
- ✓ Updated all Gordon Rugby Honour Boards under the ***“Gordon History and Traditions”*** priority.
- ✓ Introduced ***“The Friends of Gordon Player Award”*** perpetual trophy as nominated by the Alumni, this year won by Jordan Goddard.
- ✓ Donated \$3,000 to the Gordon Rugby Club USA Tour Fund specifically for purchasing tour gear under the ***“2017 Gordon Rugby Tour”*** priority.
- ✓ Donated 8 Dead Ball Matts for the Rugby club.
- ✓ Hosted the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations at FOG Marquee for the 1976 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Grand Final team, the 1976 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Premiership team, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations for the 1977 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade premiership team and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations for the 2007 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Premiership team under the ***“Gordon History and Traditions”*** priority.
- ✓ Provided catering at ‘FOG Marquee’ for FOGS, their guests and Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd Sponsors on Grade home games per the ***“FOG Marquee on Match Days”*** priority.
- ✓ Donated on behalf of the Alumni to NSW Wheelchair Rugby per the ***“Community Engagement”*** priority.
- ✓ Donated Gordon Rugby Caps to the Gordon Juniors per the ***“Gordon History and Traditions”*** priority.

- ✓ Donated to the Nepalese Rugby Fund as part of an initiative being led by former Gordon players Matt Dixon and Brett O'Neill per the **"Community Engagement"** priority
- ✓ Donated a Gordon 1<sup>st</sup> Grade jersey worn on Ladies day to the Mid North Coast Rugby Union for auction at their annual fundraising event per the **"Community Engagement"** priority.
- ✓ Purchased wreaths on behalf of the Gordon Rugby Community to lay at the ANZAC Day ceremonies held at Chatswood RSL, Roseville RSL and Hornsby RSL per the **"Community Engagement"** priority.
- ✓ Purchased a wreath on behalf of the Gordon Rugby Community for the funeral of Lachlan Ward, the Warringah player who tragically died during a match against Gordon per the **"Community Engagement"** priority.
- ✓ Purchased a wreath on behalf of the Friends of Gordon Alumni for the funeral of Life member Bernie Shirvington per the **"Gordon History and Traditions"** priority.
- ✓ Hosted one pre-season and two in-season barbeques at training for players and coaches under the **"Gordon History and Traditions"** priority.
- ✓ Hosted a dinner for the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Squad and coaching staff at The Greengate Hotel at which guest Speakers Norm Tasker and Tim Wedlock shared their life experiences on why Gordon has and is an important part of their lives under the **"Gordon History and Traditions"** priority.

In addition, the FOGS were able assist with employment opportunities for players during the year where we could, opportunities which were greatly appreciated and greatly enhances the club's reputation as a club that seeks to provide support wherever it can in developing playing and life skills.

We continued to forge relationships with other clubs who have "Friends of" organisations again hosting the **"Friends of Warringah"** Alumni at Chatswood in a most memorable afternoon!

"FOG Marquee" is erected at all home games, providing the opportunity for our sponsors to not only enjoy games on the field but also mingle with former players and supporters in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It is a terrific rallying point for a great afternoon of rugby and social banter at Chatswood Oval. During the year we regularly hosted major sponsors of Gordon Rugby, Glenn Curran from Curran Property, Richard Cropley from Rhino Racks and Paul Nicholson from Alta Investment Management, plus Maurie Graham's daughters and their families in our annual **"Maurie Graham Marquee"** day.

**Peter Sherwood**  
For and on behalf of the "Friends of Gordon" Steering Committee

## Premiership Tables – 2017 Shute Shield – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PD	BP	PTS
1	Manly	18	14	3	1	248	16	74
2	Southern Districts	18	13	5	0	249	14	66
3	Warringah	18	11	5	2	213	17	65
4	Randwick	18	11	5	2	223	16	64
5	Northern Suburbs	18	10	8	0	217	20	60
6	Eastwood	18	10	7	1	144	13	55
7	Sydney University	18	10	7	1	97	13	55
8	West Harbour	18	10	8	0	-38	14	54
9	Eastern Suburbs	18	6	11	1	11	13	39
10	Gordon	18	6	12	0	-187	15	39
11	Parramatta	18	3	15	0	-486	9	21
12	Penrith	18	0	18	0	-691	10	10

