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The NSWRU board is committed to ensuring that the solid management of the company's finances continues as we push forward into the future.

2004 heralded the beginning of a significant new era for Rugby in New South Wales, in that it was the first full calendar year since the NSW Board reclaimed governance of the game from the Australian Rugby Union. 2004 saw us welcome a new coach, new players and a new Chief Executive Officer, all of whom have helped set up new programs and processes to see the Union forge a new direction.

The year ended with a surplus of almost \$1 Million. With this position of financial strength behind us, we can continue the good work carried out in 2004 as the New Year grows older.

May I thank my fellow members of the Board of Directors who have worked tirelessly to build upon the foundation the Rugby World Cup year 2003 provided. In particular, I would like to express my gratitude to CEO Fraser Neill, who since coming on board in May 2004 has done everything in his power to further NSWRU's cause in every aspect of its operation.

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To Fraser Neill and his team at headquarters, well done! This small but committed group of individuals has banded together to ensure the progress of 2003 wasn't lost, further ensuring a sound future for the Union.

Crowds for Super 12 matches have remained strong. An average of over 30,000 people attended home matches, while season pass sales continued their solid growth.

The HSBC Waratahs head into the new season with a new found sense of vigour and optimism, thanks in no small part to the leadership shown by the coaching staff and a solid core of senior players. With Head Coach Ewen McKenzie continuing to implement new strategies and

programs aimed at improving performances on and off the field, a bright future is assured. The aim for 2005 is to improve on last year's performance, and with the personnel we have on board I'm confident a semi final place can be ours.

The squad itself was bolstered during late 2004 by the recruitment of a band of keen new youngsters who, it's hoped will evolve into stars over the course of the coming season. The season-ending tour of Argentina, another McKenzie innovation, helped identify these players, and they've since thrived under the tutelage of the Waratah coaching staff.

Players such as Wycliff Palu, Chris O'Young and Winston Mafi were signed as a result of their performances on tour. They've quickly become important members of the Waratah outfit, and big things are expected of them in 2005.

Credit for these and other great performances over the past 12 months must go to Ewen and his staff. The act of identifying new talent, developing it and seeing it through to fruition is never easy, yet the staff we have in place continue to accomplish great things.

The changes Ewen has put in place since taking the helm from Bob Dwyer in late 2003 have resulted in a sharper, more streamlined outfit that I believe is capable of greatness. Yet none of this would have been possible without the drive and vision Ewen has brought to the job. Needless to say, the decision to offer him a contact extension was an easy one to make and one I'm glad to say he's accepted.

Another area where NSWRU is setting the pace is in our Academy set up. The acquisition of a quality coach in Tony D'Arcy was nothing short of a masterstroke, and he's repaid our faith by preparing a squad capable of making the step up to Super 12 Level. With a clear pathway

towards higher representation now in place for players at the Academy level, the future looks bright.

Another encouraging sign for the future is the form of our under 16 sides at the 2004 National Championships, held at St. Ignatius College, Riverview over September-October. NSW Schools and Sydney Juniors faced off in the final of the event, beating off the best the rest of the country had to offer en route to the decider. Even more satisfying from a NSWRU point of view is that both defeated sides from Queensland to qualify for the final.

Club Rugby continues to thrive, with Randwick seamlessly winning its way to the Tooheys New Cup title. After suffering two losses during the early rounds of the Shute Shield, the Galloping Greens went through the TNC undefeated, finishing with a thrilling and thoroughly deserved 35-22 victory over Eastwood in the Grand Final. The feat is made all the more impressive when the return of 3-time Brisbane premiers the Canberra Vikings to Sydney competition is taken into account.

It would be remiss of me at this time not to express my gratitude to NSWRU President Ron Graham. Ron's worked tirelessly throughout the year to maintain the fine traditions of the Waratahs and NSW Rugby itself, and for this I thank him deeply.

Finally, the support of good sponsors is essential to the successful running of any sporting organisation, and we are lucky enough to enjoy a fruitful partnership with one of the best in the business. I would like to thank HSBC Australia & New Zealand Chief Executive Officer Stuart Davis and his staff for their ongoing and much valued support. Their enthusiasm for the Waratahs is undoubtedly a key component in the team's success. We value their support greatly, and hope it continues.

Dilip Kumar
Chairman



As we look back on 2004, we can view with much satisfaction a year in which NSW Rugby made considerable progress towards achieving its goal of becoming one of the best run sporting operations in Australia. Starting the year on a high following the twin boosts of the 2003 Rugby World Cup and the reclamation of self-governance from the Australian Rugby Union, much work was done over the ensuing months to ensure our strong position wasn't squandered.

Since coming on board in May, I have worked to continue and improve upon the good work that was carried out by the previous administration. As I said upon taking the job, the NSWRU has an enormous amount of potential, and with the right structures in place the future looks bright. Having been in the job now for almost a year, my views have been confirmed.

It is critical that we continue the restoration of NSW Rugby's financial position, so this bright future can be truly realised. I, and my fellow NSWRU board members are committed to seeing this continue, ensuring our position as the biggest and best provincial Union in Australia is never lost.

With season 2005 soon to be upon us, we look back at the Super 12 just passed and recognise not only the disappointment of missing the Semi Finals, but also the changes that have been made to better our chances this time around. The squad coach Ewen McKenzie assembled over the second half of 2004 boasts a mix of youthful exuberance and hard headed experience, and I'm quietly confident the HSBC Waratahs will be around at the business end of the season.

We congratulated David Lyons, Brendan Cannon and Phil Waugh on reaching 50 caps during the year, and look forward in 2005 to hopefully witnessing Chris Whitaker join Matthew Burke as the only players to have played 100 matches for NSW. Recent recruits Justin Harrison and Dan Vickerman are also in line to reach 100 and 50 state caps respectively this year, while Matt Dunning should record his 50th appearance for NSW in the early rounds of the Super 12.

I would also like to thank Ewen and his staff for their efforts in 2004 and wish them the very best of luck for the upcoming season. The job of the head coach is an often unenviable one, yet Ewen has continued to set the highest of standards on and off the field. Needless to say, when it came time to decide to renew his contract until the end of the 2007 season, it didn't take long to decide which way to go.

The performance of NSW sides at the Australian Under 16 championships was nothing short of exceptional. To have NSW Schools facing off against Sydney Juniors in the final, having seen off challenges from teams from across the country, surely puts NSWRU at a distinct advantage. And while our under 19's didn't experience the same level of success, there was still a number of encouraging signs for the future, with the performance of a number of players sure to see them feature heavily in future representative squads.

The challenge now will be to continue the development of these promising youngsters, so they progress from underage state and national representation to the Academy, NSW A and ultimately, the Waratahs. I'm confident that with Academy Head Coach Tony D'Arcy and his team in charge, more than a few of these players will make the grade in coming years.

In Sydney club Rugby Randwick returned to the top of the tree for the first time in a number of seasons. The Coogee based club was undefeated through the Tooheys New Cup, eventually eclipsing two-time champs Eastwood in the Grand Final. They also took out the Shute Shield in a high scoring Grand Final clash with Sydney University, and the Colin Caird Shield, also over the Students.

Uni bounced back to take the Henderson Shield, while the Henderson Cup title went to Easts in December, after original victors Parramatta admitted using an unregistered player in the Grand Final. Parramatta should be commended for their honesty and willingness to inform the Union of their error, knowing it would cost them dearly.

The consolidation of Rugby administration in NSW under one roof at Aussie Stadium continues to reap benefits, with all departments experiencing periods of significant growth due to the convenience of being able to share knowledge and resources. While seemingly small, this was truly one of the most positive steps forward made in 2004.

At NSW Rugby we have very committed personnel and whether it be our Waratahs' management or Community Rugby staff, we all share the common goal of growing the game at all levels.

To enable us to do this, it is also vitally important to acknowledge the tremendous support we receive from our sponsors and Waratah Life Members. We are indeed grateful to Stuart Davis and his team at HSBC Australia & New Zealand for their ongoing support of the Waratahs and our many valued sponsors who are acknowledged in this Annual Report.

To our Waratah Life Members who have stuck with NSW Rugby through thick and thin, I hope you enjoyed 2004 and look toward 2005 like us, with a renewed sense of hope for better things to come.

To the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust, thank you for the top quality facilities and assistance you provide for every Waratahs home game. Without your help, the experience of turning out to witness a match at "Our House" would be poorer to say the least. Also, the continued provision of office space at the Stadium is greatly appreciated.

Thanks must also go to the Chairman of the Trust, Rodney Cavalier, the Trustees, and to Chief Executive Officer Jamie Barkley and all his staff. We look forward to continuing our successful partnership in 2005.

I would also like to thank the Chairman of the NSWRU Board, Dilip Kumar, President Ron Graham, and the Directors for their ongoing support, guidance, and commitment to the vision we have established for NSW Rugby. Without you, it would be impossible to run a tight ship, and in turn, a successful Union.

At this point, I must also take the time to acknowledge the achievements of our Affiliated Unions.

NSW Country has enjoyed a successful 12 months, with the Country Cockatoos reclaiming the Telstra Australian Rugby Shield title with a 20 to 6 victory over old enemy Queensland Country in Mackay. The effort is made all the more impressive when you consider victory was achieved just days after a tough hit out against Scotland in Wollongong, where the Cockatoos fought hard before going down 48-10.

Congratulations must also go to the Sydney Suburban Rugby Union, which saw some outstanding performances across 2004. Drummoyne was the stand out performer of the year, winning the Kentwell Cup after losing just one match all season. The club also experienced success down the grades, winning the Club Champions crown for the first time in its 131-year history.

The Union itself also enjoyed a big year, with the publication of "The Game for the Game Itself – The History of Sub-District Rugby in Sydney". A labour of love for authors Dr Thomas Hickie and Dr Anthony Hughes, the publication is sure to be enjoyed by lovers of Subbies rugby for years to come.

Finally, I would like to wish all members of the NSW Rugby community a safe and happy 2005, as we reflect on the past 12 months and look forward in earnest to a successful year to come.

Fraser Neill
Chief executive Officer



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It is with great expectation we look forward to 2005. The progress we as a Union have made in the past 12 months all bodes well for the future, and in the space of the next year we hope to see many of the changes that were made in 2004 bear fruit.