## Colin Caird Shield – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PD	BP	PTS
1	Sydney University	18	12	5	1	344	15	65
2	Manly	18	12	6	0	265	16	64
3	Southern Districts	18	11	6	1	304	14	60
4	Warringah	18	11	6	1	281	13	59
5	Eastwood	18	13	4	1	264	14	58
6	Randwick	18	11	6	1	227	11	57
7	Northern Suburbs	18	10	7	1	64	14	56
8	Eastern Suburbs	18	10	8	0	215	11	51
9	Gordon	18	8	10	0	-95	8	40
10	West Harbour	18	5	13	0	-239	7	27
11	Parramatta	18	2	16	0	-390	9	17
12	Penrith	18	0	18	0	-1240	1	1

## Henderson Shield – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PD	BP	PTS
1	Eastwood	18	14	3	1	289	16	74
2	Warringah	18	14	3	1	247	15	73
3	Sydney University	18	13	4	1	267	12	66
4	Randwick	18	11	6	1	211	16	62
5	Manly	18	12	6	0	192	14	62
6	Gordon	18	12	6	0	86	14	62
7	Northern Suburbs	18	10	8	0	129	10	50
8	Eastern Suburbs	18	7	11	0	28	11	39

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PD	BP	PTS
9	Southern Districts	18	6	12	0	-165	7	31
10	West Harbour	18	4	14	0	-238	8	24
11	Parramatta	18	3	15	0	-542	4	16
12	Penrith	18	0	18	0	-504	0	0

### Henderson Cup – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PD	BP	PTS
1	Sydney University	18	16	2	0	352	14	78
2	Northern Suburbs	18	15	1	2	300	8	72
3	Eastwood	18	12	5	1	377	15	65
4	Gordon	18	12	6	0	108	13	61
5	Warringah	18	10	6	2	141	13	57
6	Randwick	18	10	7	1	57	11	53
7	Manly	18	9	9	0	12	10	46
8	West Harbour	18	7	11	0	-34	9	37
9	Southern Districts	18	5	12	1	-191	5	27
10	Parramatta	18	5	13	0	-343	6	26
11	Eastern Suburbs	18	3	14	1	-275	5	19
12	Penrith	18	0	18	0	-504	0	0

### W McMahon Memorial Shield – 1st Colts

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PD	BP	PTS
1	Sydney University	18	18	0	0	619	16	88
2	Randwick	18	15	3	0	414	15	75
3	Eastwood	18	11	6	1	272	15	61
4	Eastern Suburbs	18	11	7	0	173	17	61
5	Southern Districts	18	10	7	1	171	15	57
6	Warringah	18	9	8	1	47	17	55
7	Manly	18	9	8	1	77	14	52
8	Northern Suburbs	18	9	9	0	-11	8	44
9	Gordon	18	6	12	0	-134	9	33
10	Parramatta	18	5	12	1	-129	10	32
11	West Harbour	18	2	15	1	-612	3	13
12	Penrith	18	0	18	0	-887	1	1

### Shell Trophy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Colts

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PD	BP	PTS
1	Randwick	18	17	1	0	733	15	83
2	Eastern Suburbs	18	16	2	0	435	16	80
3	Sydney University	18	15	3	0	495	16	76
4	Northern Suburbs	18	14	4	0	302	16	72
5	Southern Districts	18	11	7	0	87	15	59

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PD	BP	PTS
6	Gordon	18	9	9	0	-45	11	47
7	Warringah	18	8	10	0	-88	8	40
8	Eastwood	18	7	11	0	84	16	39
9	Manly	18	3	15	0	-390	9	21
10	West Harbour	18	3	15	0	-584	4	16
11	Penrith	18	3	15	0	-611	4	16
12	Parramatta	18	2	16	0	-418	6	14

### Bill Simpson Shield – 3<sup>rd</sup> Colts

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PD	BP	PTS
1	Sydney University	18	16	2	0	390	15	79
2	Eastwood	18	13	5	0	302	13	65
3	Randwick	18	16	2	0	607	16	60
4	Eastern Suburbs	18	12	6	0	122	8	56
5	Warringah	18	10	7	1	53	14	56
6	Parramatta	18	11	7	0	9	10	54
7	Gordon	18	6	12	0	-77	12	36
8	Manly	18	7	11	0	-241	10	36
9	Northern Suburbs	18	6	11	1	-139	9	35
10	Southern Districts	18	6	12	0	-112	8	32
11	West Harbour	18	4	14	0	-410	6	22
12	Penrith	18	0	18	0	-504	0	0

### Club Championship - Gregor George Cup

Club	Points
Sydney University Rugby Union Football Club	2901
Randwick Rugby Union Football Club	2757
Eastwood District Rugby Union Football Club	2612
Warringah Rugby Union Football Club	2602
Manly Rugby Union Football Club	2563
Northern Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club	2436
Southern Districts Rugby Union Football Club	2316
Eastern Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club	1982
Gordon Rugby Football Club	1870
West Harbour Rugby Union Football Club	1464

Club	Points
Parramatta Rugby Union Football Club	977
Penrith Rugby Union Football Club	212

## Colts Club Championship - Eric Spilsted Shield

Club	Points
Sydney University Rugby Union Football Club (Colts)	914
Randwick Rugby Union Football Club (Colts)	819
Eastern Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club (Colts)	718
Eastwood District Rugby Union Football Club (Colts)	613
Southern Districts Rugby Union Football Club (Colts)	583
Warringah Rugby Union Football Club (Colts)	562
Northern Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club (Colts)	550
Manly Rugby Union Football Club (Colts)	447
Gordon Rugby Football Club (Colts)	411
Parramatta Rugby Union Football Club (Colts)	342
West Harbour Rugby Union Football Club (Colts)	170
Penrith Rugby Union Football Club (Colts)	54

## Club Point Scorers for 2017 Grade and Colts

Player	Total Points		Player	Total Points	
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade			2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade		
Paula Balekana	110		Alex Seini		86
Patolo Toeta	84		Thomas Horan		30
Matt Hayter	51		Jarrod Dowie		24
Bill Freeman	45		Lachlan Brock		20
Talalelei Moli	30		Lachlan Mitchell		20
Brandon Quinn	25		Male Vukinamualevu		20

Alec Palmer	20			Marcus Hundt	20
Mike Kennedy	14			Patolo Toeta	18
Andrew Seton	10			Alexander Barker	17
Erik Moss	10			Mike Kennedy	16
Harry Rorke	10			Barry McLaughlin	15
Jack Maguire	10			Erik Moss	15
Luke Papworth	10			Matt Hayter	13
Mark Johnson	10			Andrew Boyce	10
Tobias Gukibau	10			Andrew Seton	10
Alexander Barker	5			Ashley Goddard	10
James Holden	5			Harry Rorke	10
James Lough	5			James Woodhill	10
John Dempsey	5			Kurtis Quinn	10
Jordan Goddard	5			Sione Hifo	10
Marcus Hundt	5			Tobias Gukibau	10
Matthew McDougall	5			Andrew Chapman	5
Raven Nurse	5			Fergus Mitra	5
Roni Scarano	5			James Fletcher	5
Ruairidh Wilson	5			James Holden	5
Samuel Mete	5			Josh Mitchell	5
Simon Tevita	5			Nicholas Brown	5
Jarrold Dowie	2			Rodney Maa	5
				Roni Scarano	5
				Sam Bennetts	5
				Samuel Mete	5
				Vilimone Turagarua	5

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

William Shirvington	49
James Woodhill	25
Vilimone Turagarua	25
Jarrold Dowie	19
James Dainton	17
Kurtis Quinn	15
Lachlan Brock	15
Sam Bennetts	15
Samuel Frankham	15
Barry McLaughlin	14
Alexander Barker	10
Andrew Bligh	10
Ashley Goddard	10

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

William Shirvington	50
Mitchell Lockley	35
Luke Gardner	30
Lachlan Camp	25
Lachlan Burke	23
Jack Tourish	21
Oscar Woods	20
Solomon Saukuru	20
Henry Carmichael	19
Hugh Morgan	15
Ashley Goddard	10
Hamish Hall	10
Samuel Frankham	10