For mine, the most significant change to NSWRU operating procedure has been that implemented by Ewen McKenzie in the area of elite player management and development. New recruitment methods, the implementation of an Academy in sync with the Waratahs set up, and the reintroduction of the end of season tour have all been McKenzie innovations; ones which are aimed at making NSWRU richer in the long term.

In particular, the resurrection of the end of season tour was, I believe, long overdue. First and foremost the Rugby contests provided the coaching staff with important information about the potential of many of the untried players in New South Wales. Four matches against hardened Argentinean forward packs in two weeks meant backing up as early as 48 hours from one game to the next. Secondly, it reminded many of the attractiveness of Rugby, traveling to and experiencing distant lands. In the future the prospect of such a tour as a means of progressing to Super 12 level may be just what keeps a player in the system and away from rival codes.

Ewen's first year at the helm saw the Waratahs challenge, but ultimately miss out on a spot in the Super 12 finals. There were many highlights during the 2004 season, including our flying start to the year, where Mat Rogers scored an almost unbelievable 82 points in just four games before losing him for the season to an ankle injury. Our unforgettable win over the Brumbies at Aussie Stadium in round nine was another highlight, where despite coming off a win and four losses, we fought off the eventual champions to win by 37 points to 29.

While missing out on the Semis could be seen in many circles as less than a success, I believe the processes put in place during the year have us looking stronger than ever before in this competition.

We welcomed 31 new NSW players to the fold during 2004, including Stephen Hoiles, Cameron Shepherd,

Justin Harrison, Daniel Vickerman, Gareth Hardy, Aaron Broughton-Rouse, and Alister Campbell during the Super 12; Will Caldwell, Tim McGann, Peter Hewat, Adam Walsh, Marty Wilson, Chris Sproats and Chris O'Young against Scotland; Al Manning, James Lakepa, Patrick Phibbs, and Lachlan MacKay against the Pacific Islanders; and Benn Robinson, Dean Mumm, Cameron Treloar, Alex Kanaar, James Campbell, Lloyd Jones, Chris Siale, Tom Carter, Arthur Little, Wise Kativerata, Dwayne Haare, Winston Mafi and Will Brame on the end of season tour of Argentina.

Most pleasing out of this extraordinary list of debutantes is seeing many of them progress to become regular members of the Waratahs squad, in both 2004 and looking ahead towards 2005. While every player making his debut can be classed as a success story, the sight of Stephen Hoiles in a Wallaby jersey and Cameron Shepherd in an Australia A jersey was a true triumph for NSW and the McKenzie school of talent identification.

I'd also like to pay tribute to our captain Chris Whitaker, a true team man whose leadership and dedication can only flow through to the younger members of the squad in coming years. With Chris at the helm, the future is in safe hands.

Another long term contributor who deserves mention at this time is Matthew Burke, who left us in 2004 after 12 years of loyal service. Matt played a record 115 games in the Blue jersey and will be missed by supporters and those who played alongside him. I wish him and his family all the best for the future.

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Alastair Baxter, Matthew Burke, Brendan Cannon, Matt Dunning, Adam Freier, Justin Harrison, Stephen Hoiles, David Lyons, Mat Rogers, Lote Tuqiri, Morgan Turinui, Dan Vickerman, Phil Waugh and Chris Whitaker all took part in the Wallaby program during 2004, with all bar three players taking part on the national outfit's triumphant end of season tour of Europe.

In addition we supplied a total of 11 players to the Australian under 21 side that finished fourth in the World

Cup in Scotland, including Waratah flanker Rocky Elsom, who was named vice-captain of the side. Joining him was fellow Waratahs Cameron Shepherd and Lei Tomiki, as well as soon-to-be Waratahs Chris Siale, Alex Kanaar, and Rex Tapuai. Rounding out the NSW involvement were Sydney club players Adam Ashley Cooper, Tom Egan, Daniel Halangahu, Luke Holmes, and Henari Veratau.

Randwick swept all before it in Sydney club Rugby, taking out both the Tooheys New Cup and Shute Shield titles. The Randwick juggernaut was never more evident than in the TNC, remaining undefeated en route to a 35-22 win over a determined Eastwood in the Grand Final. Capping off a big year for the Galloping Greens, their third grade also came to the fore, winning the Colin Caird Shield.

Development of Rugby in NSW is in safe hands, following the restructuring of our Academy and NSW A set up. The employment of Tony D'Arcy to the role of Academy Head Coach is definitely a move in the right direction. He's been entrusted with guiding the development of the States up and comers and ensuring the pathway to Super 12 representation remains clear.

One of NSW Rugby's finest servants was honoured in 2004, with the striking of a new medal in his honour. The inaugural Dave Brockhoff Medal was won by Randwick coach Michael Cheika for his efforts in guiding Randwick to premiership success. Also with a medal named in his honour last year was refereeing legend Dick Byres. Leading whistleblower John McCarthy was a worthy recipient of the first ever Dick Byres medal for Referee of the Year.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the NSWRU Board, the Chief Executive Officer Fraser Neill, and Chairman Dilip Kumar. Without the hard work and dedication of this small band of men, NSW Rugby would be a much poorer place.

*Ron Graham
President*

MEDIA

The long term goal of the NSW Rugby Media Unit has always been to lead the field in the provision of services to local, interstate and international media operators. In 2004, we excelled at providing internet, photographic and television services, as well as more traditional roles and services expected from media liaison officers.

Going further than the rest in providing these extra services is what sets us apart from our competition, both in Rugby and in other codes. That we've managed to achieve maximum exposure on a minimum budget for so long just reinforces the importance of an effective media unit.

The vast majority of what we do is in-house, which also helps keep costs down. Our two internet portals, nswrugby.com.au and waratahs.com.au, are completely self-driven and will be joined this year by a third website, aimed specifically at children. The Union's primary website came into its own during the tour of Argentina, as it was often the only source of information for the Australian news media about the tour's progress.

We also worked hard during 2004 to educate and develop ties with Sydney premiership clubs. Never before had an attempt been made to tap into this vast resource, and as such it was suffering from underexposure. With Clubland on board, we could then move on to working to give the Tooheys New Cup the prominence and visibility it deserves.

As a result of these and other initiatives, we've ensured NSW has a clear point of view in the public realm. Rather than being a bit player in the Sydney sporting market, we're slowly building in stature to become one of the main operators.

For so long, the Media unit has been a one man operation. As we move into 2005, its achievements have been recognised by the addition of Media Assistant, Ross Smart. Ross being on board gives us a better opportunity to deliver enhanced coverage of the Waratahs, the NSW Academy, Tooheys New Cup and Community Rugby.

Growth in the Rugby media has continued unabated since 2000, to the point where it is nearing an all time high. It is our job to match that with better facilities, better provision of services and content for the sports media, in order to ensure we remain at the forefront of sports coverage in all markets.

Over the next 12 months, we have a number of goals we feel must be reached. These include the better delivery of statistics, and the regular auditing of existing stats; managing the media effectively, to allow the Waratahs to concentrate on playing Rugby; maintaining Rugby's reputation as one of the leaders in the provision of sports media services; and maintaining the good reputation of our players in the media and in the public sphere.

Djuro Sen
Media & Communications Manager

EVENTS & TICKETING

Season 2004 saw the HSBC Waratahs play host to just 5 Super 12 fixtures at Aussie Stadium. After a tremendous start to the season, the Waratahs were always in contention for the finals but in the end just fell short. The positive start to the season saw us gain terrific momentum and this assisted in generating ticket and hospitality sales. The season highlight was the fantastic and gutsy victory over the Brumbies. The atmosphere was electric and no one had left their seat until many minutes after fulltime.

Crowds for 2004 averaged 35,527, up over 5,000 per game on the season 2003 average of 30,521. Three games were sold out by the time of kick off, with the Brumbies match selling out an astounding 4 weeks prior to the match. This represented a significant increase on 2003 and demonstrated the strong core of support the Waratahs enjoy. The best crowds were for the Brumbies and Hurricanes games with just on 38,500 attending for each of these games.

MEMBERSHIP

Renewals for 2004 were once again strong, meaning we were only able to offer only 20 new memberships due to the popularity of the NSWRU Membership program. A particular focus was taken on retaining season pass sales for 2004. On the back of the Rugby World Cup in 2003, the challenge was to sustain the momentum generated by the biggest Rugby event ever seen in this country. The growth in season pass packages in 2003 was always going to be difficult to maintain due to incentives offered during the RWC. Given this factor, it was very encouraging that we were able to generate 5,382 season pass packages in 2004. When compared with 2,178 Packages sold in 2002, it demonstrates a very positive result.

HOSPITALITY

The NSWRU match day hospitality program was again managed under contract by the SCG and SFS Trust. This arrangement expired in 2003 and was re-negotiated for seasons 2004 and 2005. The Trust has delivered in the past few seasons on meeting agreed sales targets in a highly competitive market. Some key features of the hospitality program in season 2004 include:

- \$515,000 generated by Super 12 hospitality,
- 80% of bookings coming from repeat business,
- The two matches against Brumbies and Hurricanes were key factors behind successful figures achieved.

SPONSORSHIP

The sponsorship budget for season 2004 was achieved following the introduction of Telstra to the NSWRU sponsorship family. This represented continued strong support from the corporate sector for the HSBC Waratahs. Our naming rights sponsor HSBC enjoyed increased awareness and business growth in their third year of association and our other major sponsors also reported favourably on the 2004 season.

During the latter part of 2004, NSWRU has either entered into, or successfully concluded, renewal negotiations with Tooheys and SportsTAB, whilst also looking to opportunities to bring new sponsorship partners on board. Since taking on the naming rights of the Super 12 tournament in Australia, Tooheys have decided to come off the Waratahs sleeve but retain a high level of investment and support for NSWRU and the HSBC Waratahs.

The support of all our sponsors including HSBC, Lion Nathan, Canterbury Clothing, Coca Cola-Amatil, Mazda, Telstra, Bundaberg Rum, Bartercard, Cassegrain, Fitness First, Accor, Gilbert, Musashi, Victor Sports, Silver Fern and International Sports Tours is greatly appreciated and we look forward to continuing these valuable associations.

Season 2004 was the final year in the current arrangement with IMG (sponsorship sales agent for NSWRU). NSWRU will manage its sponsorship sales program on an in-house basis from season 2005. We thank IMG for their support and assistance over the years.

We welcome Kate Bell and Ali Wells to their respective roles of Sponsorship Servicing/Hospitality Co-ordinator and Commercial Administration Assistant, and congratulate Alex Lee on her appointment as Sponsorship Servicing/Marketing Co-ordinator.

Patrick Wilson
General Manager

WARATAHS

As another season rapidly approaches, we can look back on the past 12 months and see the signs pointing to a bright future for the HSBC Waratahs.

It is now history that in 2004 we missed the semi finals. But for a mid-season slump, we showed the form required to challenge for the title. Rather than looking back on our failures, we are pushing ahead towards an exciting new season for NSW in the Tooheys New Super 12.

Overall, far more positives came out of 2004 than negatives, with a host of talented new players emerging, the NSW Academy being re-vamped and the Waratah end of season tour resurrected after seven seasons.

This year's squad is the end result of the tour of Argentina. 13 players received their first cap on tour, with eight of those now signed to High Performance Unit (HPU) or full contracts.

Our performance on tour was outstanding, winning all four of our matches, scoring 215 points while conceding just 67. On the back of that first-up success, we are now looking to make the tour an annual event.

I am personally very happy with the group of 31 players we have assembled for this year's competition. We set out to find a mix of different styles of player, with different levels of experience and I believe we successfully achieved this goal.

14 NSW Super 12 players wore Wallaby colours in 2004, and this is something we aim to improve upon in 2005. Ultimately, with 60 percent of Rugby players hailing from NSW, we aim to make up no less than 60 percent of every national squad. It's a goal I believe is achievable.

Changes that have been instituted to the way we do business will continue throughout 2005 and beyond, with the end goal being that so-far elusive Super 12 title. I have re-signed to coach the Waratahs until the end of the 2007 season, and in that time, I believe we can reach the top of Southern Hemisphere provincial Rugby.

Ewen McKenzie
Head Coach.

HSBC WARATAHS 2004**Super 12 Point Scorers**

| Player | Games | Tries | Cons | Pens | FGs | Total |
|----------------------|-------|-------|------|------|-----|-------|
| 1. Mat Rogers | 4 | 4 | 16 | 10 | 0 | 82 |
| 2. Matthew Burke | 8 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 62 |
| 3. Lote Tuqiri | 11 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| 4. Tim Donnelly | 11 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 23 |
| =5. Cameron Shepherd | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| =5. Morgan Turinui | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Shaun Berne | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 15 |
| Nathan Grey | 10 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Adam Freier | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Ben Jacobs | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Milton Thaiday | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Phil Waugh | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Chris Whitaker | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Matt Dunning | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Simon Kasprowicz | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| David Lyons | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Scott Staniforth | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |

NSW WARATAH ACADEMY

During the 2004 Super 12 season, HSBC Waratahs head coach Ewen McKenzie identified a pressing need to clarify the pathway for up and coming players aspiring to further representation. At the time, the link between NSW Rugby and its biggest resource – its clubs – wasn't clearly defined, allowing talented youngsters to be snatched up by rival outfits.

And so the decision to establish a new-look NSW Waratah Academy, with a new staffing structure and a new vision was made.

Almost immediately, the search began for people to guide this new venture towards its new and exciting future. After an in depth selection process, Brian Melrose came on board as Assistant Coach, Chris Webb as Manager, and Bryce Cavanagh in the role of Physical Performance Coach. I, Tony D'Arcy, was fortunate enough to be chosen to lead the new venture as Head Coach.

In our short time heading up the Academy, we've already seen Brian move on an up to become the Waratahs Backs Coach. On the park, the changes have been just as significant.

We've de-centralised the set up, after quickly realising Sydney was simply too big an area to cover from an individual base. Now working out of Aussie Stadium, Narrabeen and also Parramatta Stadium, we're already seeing the benefits. By recognising the needs of the players geographically, we've improved our ability to deliver the right level of service where it's most convenient to them.

The emphasis on player welfare doesn't end there. By tailoring individual programs to address their specific needs, we've managed to greater nurture their physical and skill development. These programs are also subject to a monthly review, which allows the coaching staff to remain right up to date with their progress.

We believe the player centred, coach driven and administratively supported approach has resulted in a vastly better prepared squad, which will be far superior to any that went before it.

Players can now see a route from club football, to the Academy, the Waratahs and ultimately Wallaby selection. Adding credibility to this vision, our close ties to the

HSBC Waratahs will be reinforced throughout 2005 by regular coaching visits by Ewen McKenzie and the rest of the Waratahs staff.

Involving the clubs in the development of top talent is at the heart of the remodelling of the NSW Waratah Academy. By enlisting the clubs the Academy player base has widened significantly, and will eventually increase to more than 60 players.

Much of the day-to-day maintenance of those players will rest with the clubs, while the Academy will be the primary source of coaching and development. This sharing of resources not only guarantees players receive top class advice at every step in the process, but also makes the delivery of that advice easier for all concerned.

It's vitally important the work is done with the players as early as possible, so when they get the chance with the Waratahs they're ready to go.

As a result, this year will be one of greatly increased activity. A total of nine games are planned against quality opposition for both NSW A and the NSW Waratah Academy teams over February, March and April, starting with matches against the Wellington Academy in Sydney on February 11 and 15.

This increased program will give players a taste of what they can expect when they reach Super 12 level. Some members of the Academy will be chosen to spend a week training with the 2005 HSBC Waratahs, while the entire squad will take part in a specially engineered professionalism workshop, to better prepare them for life as a professional rugby player.

Ultimately, the primary purpose of the Academy is to develop players of Super 12 quality for the HSBC Waratahs, but there are other performance targets to be met. One of them is developing very strong partnerships with the clubs and being a conduit to the Waratahs in providing feedback to the clubs.

We also want to ensure that as many of our players as possible get selected at the National U19 and U21 levels. If we can achieve these, and I believe we will, we can be certain the new system is moving in the right direction.

Tony D'Arcy
NSW Waratah Academy Head Coach

NSW UNDER 19

Coming off the highs of 2003, when NSW was crowned champion of the Trans-Tasman Tournament, 2004 proved to be something of an anti-climax for the Under 19 program.

Changes to local competition structures, and a heavy Australian Under 19 schedule resulted in a greatly reduced fixture list for the NSW 19's. Trans-Tasman competition was scrapped for the year, leaving just the triangular series against Queensland and the ACT as an outlet for the sides' considerable talents.

Held over three weeks in late February and early March, NSW's involvement in the series began at Concord against a classy Queensland outfit. With the series acting as a selection trial for Australian honours, both teams were suitably fired up. Unfortunately, the lack of proper preparation time came back to haunt us with Queensland getting up 36-21.

Game two, against the ACT in Canberra, was another tight affair. Despite putting up a brave fight, we suffered our second consecutive defeat, losing 13-10.

The two losses weren't enough to stop a number of players putting in top performances. Among the stand-outs were

Captain Carlos Blanco from Northern Suburbs, Leroy Houston from Eastwood, goal kicking winger/fullback Andrew Smith of Norths, and flanker David Dennis from Sydney University.

With the disappointments of 2004 still fresh in the mind, the coming season will be one of increased development, in all facets of the game. We expect this enhanced program will prepare our players in the best possible manner for national selection, in the lead up to the World Championships in Durban, South Africa.

Finally, a big thank you to rest of the 2004 coaching staff, Including:

- Head Coach Steve Talbot;
- Manager Jarrod Bryant;
- Assistant Manager Darren Clun;
- Strength & Conditioning Coach Alex Moore;
- Physiotherapist Kate Anderson;
- And Doctor Andrew Buddee.

Hugh Carpenter
Assistant Coach



SYDNEY WOMENS RUGBY

With the 2005 season ahead of us, we can now reflect positively on the previous season. It's fair to say that 2004 wasn't without its share of hiccups, but by and large it was a successful year, bringing with it the assurance of future strength, growth and consolidation for the union.

2004 saw our union celebrate its tenth year in official existence, which is a huge milestone for any sporting association, especially when we consider the plethora of choice individuals now have. Although there has been many fluctuations over the past ten years the union and its associated competition seems to be heading in the right direction.

The competition structure was once again a talking point. There were various opinions, none of which were absolutely right or wrong. In the end, most agreed the most feasible option was to work in line with our pathway program, bridging the gap between schools and senior level.

To do this, we needed to have a two tier system to enable younger players to compete. There are still regions within the Sydney Metropolitan area that are ripe for the picking, and to help stabilize the competitions longevity each member club needs to grow by increasing the number of teams they enter. The primary area of growth for women's rugby remains in the western and south-western suburbs, with Parramatta, Campbelltown, UWSB and Penrith all positive about future expansion.

The 2005 competition structure will provide yet another challenge for the board. Whatever the case, our union has the experience and sensibility to ensure the structure is for the betterment of women's rugby and to meet our constitutional objectives.

As in previous years, SWRU has struggled to attract sponsorship dollars. Although we were still able to secure a relatively small donation, it is nowhere near enough to enable us to implement many of the strategies we have discussed. Hopefully, we can learn from past experiences and work hard to build for the future.

Representative Rugby

The Sydney Women's Representative program continued to show in 2004 why it's considered the best in Australia.

In 2002, the Sydney representative team program was totally dismantled and redesigned in an effort to develop a genuine pathway for players who wanted to strive for higher representative honours.

It started with the introduction of a Sydney 'A' squad to ensure there was depth within the ranks and constant pressure was applied to the 1st XV players. In 2003, an U21 side was added to expose the young and up and coming talent to the pressures and demands of representative rugby, not to mention advanced training methods and constant exposure to more skillful players. Finally in 2004, a development squad was introduced to raise the skill level of players from all the 2nd division clubs.

One of the Unions objectives has always been to aspire to the status of Australia's no.1 women's Union, both on and off the field, and once this status was achieved, to maintain it. This could only be accomplished by consistently striving to lift the standard of players from the bottom up. Now at the end of 2004, Sydney can proudly boast its place as the best women's Union in Australia for the second consecutive year.

Although this objective has been achieved, Sydney can ill-afford to rest on its laurels as one of its closest allies [and foes], the Hunter Women's Rugby Union is constantly applying pressure. Both Hunter and Sydney communicate on an annual basis to discuss and swap ideas and as both Unions continued to grow and develop, women's rugby is the major benefactor.

The current structured program has by far been the most successful in SWRU history and the success definitely goes beyond the scoreboard. The focused development of younger players coming through the ranks has already exposed a huge pool of talent and is also helping to spread the rugby gospel amongst participating schools across Sydney, which inevitably will strengthen the longevity of women's rugby in Sydney.