Frank Malu	10		Scott Nicol	10
James Byrne	10		Tom Carruthers	7
Joseph Stageman	10		Adam Vilimaa	5
Marcus Hundt	10		Andrew Boyce	5
Samuel Mete	10		Benjamin Butler	5
Solomon Saukuru	10		Bryan Croke	5
Tom Carruthers	8		James Ampherlaw	5
Henry Carmichael	7		James Byrne	5
Adam Vilimaa	5		James Fletcher	5
Alexander Gregory	5		Joseph Stageman	5
Fergus Mitra	5		Justin Rodgie	5
Hugh Morgan	5		Michael Manners	5
Lachlan Camp	5		Rasmus Pieter Burger	5
Mitchell Lockley	5		Rodney Maa	5
Nathan Kelly	5		Ross Aitken	5
Nicholas Brown	5		Samuel Milgate	5
Ratu Epli Drau Ranitu	5			
Saiyasi Ikanidrodro	5			
Tom Howarth	5			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Colts</b>			<b>2nds Colts</b>	
Hugh Margin	60		Bryn James	40
Angus Margin	30		Bryce Duxbury	34
Leo Bosch	30		Oliver Iles-Mann	28
Kyle Brown	27		Brandon Marsh	27
Daniel Lombardi	20		Saul McCredie	26
Nick Brown	15		Hayden Kendall	25
Conor Fahey	11		Joshua Vinzenz	25
Campbell Clifford	10		Ryan Haskard	25
Deahn Wanstall	10		Daniel Lombardi	10
Don Sa'u	10		Hugh Roberts	10
Levi Tofa	10		Hunta Campbell	10
Nicholas O'Donohue	10		Jack Goode	10
Rory Burns	10		Sam Reimer	10
Simon Pursell	10		Simon Pursell	10
Borore Howton	5		Will Denny	10
Francis Cutler	5		Thomas Wilks	7
Harrison Clay	5		Jesse Montagu	6
Jack Mazaraki	5		Byron Blaik	5
Jake Pirina	5		Eric Stene	5
Lachlan Archer	5		Harrison Clay	5

Nicholas Brown	5			Jack Sharp	5
Saiyasi Ikanidrodoro	5			Matthew Hayes	5
Tom Silk	5			Patrick Bezzi	5
William Mitchell	5			Will Glascott	5
<b>3rds Colts</b>					
Oliver Iles-Mann	27				
Saul McCredie	24				
Bryn James	15				
Bryce Duxbury	12				
Lachlan Richards	12				
Andrew Munchenberg	10				
Conor Hurley	10				
Hayden Kendall	10				
Joshua Marsh	10				
Nicholas O'Donohue	10				
Tom Scambler	10				
Alexander Wall	5				
Charlie Mannix	5				
Daniel Copping	5				
Elliot Gehrig	5				
Fononga Naati	5				
Harry Cannell	5				
Jake Pirina	5				
Jesse Montagu	5				
Lucas Choi	5				
Patrick Bezzi	5				
Simon Tooth	5				
Thomas Wilks	5				
William de Vries	5				
Alexander Barker	4				
Stuart Mackrell	4				
Angus Margin	2				

### Current Players Club Games at end 2017

First Name	Surname	TOTAL	Colts	Grade	1st Grade
Kieran	Lewis	229	0	213	16
Lachlan	Mitchell	208	26	123	59
Matthew	McDougall	203	14	59	130
Michael	Balk	191	102	89	0