2004 match results**Sydney 1st XV**

The ladies had an exceptional year, displaying their extremely dominant style of play that led to them going through the season undefeated.

Defeated ACT – 30-0 (Annual clash)

Defeated NSW Country – 44-0 (Annual Clash)

Defeated NSW Country – 29-7 (Final of the Telstra National Women's Invitational Tournament)

Sydney A

It was a tough year for Sydney's second side and they unfortunately ended their season on the wrong side of the ledger however, the positive to come out of the past 12 months was the number of players exposed to a higher level of rugby and the experienced gained.

Defeated by Hunter A – 19-22 (Annual Clash)

Finished 9th in the Telstra National Women's Invitational Tournament

Sydney U21

With some players graduating to Sydney's 1st XV there were some new faces in the squad. The injection of new blood didn't prevent the team maintaining its undefeated record since its inception in 2003.

Defeated Hunter Development – 19-10 (Annual clash)

Sydney 2nd Division Development

With the intension of developing players and exposing them to a higher level of rugby this initiative was a success. The lack of consistent opposition may hinder the continuation of this program.

Defeated by Australian Women's Army – 0-10

Greg Lee

SWRU Chairman



CLUB RUGBY

With the runaway success of the Tooheys New Cup promising to continue unabated, the 2004 premiership kicked off with high expectations, on and off the field.

The Shute Shield seemed to be of higher quality than in previous years, following a change of format. Previously a first-past-the-post competition held before the start of the TNC, it was decided the competition would kick off the club year, before continuing on as a second grade competition once the TNC got underway.

The move proved to be a success, with Randwick, Sydney University, Eastwood, Manly and Gordon eventually qualifying for the finals.

Eventually, the Galloping Greens prevailed over Uni 41-37 in a highly entertaining Grand Final at Aussie Stadium, which also proved to be a perfect warm up match for the TNC decider.

In other grade grand finals, Randwick won the Colin Caird Shield for 3rd grade, with an 18-nil shutout of Uni at David Phillips Field; Uni took the spoils in the Henderson Shield, with a hard-fought 5-3 win over Eastwood; while Parramatta took out the Henderson Cup decider 14-13 over Easts, only to hand their title to the Beasties when it was discovered an unregistered player had been used in the decider.

There was better news for Parramatta in the Thornett Cup, which was held over 7 rounds in a first-past-the-post format due to the change at the top of the grades. The Two Blues emerged triumphant, finishing the season on 31 points, seven clear of nearest rival Randwick.

After West Harbour dominated the regular season in first grade colts competition, Sydney Uni and Norths again proved to be the form teams in the knockout stages of the year, eventually facing off in the Grand Final at Waratah Rugby Stadium on the 3rd of October. The decider won by a dominant Uni outfit 34-5.

Uni also took out Colts II, while Eastwood and Norths were victorious in III's & IV's. The Colts club championship was taken out by West Harbour, in recognition of their stellar season, in which three out of four Pirates sides qualified for the play-offs.

2004 also saw the continuation of a number of initiatives aimed at improving the standard and quality of club Rugby in Sydney. After a successful introduction in 2003, this past season saw the streamlining of the Judiciary continue, as did Necksafe courses and Sports Medicine Australia coverage at all venues.

In clear recognition of the difference changes to operating procedure have made, NSWRU was awarded the 2004 NSW Sports Safety Awards Gold Medal for "Outstanding achievement by a Sports Organisation in implementing or adopting safe sport practice - State Level" for our initiative for deploying Australian Sports Medicine Level 2 Trainers at all Club venues.

Finally, thanks must once again go to ABC Television for its match-of-the-round coverage of Shute Shield and Tooheys New Cup fixtures throughout the season proper, and its commitment to bringing the best Finals action to our screens. The Saturday afternoon broadcast continues to attract a large and loyal following across the state.



TOOHEYS NEW CUP

The Tooheys New Cup entered its third season with new challenges and an extended format, following the re-introduction of 3-time Brisbane premiers the Canberra Vikings. As such, season 2004 saw the competition run over 14 rounds, with a five team finals series culminating in the Grand Final at Aussie Stadium on October 9th.

Reigning premier Eastwood and 2003 runners up Randwick started the Tooheys New Cup strongly, remaining undefeated over the first three rounds of competition. They met in the first crunch game of the year on July 10, with Randwick triumphing 35-33, thanks to a final minute penalty goal to winger James Pritchard.

Eastern Suburbs led the competition after five rounds, courtesy of consecutive victories over Norths, Sydney University, West Harbour, Southern Districts and Parramatta, while Canberra didn't notch its first win of the season until that weekend, downing Wests 38-8 in the national capital.

Round 6 saw Randwick stamp its authority over the competition, with a 36-12 demolition of the Beasties in wet conditions at Coogee. They continued their remarkable run of wins to finish undefeated after 14 rounds, earning a break in the first week of the finals and putting themselves just one win away from a berth in the decider.

Eastwood and Sydney University were the big winners in the first week of the 2004 finals series, with the Students looking particularly dangerous in ending the Vikings first season back in the big time 44-14. The Woodies booked another date with Randwick, with a 32 to 8 defeat of Manly in the preliminary semi.

In week two, Randwick sent a warning to the three other teams left in the running for the title, thumping Eastwood 57-15 at T.G. Millner Field to progress straight through to the 2004 Grand Final. Manly kept its hopes alive, ending Uni's season with a crushing 35-nil win at Rat Park.

It was the Marlins who would be calling it a day a week later, falling to the Woodies 49-25 in a highly entertaining preliminary final, setting the stage for a grandstand finish to the season, between the two most consistent teams of 2004.

A crowd in excess of 12-thousand turned out at Aussie Stadium on federal Election Day, October 9, to see who would emerge triumphant in the clash between the run-away Galloping Greens and the unfancied defending premiers Eastwood. And far from the walkover many had predicted after the major semi, the clash proved to be everything a grand final should be and more.

Randwick scored after just 19 seconds through captain Shaun Berne, however from there the brakes were applied by a tenacious Eastwood team determined not to go down without a fight. The Greens led just 15-13 at the break, and after trading penalty goals for much of the second half, only broke free through late tries to Lei Tomiki and Wise Kativerata, eventually securing the Tooheys New Cup with a 35-22 win.

The Ken Catchpole Medal lunch on Thursday October 7 acknowledged star performances throughout the Tooheys New Cup season, the Grand Final teams, players, coaches and referees.

Eastwood backrower Scott Fava created history by becoming the first player ever to win three Catchpole Medals for the competition's best and fairest player, doing so in consecutive seasons.

Randwick coach Michael Cheika took out the inaugural Dave Brockhoff Medal for the Bundaberg Rum Coach of the Year, while John McCarthy won the Telstra Referee of the Year title, his second in succession. McCarthy also claimed the inaugural Dick Byres Medal for his efforts with the whistle in 2004.

The Roscoe Fay trophy for the competition's top pointscorer finished up at Randwick once again, with skipper Shaun Berne taking over from Gareth Smith, scoring 147 points across the Tooheys New Cup season.

And Sydney University claimed the Club Championship trophy for 2004, finishing just 43 points clear of Eastwood at the end of the regular season. Randwick finished third, with the improving West Harbour fourth.

*Michael Groom
Competition Manager*

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**The National Talent Squad Program**

The essential feature of the National Talent Squad Program is that it is a nationally directed and delivered program which will be conducted in each Super 12 province. In past years each of the provinces has done work in this area, but resources and appropriate focus on development at the Academy (18 + years) level has meant that the extensive work that has been identified as essential at the 15-18 years level has not been able to be appropriately resourced, and nor has the servicing been consistent from one province to another.

The National Talent Squad will now undertake this work on a nationally consistent basis, further developing schoolboy players alongside their respective school and representative programs. Young players will then progress into the Provincial Academies or Super 12 Squads.

Who are they?

60-75 players will be identified from National Talent identification (including players nominated by the provincial union) and will be selected in October by the ARU in consultation with the provincial union, to commence the program in November. Players will remain in their home province. The numbers will differ in NSW, Queensland and ACT. The players will be aged 15 – 18. Additional players can be added to the squad throughout the year.

Players from outside the three Super 12 provinces will also be viewed for possible inclusion in the National Talent Squad in the best-suited location geographically. The National Program models for skill and S & C development will be made available for implementation within programs conducted for the 15-18 year age group by provinces outside the three Super 12 provinces. In NSW, 40 athletes were selected from various Schools and Junior carnivals, including the Australian U16s Championships. The selection trials included a camp held at the Sydney Academy of Sport in October and commencement of the program in early November.

What is the program?

Each National Talent Squad Program training centre will produce updated training schedules, providing training options to most effectively accommodate all players. The squad members will do a number of core and individual skills sessions per week (some the responsibility of the

player) and 5-6 strength and conditioning sessions per week (combined – back-to-back), throughout the whole year, in accordance with the national models of skill and physical development and under the supervision of Elite Player Development Coaching staff.

Where possible these will be conducted at central locations in Brisbane, Sydney and Canberra, but where it is not possible, they will be conducted in satellite venues or within school or club training environments where possible and agreed to by the school or club. Country players will be monitored remotely. Players will be monitored for their skills and physical development throughout the year, through testing and through observation by the appointed coaches and in consultation with school and club coaches.

Each provincially based National Talent Squad will come together twice a year for a Talent Squad Camp/Training Days – the first of these training camps will be a NTS Selection Camp. As well as skills work, and strength and conditioning work and testing, the squads will be educated in “whole of player” sessions and other HPU initiatives during these training days/camps. School and club coaches will have the opportunity to attend such camps or training days to view various aspects of the program.

Otherwise, squad members will train and play with their normal school or club teams/squads. The Elite Player Development Pathway is focussed on individual training and development, leaving team skills and development to be conducted by provincial, club and school programs.

The squad members will undergo testing in accordance with the National Testing Program. This will be initially undertaken during the Australian Schools Championships and the Under 16 Championships, and will be conducted by the AIS to achieve maximum consistency. The testing will be followed up during the year.

NSW training centres have been established at Parramatta Stadium, Sydney Sports Academy Narrabeen and Victoria Barracks Paddington. Rural athletes are being serviced in Wollongong, Newcastle, Coffs Harbour and Orange.

The first stage testing will be conducted at the Sydney Sports Academy in early February 2005.

Who looks after them?

The ARU appoints an Elite Player Development Coach and an Elite Player Development Strength and Conditioning Coach for each squad located in Sydney, Brisbane, and Canberra (see list below). These coaches will be full-time with the respective squads, and will also work with the Development Contracted Players in that city. They will coach and monitor the squad members on an individual basis, aiming to have face-to-face contact with each city-based squad member at least once a week (more if possible) out of competition season and once a fortnight in season. These coaches will work closely with the school and/or club coaches providing all program and individual development information.

Where appropriate, the ARU staff may conduct sessions for National Talent Squad players before or after school/club sessions making it possible for the ARU staff and school/club coaches to work side by side in the development of those players. The coaching staff will also be able to provide valuable program information and resources developed by the HPU to assist in their own school/club programs.

How do the National Talent Squads relate to School, Club and Provincial Programs?

The National Talent Squad Program is designed to complement and enhance programs previously conducted in the provinces and currently conducted in the schools or clubs. It is designed for the best of the identified talent in the age group, but is not based on “taking them away” from club and school programs with which they are connected. Rather, it will add to the work done in those programs. This may mean extra sessions for the National Talent Squad members.

National models of skill and physical development will be made available to school and club program coaches. Team training will be done in club, school or even provincial teams. However, the National Talent Squad members will be monitored by the ARU Elite Player Development Coach and the ARU Elite Player Development Strength and Conditioning Coach for that centre.

It is anticipated that best National Talent Squad members will graduate through their school and club programs to their State's Provincial Academy unless they have already been selected in Super 12 squads.

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Paul Carozza

Elite Player Development S & C Coach
Dean Benton

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Elite Player Development S & C Coach
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The AIS Rugby Program

Out of the National Talent Squad, the best 15-25 players will be offered AIS Rugby Scholarships. The AIS Rugby Program will be a non-residential camps-based program meaning that scholarship holders will continue to reside in their own states and train with their school/clubs and the National Talent Squad in their home states, coming to Canberra for AIS Camps three times a year. They will also benefit from AIS programs, such as the ARU Career Training Scheme Program, and AIS Sports Science and Medicine services to complement programs offered by the ARU and State Unions.

Eight NSW athletes have undertaken AIS scholarships and have completed two 4 day camps to date.

Manu Sutherland
Elite Player Development Coach, NSW

COMMUNITY RUGBY

The Community Rugby department encompasses all areas of NSWRU operations, outside the Waratahs and Premiership Rugby. It oversees education and development, talent identification, referees, junior rugby administration and school liaison.

The core aim of the Community Rugby department is to improve the quality and quantity of participation across all areas of Rugby through the provision of leadership, education and the implementation and support of Australian Rugby Union initiatives, policy and direction.

Community Rugby – Coordinators

A total of seven full time Community Rugby Coordinators are currently employed in regional centres supporting the growth of Rugby in Country New South Wales.

The Coordinators have proven effective in recent years in helping to develop the quality and quantity of Rugby participation in regional areas. Their roles are wide and varied, encompassing at different times the running of coaching courses, junior promotions, junior recruitment, talent identification through their work with regional academies, Try Rugby coordination, senior Rugby development, representative team preparation and schools based programs. The long hours they put in are instrumental in the promotion of Rugby across NSW.

2004 saw a shift in the way development camps are run in NSW, with regional and metropolitan academies brought into the mix in an attempt to provide players with a clearer pathway towards NSW Under 16 selection. These camps will be ongoing in the lead up to the National Under 16 Championships later in the year.

Community Rugby – Education

The NSWRU Community Rugby Education department is made up of four staff, based at head office at Aussie Stadium. They are responsible for the development of resources and programs, as well as the delivery of coach, player and administrator training services. This is achieved via a number of coaching sessions and seminars held concurrently throughout the season.

Each staff member takes on different responsibilities, as well as working with all personnel to develop new ways to enhance the quality and quantity of Rugby participants.

The Coach Education role caters for coaches, players and administrators at all levels, through the production of resources to the organisation and conducting of courses state wide.

The ongoing development of Rugby educational information can only be achieved through constant contact with all ends of the coaching spectrum, from the Wallabies and Waratahs to juniors and schools. Coaching the coaches is an extremely important aspect of Community Rugby, allowing us to develop coaches and administrators, and consequently, players at all levels.

NSW Rugby Education continues to try and find new ways to disseminate information to coaches across the state. One way that continues to prove vital is the use of the internet. As the technological age continues to gather pace, so too will the Education arm of Community Rugby in using those resources to better inform coaches of the latest developments in coach education.

Over the course of 2004, a number of accreditation courses were conducted across metropolitan and country NSW. They ranged from the introduction to pathway course that cater specifically to coaches of the modified games, to level 1 and 2 courses. The requirements of accreditation ensure critical skills and knowledge for effective coaching are practised and developed. Coaching accreditation courses continue to be popular for those seeking to learn more about the game and to gain formal ARU and Australian Coaching Council accreditation.

Course Participation Summary

| Course | No. of Participants | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
| Intro. To Pathway | | 147 | 180 | 401 | 386 |
| Level 1 | 615 | 649 | 777 | 603 | 746 |
| Level 2 | 97 | 108 | 127 | 101 | 81 |
| Level 3 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 6 |
| Advanced Coaching Seminar | | | 155 | 140 | 138 |
| Coach Education Series | | | 362 | 334 | 480 |

| Try Rugby 2004 - Stage 1 Participants | | Try Rugby 2004 - Stage 3 Participants | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|
| NSW – Bathurst | 108 | NSW- Cooma | 24 |
| NSW – Grafton | 113 | NSW – Griffith | 29 |
| NSW – Tamworth | 104 | NSW – Concord | 60 |
| NSW – Gunnedah | 104 | NSW – Dapto | 30 |
| NSW – Shoalhaven | 120 | NSW – Campbelltown | 19 |
| NSW – Camden | 106 | NSW – Dubbo | 14 |
| NSW – Nelson Bay | 108 | NSW – Lake Macquarie | 39 |
| NSW – Newcastle | 45 | NSW – Kellyville | 91 |
| NSW - North Lakes | 50 | NSW – Moree | 124 |
| NSW – Kariong | 60 | | |
| NSW - Brunswick Hds | 97 | | |
| NSW – Forestville | 189 | | |
| NSW - St. Ives | 115 | | |
| NSW – Roseville | 63 | | |
| NSW – Engadine | 23 | | |

Hugh Carpenter
Community Rugby Education Manager



Referee of the year John McCarthy, with Refereeing Icon Dick Byres

REFEREES

NSWRU referee department represents the interests of over 1800 match officials within the state. These match officials range from club touch judges through school, district and country associations on to NSWRU referees appointed to matches directly controlled by the Union. The Department services the education, training, development and administrative needs of this portion of the Rugby community.

2004 saw the introduction of a number of initiatives, which have reinforced the commitment of NSW Rugby to developing match officials across the state. The strategic plan for the department was rewritten, setting new standards in referee coach and level 2 referee numbers within all associations. This in turn meant that more referee coach and level 2 referee courses were run, particularly in the country areas, in order to meet the new requirements of the strategic plan. NSWRU staff members delivered these courses exclusively.

Radio communication devices between the referee and referee coach were more widely used at all levels of rugby in 2004, greatly enhancing coaching outcomes in the development of referees. The success of this initiative was such that the communications equipment hire for 2005 has been doubled to take advantage of obvious benefits of its use in game situations.

Referees finally entered the computer age with an integrated referee management database being developed in 2004. The Referee Management System is a computer based referee appointments tool, which manages the NSWRU referee appointments and database. The system was developed by Ian Porter, a referee with NSWRU, to requirements written by our department. The system was so successful in 2005 that its use is to be extended to all appointments, both senior and junior within metropolitan Sydney in 2005 and beyond.

NSWRU delivered an extensive range of referee development and education activities throughout 2004 with eight referee seminars and education nights and four referee coach seminars being conducted throughout the season.

In addition, NSWRU provided education material to District and Country associations for use at their education and development activities.

MyRugbyAdmin (the ARU database) was completely revamped for referees in NSW after a number of years of disuse. All associations and referees are now on the database and it is finally fully functional in relation to the management of match official accreditation.

In 2004 George Ayoub and Matt Goddard joined the ranks of professional refereeing, accepting contracts with the ARU. Both referees have been appointed to Super 12 and International fixtures in 2004. NSWRU continues to develop young referees who are likely to referee at the highest levels. Referees such as James Leckie, James Scholtens and Brad Wahl continue to perform well while new referees such as Nathan Pearce emerged in 1st grade in 2004.

John McCarthy was again voted the Referee of the Year by the Premier Club Coaches in 2004 and was awarded the inaugural Dick Byres Medal.

The process of succession and improvement within the referee development squads continued with a number of referees being promoted to higher groups and a similar number of young referees joining the lower groups. The squad coaches have continued their tireless work in 2004 and this is evidenced by a large proportion of the squad members, featuring as referees, in many of the grand finals for the season. As an extension of the process in 2005, a development squad manager has been appointed to coordinate the various squad programmes to ensure continuity and overlap in training and development.

Finally, thanks must go to my referee department staff, Robin Timmins and Paul Hennock, who have worked exceptionally well throughout the year to deliver the required services to the refereeing community throughout the state.

Ron Mancell
Referees Manager

NSW COUNTRY RUGBY UNION

2004 was an up and down year for NSW Country Rugby.

It was great to see the Cockatoos back where they belong as the pre-eminent amateur Rugby team in Australian Rugby. Under the outstanding coaching of Andrew Cox and Col Jeffs, the Cockatoos completed an outstanding season. Although going down to Scotland in the middle of the week leading up to the final of the Telstra Australian Rugby Shield, the commitment of our players saw us regain the TARS with a 20 to 6 victory over Queensland Country in Mackay.

Our U20 and U18 teams had successful years, and many of these players will be pushing for Cockatoo selection in the not too distant future. The Womens team continued to produce the goods by retaining the Southern Championship, and finishing as runners up in the Australian National Championships.

After years of deliberation our Country Championships changed its structure from the traditional Country Week to a provisional, knockout style format, which seems to have achieved widespread acceptance and certainly provided for a competition that allowed Zones to get out and support their teams against traditional foes.