William	Shirvington	184	50	99	35
Tobias	Gukibau	170	0	18	152
Cameron	Thorburn	170	48	106	16
Andrew	Chapman	164	27	88	49
Osaiasi	Naati	156	43	113	0
Erik	Moss	145	30	47	68
Hugh	Cropley	144	50	65	29
Michael	Manners	141	44	69	28
Mark	Johnson	123	0	56	67
Matthew	Hayter	115	52	26	37
Henry	Carmichael	115	57	31	27
Alec	Palmer	95	14	53	28
Ronnie	Scarano	95	33	11	51
Luke	Gardner	95	34	61	0
Brandon	Quinn	94	32	20	42
Grant	Hutt	92	26	66	0
Justin	Rodgie	91	15	76	0
Alexander	Gregory	87	30	42	15
James	Fletcher	86	29	55	2
Andrew	Boyce	85	28	55	2
Lachlan	Camp	81	0	80	1
Samuel	Frankham	80	60	20	0
Marcus	Hundt	76	55	15	6
Alexander	Barker	73	35	33	5
Samuel	Milgate	73	0	71	2
Andrew	Seton	68	10	29	29
Tristan	Pixley	68	0	68	0
Luke	Papworth	67	15	10	42
Josh	Mitchell	66	41	25	0
David	Serukai	65	23	42	0
Andrew	Bligh	64	32	24	8
Jordan	Small	64	42	22	0
James	Lough	63	30	14	19
Benjamin	Butler	61	41	16	4
Patrick	Sutton	60	43	17	0
Jack	Margin	60	46	14	0
Ruairidh	Wilson	59	0	0	59
Lachlan	Brock	59	23	33	3
Nick	Fraser	58	0	4	54
Samuel	Mete	58	23	15	20

William	Makeig	57	41	16	0
Robert	Lacinski	57	37	20	0
Sam	Reimer	57	57	0	0
Sean	Dillon	55	24	19	12
Ruben	Mackellar	54	39	15	0
Scott	Nicol	51	0	51	0
Kurtis	Quinn	51	30	21	0
Harry	Rorke	50	6	12	32
Brandon	Marsh	48	48	0	0
Eric	Stene	46	46	0	0
James	Dainton	43	31	12	0
Oscar	Woods	42	0	42	0
Adam	Vilimaa	42	1	27	14
Ashley	Goddard	42	0	34	8
Thomas	Parrish	41	7	33	1
Lachlan	Archer	41	41	0	0
Campbell	Clifford	41	41	0	0
Male	Vukinamualevu	40	0	28	12
Jordan	Goddard	39	0	18	21
Nathan	Kelly	39	17	20	2
William	Pasi	38	0	34	4
James	Byrne	38	17	21	0
Jack	Dempsey	36	0	7	29
Paul	Balekana	36	0	6	30
Richard	Davis	35	35	0	0
Angus	Margin	34	34	0	0
Bryn	James	33	33	0	0
Jack	Maquire	32	0	1	31
Sam	Bennetts	32	0	31	1
Byron	Blaik	32	32	0	0
Valentin	Castellan	31	0	21	10
Matthew	Long	31	31	0	0
Oliver	Harradine	29	28	1	0
Kristian	Souvaliotis	29	29	0	0
Alexander	Wall	29	29	0	0
William	Halliday	28	28	0	0
Aaron	Hutt	27	22	5	0
Joseph	Stageman	27	16	11	0
Jarrold	Dowie	25	0	19	6
Mitchell	Lockley	25	0	25	0

James	Ampherlaw	24	11	13	0
William	Dempsey	23	18	5	0
Elliot	Gehrig	23	23	0	0
Thomas	O'Reilly	23	23	0	0
Lachlan	Richards	23	23	0	0
Hugh	Morgan	22	10	12	0
Hamish	Hall	22	0	22	0
Joshua	Vincenz	22	22	0	0
Vilimone	Turagurua	21	0	18	3
James	Woodhill	21	0	21	0
Will	Denny	21	21	0	0
Nicolas	Hrdina	21	21	0	0
Daniel	Rorke	21	21	0	0
Matthew	Renshaw	20	20	0	0
Clay	Henry	20	20	0	0
Jack	Sharp	20	20	0	0
Tom	Carruthers	19	0	15	4
Thomas	Horan	19	0	16	3
Nicholas	Brown	19	13	5	1
Hugh	Margin	19	18	1	0
Oliver	Isles-Mann	19	19	0	0
Hayden	Kendall	19	19	0	0
Daniel	Sutton	19	19	0	0
Talalelei	Moli	18	0	0	18
Sam	Lawson	18	18	0	0
Kyle	Brown	18	18	0	0
Will	Glascott	18	18	0	0
Nicholas	O'Donohoe	18	18	0	0
Deahn	Wanstall	18	18	0	0
Bill	Freeman	17	0	0	17
Simon	Tevita	17	0	0	17
Patolo	Toeta	17	0	3	14
Paul	Katia	17	0	17	0
Solomon	Saukuru	17	0	17	0
Daniel	Lombardi	17	16	1	0
Daniel	Attewell	17	17	0	0
Hunta	Campbell	17	17	0	0
Bryce	Duxbury	17	17	0	0
Borore	Howton	17	17	0	0
Rodney	Maa	16	0	9	7

Barry	McLaughlin	16	0	15	1
Jock	Robertson-Kirkwood	16	15	1	0
William	Mitchell	16	16	0	0
Lucas	Choi	16	16	0	0
Kristian	Souvaliotis	16	16	0	0
Thomas	WILKS	16	16	0	0
Mitchell	Ward	15	8	7	0
Alex	Seini	15	0	13	2
Conor	Hurley	15	15	0	0
Leo	Bosch	15	15	0	0
Saul	McCredie	15	15	0	0
Callum	McKenzie	14	0	6	8
Ratu	Epeli	14	0	14	0
Raven	Nurse	13	0	0	13
Frank	Malu	13	0	12	1
Christopher	Micali	13	0	12	1
Fergus	Mitra	13	0	12	1
James	Sheppard	13	0	13	0
Jack	Mazaraki	13	13	0	0
Patrick	Bezzi	13	13	0	0
Rory	Burns	13	13	0	0
Daniel	Copping	13	13	0	0
Hugh	Roberts	13	13	0	0
Francis	Auwerda	12	0	2	10
Mike	Kennedy	12	0	5	7
William	Hunting	12	0	12	0
Harry	Cannell	12	12	0	0
Ryan	Haskard	12	12	0	0
Stuart	Mackrell	12	12	0	0
Fononga	Naati	12	12	0	0
Tom	Howarth	11	0	11	0
Rasmus	Pieter	11	0	11	0
Alex	Hancock	11	11	0	0
Kaveinga	Naati	11	11	0	0
Joshua	Marsh	11	11	0	0
Francis	Cutler	10	10	0	0
Charlie	Mannix	10	10	0	0
Ross	Aitken	9	0	9	0
James	Holden	9	0	4	5
Matt	Anschau	9	9	0	0

Harrison	Clay	9	9	0	0
Andrew	Munchenberg	9	9	0	0
Daniel	Tuiuloto	9	9	0	0
Jordan	Sharp	8	0	8	0
Lance	Tupaea	8	0	8	0
Jack	Goode	8	8	0	0
Voi	Aisake	7	0	7	0
William	De Vries	7	7	0	0
Jesse	Montagu	7	7	0	0
Tiakiwai	Rangi	7	7	0	0
Matthew	Hayes	6	6	0	0
Don	Sa'u	6	3	3	0
Tristan	Kennedy	6	6	0	0
Tom	Slk	6	6	0	0
Maddie	Wise	6	6	0	0
Conor	Fahey	5	5	0	0
James	Jackson	5	5	0	0
Tom	Scambler	5	5	0	0
Levi	Tofa	5	5	0	0
Kane	Ladhams	4	0	1	3
Jiale	Seninawahawa	4	0	3	1
Jack	Tourish	4	0	4	0
Tevita	Faulao	4	4	0	0
Jake	Pirina	4	4	0	0
Chris	Scott	4	4	0	0
Akeai	Tawake	4	4	0	0
Thomas	Beverley	3	0	3	0
Zach	Lees	3	0	3	0
Matthew	Micali	3	0	3	0
Beau	Vrbas	3	0	3	0
Li-Han	Wei	3	0	3	0
Saiyasi	Ikanidrodoro	3	2	1	0
Jeremy	Abdullah	3	3	0	0
Simon	Tooth	3	3	0	0
Bryan	Croke	2	0	2	0
Nicola	Furlan	2	0	2	0
Sione	Hifo	2	0	2	0
Joape	Rokosuka	2	0	2	0
Herona	Tonjia	2	0	2	0
Junior	Joape	1	0	1	0

Ryan	Metelovski	1	0	1	0
Leon	Sharp	1	0	1	0
Alex	Famularo	1	1	0	0
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