On the disappointing side, both Far South Coast and Southern Inland Zones have disaffiliated from Country, and affiliated with the ACTRU. This move has been in the wind for some time, and in spite of Country's and NSW's efforts, both zones saw this as the way to go. Country wishes both zones all the best with their new partners, and should distant fields not turn out to be greener, would welcome their return.

As we moved towards the end of the year, Country received an invitation for four zone/regional sides to participate in the Shute Shield. Whether this will be possible or not will depend on the zones, their programs and the timing of the TARS. It was great to receive the offer, which is in stark contrast to the treatment Country received in relation to the fourth franchise in the Super 14.

Country has been referred to as a sub union, and has often been treated as such, but Country is a Union in its own right, and while it is affiliated with NSWRU, it is for all intents and purposes an independent Union, a separate company governed by its own Board of Directors. While Country forever remains grateful for the assistance provided by NSWRU, some \$1m per year, there is no question regarding its independence and its right to conduct its own affairs.

Finally, on a very extremely positive note could I express my appreciation on behalf of the Union to our Board of Directors, our Sponsorship Officer, our major sponsor Landmark and our other numerous sponsors for their efforts throughout the year.

Laurie Maher
President

SUBURBAN RUGBY UNION

Season 2004 was another year of solid growth for the Sydney Suburban Rugby Union administratively, financially and on the field, with club, team and player numbers at record levels.

Four new clubs joined the competition (Engadine, Sydney Harlequins, Claymore and Wahroonga) taking the total number of clubs to 58, while player numbers were up 6.5% to 7310.

Prudent financial management over many years has ensured the Union is in a sound financial position. Revenue from the finals series was at a record level and attendances at an all time high, whilst the increase in club and team numbers accounts for the rise in affiliation and registration fees. And it's pleasing to note that even after allowances for the publication of the Union's history was taken into account, a modest surplus was still achieved.

The decision to publish the Union's history came to fruition in September with the launch of "The Game for the Game Itself – The History of Sub-District Rugby in Sydney". A labour of love for authors Dr Thomas Hickie and Dr Anthony Hughes resulted in a publication that will be enjoyed by lovers of Subbies rugby for years to come.

The representative team performed admirably this season. Our aim of defending the Barraclough Shield against Queensland Suburban was achieved, while the opportunity to play the curtain raiser to the Australia versus Scotland Test at Telstra Stadium was a highlight for the players.

On a sad note, Sheila Kentwell passed away just before this year's Kentwell Cup Grand Final. The Union thanks Ross Kentwell for presenting the famous trophy on behalf of his late grandfather Herbert and his mother, Sheila.

I would like to recognise a number of clubs and individuals for their outstanding achievements this year.

- Drummoyne was the standout team in the Kentwell Cup, and proved a deserved Premier after losing just one match all season. The club also won the Burke Cup and the Bruce Graham Shield for Club Champions for the first time in its 131-year history.
- Colleagues fielded eight senior teams and colts this season, with their top five grades all making Grand Final appearances.

- Knox Old Boys won the Reliance Shield as Division Two Club Champions, claiming the Barraclough and Stockdale Cups, while also claiming the coveted Suburban Club of the Year award. Knox's Ian Frame was awarded the prestigious service to rugby award for his contribution to his club and the game of rugby.
- Ken Williams from Briars played his 950th senior game of rugby - in the final round of the season.
- Bankstown's Walker Cup premiers were the only team in the entire Union to go through the season undefeated.
- Brad Martin from Dundas Valley won this year's Kentwell Medal (awarded by the Match Referees) as well as being recognised as the Union's most outstanding representative player.
- Joy Johnson (St Ives), Richard McGrath (Colleagues), Dom Lombardo (Old Ignatians) and Todd Payne (UNSW) were acknowledged by the Australian Rugby Union via the Volunteer Recognition Program.

My thanks are extended to Judiciary members Mark Groom, Tony Beger, Jim Melrose and Tom Lingard; The Union's Board, whose members devote time and energies not only to their own clubs but also towards the betterment of the Union; The Appeals Tribunal, led by Paul McGirr; The Union's sponsors - Canterbury, Interfuse, Gilbert, Icons of Sport, Vili's Pies, Leuko and Australian Rugby Review – whose contributions assist in defraying the cost of playing rugby; And finally to Fraser Neill and the NSW Rugby Union, for their support, both financially and operationally. It is pleasing to see the two unions working more closely than ever before.

Suburban Rugby could not continue to operate without its army of volunteer officials including referees, coaches and administrators. Thank you for your invaluable contribution and I look forward to your continued support in the future.

It is important for Suburban Rugby to build on the platform created by the Rugby World Cup and ensure that the increase in team, club and player numbers experienced in 2004 continues into 2005 and beyond.

Mark Green
Executive Director

SYDNEY JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

The Sydney Junior Rugby Union underwent a series of significant transformations in 2004, with village clubs, districts, zones and the Union itself excelling in all facets of administration. As a result, the SJRU is now seen as a national leader in the management of the sport.

Our heightened profile has been fuelled by strong player growth and continued competition expansion. There are now 381 competitions for players aged between 10 and 17 in the Sydney area, an increase of 45 on 2003 and up from 301 three years ago. Clubs are also getting bigger, with over a third now boasting 12 teams or more, while the overall number of clubs taking part in these competitions has remained stable at 58.

Participation numbers are impressive, with over 10,000 players now registered to the union. The look ahead is promising, with the SJRU forecasting large growths throughout the mini competition after a solid performance in 2004. Forecasts predict that growth to continue, with strong initiatives at all levels being geared towards the pathway age groups. Of concern however is the Southern Zone area, which dropped playing numbers again in 2004. The SJRU is looking at possible re-zoning issues and other options to help aid in the development of the area and creating a stronger club based system.

Some of the highlights/developments over the 2004 season included:

- The extension of my contracted position, including being employed as NSWRU Juniors Administrator.
- The employment of Competition and Event Manager David Rolph has proved invaluable with David excelling in his current role.
- The development of a stronger relationship between NSWRU and SJRU. This relationship is set to develop further with Fraser Neill heading an independent NSWRU.
- Greater participation from the Juniors Office with David Rolph coordinating the State Championships, Regional Carnival and Zone Championships.

In 2005 more effort will be required in the areas of representative football and working in around various calendars. A large challenge will be the expansion of the Sydney u15's program. Furthermore efforts in the areas of finance, sponsorship and judiciary are key areas for 2005.

Junior Rugby in Sydney continues to grow strongly. Our portfolio continues to expand and the influence of juniors has significantly increased. Competitions remain our focus, however with the ever changing environment and the NSWRU service agreement there are many things to look forward to for season 2005. Thank you to all the clubs and volunteers who keep the game alive.

Peter Watkins
SJRU Co-ordinator



SCHOOLS RUGBY

Significant changes to the structure of the Schools Rugby calendar in 2004 produced overwhelmingly positive results. The success of NSW Schools at the ARFSU Championships, and its subsequent domination of Australian Schools selections, can be traced back to the early commencement of a number of major competitions. Starting the season early allowed players to find form in time for selection trials, which in turn led to good trial form, and ultimately, success at Nationals.

The NSWSRU Seconds did not have the same success as their first team counterparts, but all involved agreed the process was an enjoyable and valuable learning experience. Especially pleasing was the performance of the NSW Seconds management team, including Manager Chuck Ardron, Coach Tim Wallace, Assistant Matt Tink and Physiotherapist Fiona De Santis. All were first timers at this level, and their achievements are an encouraging sign for the future.

The NSWSRU Under 16's made it a memorable double for the Union, winning the ARU Championships. The talent on show and potential for the future highlights the invaluable work being done by the many unheralded coaches at schools across Australia.

During the year we also played host to a strong Irish Schools outfit, and although losing narrowly, the experience of participating in an international fixture was enjoyed by all involved.

In the various competitions played throughout the year, the winners and runners up are as follows:

State Level:

Waratah Shield

St Edmunds College, Canberra d Randwick Boys HS

Robson Shield

Randwick Boys HS d Northern Beaches SC

Buchan Shield

Endeavour Sports HS d Griffith HS

Palmer Shield

Burraneer Bay PS d Lismore PS

Shaw Shield

Eagle Vale PS d Kincumber PS

Girls U15

Matraville SHS d Sarah Redfern HS

Country Schools

Yeates Shield

Alstonville HS d James Sheahan College, Orange

Wiburd Shield

Farrer Memorial AHS, Tamworth d St Columba's, Springwood

Foster Shield

Griffith HS d Lakeside CS, Tweed Heads

Associations

Combined Associated Schools

Joint Winners: Barker College, Waverley College

Greater Public Schools

Winner: St Josephs College, Hunters Hill
Runner Up: St Ignatius College, Riverview

Independent Schools Association

Winner: St Stanislaus College, Bathurst
Runner Up: Oakhill College

In closing, and although results this year may indicate otherwise, there is still much to be done to improve the way we operate. There are initiatives to be explored and processes to be implemented, including improvements in technological communication, assisting financially disadvantaged contributors and further competition reviews. These are some of the challenges the NSW Schools Rugby Union faces in the coming 12 months, and ones we will tackle head on.

Colin Murray
President

COMBINED ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS

The 2004 CAS Rugby competition was a very tightly fought race between the undefeated Barker College and Waverley. Despite losing to Barker during the year, Waverley still managed to take a share of the CAS Premiership and the Henry Plume Shield after finishing the season with five bonus points to Barker's one.

The standard of play and the sportsmanship shown by all schools remains very high and all teams and coaches deserve accolades for the way in which CAS Rugby is played.

The representative season proved to be tough, with good wins over Country Schools and ISA, before the run came to an end at the hands of an outstanding GPS XV.

The CAS were fortunate to have a number of boys selected for further representation –

NSW 1st XV – Daniel Farrell (Knox) & Josh Whittaker (Barker)

NSW 2nd XV – Sam Rutherford & Shaun Foley (Waverley)

The U/16 development program continues to be a solid foundation for potential representative players. The CAS team now has a pathway to a Sydney Schools Under 16 team to compete at a National Championship. Trials were held at Barker College in August with the annual North v South fixture. Two representative teams were then selected who went on to defeat the ISA in the NSW trials at Oxford Falls.

Martin Haywood
CAS Convener

COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES

2004 began with a decision to increase our annual selection trial from a one day to a two day event for the first time. Success was immediate, with ten diocese being represented in the under 16's trials and 9 in the opens. In all, almost 400 players attended the event.

With the limit of 70 minutes rugby each player is permitted to play in one day and the vast number of players in attendance, the second day of trials gave every player the opportunity to perform. Preliminary discussions about making the trials a CCC Championship have been held, although much more needs to happen before this becomes reality.

The CCC under 16's was once again amongst our best performed, scoring 6 tries to 1 in defeating the CAS 2nd XV 38-7. The dominant performance of the squad however came from winger John Kite, scoring 4 of his side's 6 tries. This earned him a well-deserved call up to the all Schools squad. John also achieved selection in the NSW Schools squad, alongside team mate Sam Wykes.

In previous seasons, CCC Under 16's has comfortably defeated Country, CAS II and ISA II. We will continue to lobby the NSW Rugby Schools Committee for a fixture against CAS or ISA 1st XV where we are sure our players will enjoy a better opportunity to represent at All Schools level.

The Opens played two matches in the NSW All Schools trials at Barker College on 26 and 27 June. Game one saw us go down 35-10 to CHS 3rds. Game two saw a vastly improved performance, defeating ISA 2nds 28-7

While CCC had no players selected in the NSW All Schools squad, standout players were the centre pairing of Zac Mullane and Michael Roberts, while Arnold Manu was awarded the CCC player of the tournament. Arnold's leadership as Captain and tireless effort at training and in games marks him as a star of the future.

Patrick Gallagher
NSWCCC Convener

COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS

2004 has been a very busy year for Rugby at Combined High Schools level.

At the NSW CHS State Championships at Coffs Harbour, a total of 14 teams came together with Ku-ring-gai Zone defeating South Coast in the final.

From these championships and a further trial, the NSW CHS teams for 2004 were selected, prior to a series of selection trials against AICES, ISA, CAS and GPS.

The CHS first XV were privileged to be asked to take on the touring Ireland Schools, and also Taranaki Schools from New Zealand.

The following NSW CHS players gained selection in the Australian Schools side to play Ireland, and tour Samoa and New Zealand: Pekahou Cowan, Alec Bishop, Leon Bott, Joshua Holmes, Jesse Leota, Adrian Clements, and Ben Blakely.

Holmes also gained selection in the Australian Junior Commonwealth Games 7 a-side team, while Bill Johnston, Patrick Maille and Patrick Mekuri played for Australian Schools A against Ireland.

Pekahou Cowan capped a big year by winning the Val Lembit award for most outstanding male sports person, as well as the Sydney Morning Herald Schoolboy of the Year award, while Josh Holmes took out the player's player title.

Glenn Clayton
CHS Convener

GREATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

St. Joseph's College capped off a big year, winning its 51st GPS Premiership from St Ignatius College, Riverview. Coaches Br Anthony Boyd and Jeremy Ticehurst prepared a very strong side, which was spurred on by the tireless leadership of Captain Pauliasi Taumoepeau.

Joeys maintained an undefeated record throughout the GPS season and their outstanding for and against record indicates the strength and depth of their line up. Taumoepeau's dominant performance saw him appointed Captain of the Australian Schools team, for their clashes with Samoa and New Zealand.

Shore and St Ignatius College fought it out for the minor placing's, with the Riverview boys winning out. Both schools provided strong opposition for St. Josephs and displayed attractive running rugby. The Scots College and Newington both showed encouraging signs, and, with key players returning in 2005, will again be competitive, while The King's School, Sydney Grammar and Sydney Boys' High all provided their supporters with some exciting moments in 2004.

The Combined GPS teams enjoyed victories over the CAS and CHS in their annual fixtures and provided a strong contingent of representatives in the NSW Schoolboys teams. The GPS boys to gain representative honours in the Australian Schoolboys were: Jeremy Tilse, Michael Dan, Nicholas Woolf and Pauliasi Taumoepeau from St Josephs College and Richard Stanford from The Scots College. For Australia A the following boys gained selection; Nathan Nicol and Ben Bates from St Josephs College, Jono Jenkins and Dan Kelly from St Ignatius College and Rob McMickan from The Scots College.

Mark Ticehurst
GPS Convener

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

ISA Rugby continued to improve in 2004, after the implementation of a number of major initiatives aimed at increasing the standard of rugby being played at ISA level. The major development was the acceptance of two ISA teams into the NSWSRU Championships, which we're pleased to say will continue in 2005. It is hoped this exposure will not only improve our players but ensure the best players are selected in representative teams.

Well done to Andrew Hirst and Greg Aitken for their preparation of the 1st XV for the 2004 state championships, which were once again held at Knox Grammar School. Greg and Andrew will not be coaching the 1st XV in 2005 and I would like to express thanks from the Association for all their hard work.

On a representative front, congratulations to Beau Robinson who gained selection into the Australian Schools team to play Ireland in Canberra and also tour to New Zealand later in the year.

With the change in the start of the rugby season this year, both Division 1 and 2 competitions started in term 2 instead of term 3. A number of schools expressed concern about the change, and the fact there is now a long break in the middle of the competition. This will also be the case in 2005 so it will be up to the individual schools to address any ongoing problems.

Another major change for the ISA competition next year will be the introduction of St Andrews and St Augustines into the Division 1 competition. Although some of their teams may struggle in the early years against some of the stronger Division 1 Schools, I am sure it will eventually lead to an increase in standard of rugby in the Division 1 ISA Competition. I wish each of the Schools the best of luck next year.

In Division 1, well done to St Stanislaus College who defeated Oakhill College to win the competition. Stannies were the form team of the competition and deserved winners of the Shield. In the Division 2 competition well done to BMGS who finished the season as premiers.

Stephen Tulevski
ISA Convenor

COUNTRY SCHOOLS

The 2004 Country Schools season began with a tour to New Zealand by the Development Team selected at the conclusion of the 2003 Championships. The team gained much from the experience of playing tough opposition in such a strong Rugby country.

Six regional teams took part in the 27th annual Country Schools Championships, held at Narrabeen over the Queens Birthday long weekend. At the start of the tournament, we welcomed New England schools back to the fold after an absence of many years. We were also encouraged by the efforts of three Central Coast school-boys, who without a team from their home region to play for joined the New England squad for the championships.

Hunter schools eventually claimed the title, beating North Coast 21 to 15 in a highly entertaining final. Hunter also became the first team to lift the Bernie McGrane Shield, which was struck in honour of the founding President of the Union.

The squad to tour Argentina in early 2005 was named at the conclusion of the event.

The 1st XV then played in a series of selection trials for the New South Wales schools teams, held at Knox Grammar School in late June. A first up 48-14 loss to a tough CHS 2nd XV was then followed up by a vastly improved showing against CAS firsts, with the city boys only just getting up 17-10. As a result of the trials, Anthony Savovski achieved selection in the NSW Schools shadow team.

The highlight of the season came with the game between Country and Ireland Schools at Singleton on the 1st of August. It was the fifth meeting between the two sides, and the 21st international Country Schools has been involved in. The Irish won the day 78-nil, and while the result didn't go our way, the occasion was made all the more memorable by the friendliness of the tourists and the hospitality of the Singleton community.

Three knockout competitions were conducted throughout the year, with the number of teams taking part slightly down on previous years. Divisional finals were held at Carrington Park, Bathurst on Sunday September 19.

The Yeates Shield (Open Division) was won by Alstonville High School, defeating Orange's James Sheahan Catholic High School 38-8 in the final. The Wiburd Shield (Year Ten) was taken out by Tamworth's Farrer Agricultural High School, with a 45-8 victory over St Columba's College, Springwood. And the Vincent Foster Shield (Year Eight) saw Griffith High prevail in a tight clash over the Lakeside Christian School, Tweed Heads 24 points to 22.

Don Wiburd OAM
Hon. Secretary/Convenor

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

2004 was a highly successful year for NSW Catholic Primary Schools Rugby, both at Diocesan and NSW PSSA level. This success came through good planning and development, which was only made possible with the valuable support of the NSW Rugby Union.

In the PSSA Championships, held at Scone, NSW Catholic Primary Schools entered 2 teams, with MacKillop finishing an outstanding 3rd and Polding more than holding its own, taking 5th place.

Eighty-nine teams from across the state entered the highly successful Catholic Primary Schools knockout. A series of gala days and knock out fixtures culminated in an entertaining finals series, held at Lake Munmorah in early September. St. Carthages, Lismore triumphed in the final, beating home team St. Brendan's Munmorah 27-nil. Holy Family Kelso took 3rd place, beating St. Joseph's Taree 31-29 in the playoff for minor placings.

Peter Nugent,
NSWCPS Convenor

PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

This year's PSSA knockout attracted 66 teams from all over NSW. Burraneer Bay Public School took out the Bryan Palmer Shield, as its final opponents, Whyrallah Road Primary School, was unable to field a team in the final.

In 2005 the final of the Bryan Palmer Shield will be played on a school day as opposed to a Sunday as has been the case. Well over 70 teams have entered for 2005.

The 2004 State Carnival was hosted by the Hunter Area at Scone in August. There were 12 teams competing from all over New South Wales, the only omission being the Riverina. After three days of very exciting Rugby, C.I.S. (Combined Independent Schools) played Sydney North in the final which was won comfortably by C.I.S. In 2005 the State Carnival will be hosted by North Coast at Lismore.

This year's interstate exchange was hosted by the Victoria in Melbourne. It involved NSW PSSA, ACT PSSA and the Victorian U12 Representative team. NSW were victorious overall after a series of close encounters. Next year ACT will host the Exchange and it is anticipated that it will be held in Canberra towards the end of September.

The NSW PSSA has greatly benefited from its close relationship with the Development officers and the NSWRU. I personally would like to thank one and all for their valuable assistance.

Grant Fuller
Convenor



3-time Ken Catchpole Medallist, Eastwood's Scott Fava

AWARDS

WARATAHS PLAYER'S PLAYER

On June 16, vice-captain Phil Waugh was named Waratahs Players Player for the second consecutive season, also becoming the inaugural winner of the Matthew Burke Cup.

At the conclusion of each Super 12 match, all capped members of the Waratah squad awarded points on a 3-2-1 basis, with Waugh a clear winner on 45 points from Daniel Vickerman on 38 and Captain Chris Whitaker on 25.

A tenacious competitor and outstanding leader, the Waratah flanker has a string of honours to his name, winning Australian Player of the Year in 2001 and 2003, and Australian Rookie of the Year in 2000.

The night also recognised Matt Burke's decade long contribution to NSW Rugby, with Waugh the first player to lift the cup bearing the great utility back's name.

KEN CATCHPOLE MEDAL

Eastwood backrower Scott Fava etched his name into the history books in October, awarded his third Ken Catchpole Medal as the best and fairest player in the Tooheys New Cup.

The Brumbies number 8 is the first player to win the award three times, doing so in consecutive seasons.

A dominant surge in the final rounds before the playoffs saw Fava finish on 17 votes, 3 clear of his nearest challenger, Eastern Suburbs flanker Tim McGann.

Eastern Suburbs half Tim Clark, Manly fullback Peter Hewat and Randwick hooker Adam Freier shared third spot on 13 points.

BUNDABERG RUM COACH OF THE YEAR

Randwick's successful Tooheys New Cup campaign was enough to see Galloping Greens mentor Michael Cheika take out the Bundaberg Rum Coach of the Year title.

Cheika, whose team went on to down Eastwood 35-22 in the decider at Aussie Stadium, also became the first coach to wear the Dave Brockhoff Medal, struck in recognition of the former Wallaby and Waratah coach's contribution to Rugby in Australia

TELSTRA REFEREE OF THE YEAR

The inaugural Dick Byres medal for the Telstra Referee of the year went to Strathfield Dentist and former Sydney University flyhalf John McCarthy.

An Australian panel member since 1997, McCarthy has refereed in 11 countries on sevens and under 21's duty and has made frequent appearances on the touchline during Tests and Super 12 fixtures.

The medal was named in honour of refereeing icon Dick Byres, a veteran of over 200 club games, 100 representative fixtures and 15 Tests.

McCarthy was also adjudged the best whistleblower of 2003.

ROSCOE FAY TROPHY

The Roscoe Fay trophy for most points in a season was taken out by Randwick captain Shaun Berne.

A hard running centre who can also kick goals, Berne finished the Tooheys New Cup season on 147 points, with 11 tries, 43 goals and two penalty goals to his name, seeing the Coogee club retain the title won by Gareth Smith in 2003.

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD AWARDS

On September 29, Waratahs vice-captain Phil Waugh was honoured as the 55th winner of the Herald Cup in recognition of his dominant season at both Super 12 and international level.

The Sydney University openside flanker, who also won the award in 2001 and has been runner-up twice, finished on 17 points, winning by a record margin of 10 votes from winger Lote Tuqiri. Shaun Berne and Mat Rogers shared third spot on 6 votes.

Past winners include the likes of Chris Whitaker, Matthew Burke, Mat Rogers and Morgan Turinui.

In other Herald awards, Waratah and Wallaby debutant Stephen Hoiles claimed the club player of the year award.

The Herald's rookie of the year in 2003, the Randwick backrower's improvement across the board saw him take victory from Easts Tim Clark, while Manly back-rower James Campbell finished third.

Eastwood prop Benn Robinson, who won his first state cap in 2004, was named rookie of the year. The Junior Waratah played almost a full season in the front row for the Woods, a major achievement for a 19-year-old in a position in which experience is rated highly. Promising breakaway Will Brame claimed the runner-up spot.

Joint winners were named in the schoolboys' section for the first time, with the judges unable to split Narrabeen Sports High's Pekahou Cowan, and St Josephs College and Australian Schoolboys captain Pauliasi Taumoepeau.

The women's player of the year was West Harbour's Debby Hodgkinson - a versatile player, who can play in numerous positions across the field - with Sydney University back-rower Alex Hargreaves runner-up.

Randwick Girls High centre Josiah Lautaimi was named schoolgirl player of the year with breakaway Kelly Graham of Kincumber High School runner-up.

Club champion Sydney University won club of the year.



2004 RESULTS/HONOURS

(*New cap, ^Replacement Player)

**HSBC WARATAHS v CRUSADERS
CHRISTCHURCH****21 FEBRUARY 2004**

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Matt Dunning | Eastwood |
| Brendan Cannon | Sydney Uni |
| Alastair Baxter | Norths |
| Justin Harrison* | Eastwood |
| Daniel Vickerman* | Sydney Uni |
| Rocky Elsom | Randwick |
| Phil Waugh [v-c] | Sydney Uni |
| David Lyons | Sydney Uni |
| Chris Whitaker[c] | Randwick |
| Tim Donnelly | Eastwood |
| Milton Thaiday | Norths |
| Nathan Grey | Manly |
| Ben Jacobs | Southern Districts |
| Lote Tuqiri | West Harbour |
| Mat Rogers | Southern Districts |

RESERVES

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Adam Freier ^ | Randwick |
| Gareth Hardy | Sydney Uni |
| Simon Kasprovicz^ | Manly |
| Stephen Hoiles *^ | Randwick |
| Elia Tuqiri ^ | West Harbour |
| Morgan Turinui ^ | Randwick |
| Cameron Shepherd *^ | Norths |

HSBC WARATAHS 43 N Grey, M Rogers T Donnelly M Thaiday tries. M Rogers 4 goals 5 pen goals
CRUSADERS 19

HSBC WARATAHS v SHARKS**AUSSIE STADIUM****28 FEBRUARY 2004**

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Matt Dunning | Eastwood |
| Brendan Cannon | Sydney Uni |
| Alastair Baxter | Norths |
| Justin Harrison | Eastwood |
| Daniel Vickerman | Sydney Uni |
| Rocky Elsom | Randwick |
| Phil Waugh[v-c] | Sydney Uni |
| David Lyons | Sydney Uni |
| Chris Whitaker[c] | Randwick |
| Tim Donnelly | Eastwood |
| Lote Tuqiri | West Harbour |
| Nathan Grey | Manly |
| Ben Jacobs | Southern Districts |
| Milton Thaiday | Norths |
| Mat Rogers | Southern Districts |

RESERVES

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Adam Freier^ | Randwick |
| Gareth Hardy*^ | Sydney Uni |
| Simon Kasprovicz^ | Manly |

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Stephen Hoiles^ | Randwick |
| Elia Tuqiri^ | West Harbour |
| Morgan Turinui^ | Randwick |
| Cameron Shepherd^ | Norths |

HSBC WARATAHS 48 T Donnelly, M Thaiday, M Rogers, B Jacobs, P Waugh, C Shepherd tries.
M Rogers 6 goals, 2 pen goals.
SHARKS 14

HSBC WARATAHS v CATS**AUSSIE STADIUM****MARCH 5, 2004**

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Gareth Hardy | Sydney Uni |
| Brendan Cannon | Sydney Uni |
| Alastair Baxter | Norths |
| Justin Harrison | Eastwood |
| Daniel Vickerman | Sydney Uni |
| Rocky Elsom | Randwick |
| Phil Waugh[v-c] | Sydney Uni |
| David Lyons | Sydney Uni |
| Chris Whitaker[c] | Randwick |
| Tim Donnelly | Eastwood |
| Lote Tuqiri | West Harbour |
| Nathan Grey | Manly |
| Ben Jacobs | Southern Districts |
| Cameron Shepherd | Norths |
| Mat Rogers | Southern Districts |

RESERVES

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Adam Freier^ | Randwick |
| Aaron Broughton-Rouse*^ | Eastwood |
| Alister Campbell*^ | Sydney Uni |
| Simon Kasprovicz^ | Manly |
| Elia Tuqiri^ | West Harbour |
| Morgan Turinui^ | Randwick |
| Matthew Burke^ | Eastwood |

HSBC WARATAHS 46 M Rogers 2, N Grey, P Waugh, C Whitaker, L Tuqiri tries. M Rogers 5 goals, 2 pen goals.
CATS 10

HSBC WARATAHS v STORMERS**CAPE TOWN****MARCH 13, 2004**

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Matt Dunning | Eastwood |
| Brendan Cannon | Sydney Uni |
| Alastair Baxter | Norths |
| Justin Harrison | Eastwood |
| Daniel Vickerman | Sydney Uni |
| Rocky Elsom | Randwick |
| Phil Waugh[v-c] | Sydney Uni |
| David Lyons | Sydney Uni |
| Chris Whitaker[c] | Randwick |
| Tim Donnelly | Eastwood |
| Lote Tuqiri | West Harbour |

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| Nathan Grey | Manly |
| Ben Jacobs | Southern Districts |
| Cameron Shepherd | Norths |
| Matthew Burke | Eastwood |

RESERVES

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Adam Freier^ | Randwick |
| Gareth Hardy^ | Sydney Uni |
| Alister Campbell | Sydney Uni |
| Lei Tomiki^ | Randwick |
| Elia Tuqiri | West Harbour |
| Morgan Turinui^ | Randwick |
| Scott Staniforth^ | Eastwood |

HSBC WARATAHS 23 C Shepherd, L Tuqiri, M Turinui tries.
M Burke 1 goal, 1 pen goal;
T Donnelly 1 pen goal.
STORMERS 27

HSBC WARATAHS v BULLS**PRETORIA****MARCH 19, 2004**

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Matt Dunning | Eastwood |
| Brendan Cannon | Sydney Uni |
| Alastair Baxter | Norths |
| Justin Harrison | Eastwood |
| Daniel Vickerman | Sydney Uni |
| Rocky Elsom | Randwick |
| Phil Waugh[v-c] | Sydney Uni |
| David Lyons | Sydney Uni |
| Chris Whitaker[c] | Randwick |
| Tim Donnelly | Eastwood |
| Lote Tuqiri | West Harbour |
| Nathan Grey | Manly |
| Morgan Turinui | Randwick |
| Cameron Shepherd | Norths |
| Mat Rogers | Southern Districts |

RESERVES

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Adam Freier^ | Randwick |
| Gareth Hardy | Sydney Uni |
| Alister Campbell^ | Sydney Uni |
| Simon Kasprovicz^ | Manly |
| Lei Tomiki^ | Randwick |
| Ben Jacobs^ | Southern Districts |
| Scott Staniforth^ | Eastwood |

HSBC WARATAHS 27 M Turinui, B Jacobs, L Tuqiri tries.
T Donnelly 2 goals, 1 pen goal;
M Rogers 1 goal, 1 pen goal.
BULLS 38

HSBC WARATAHS v CHIEFS**HAMILTON****MARCH 27, 2004**

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Matt Dunning | Eastwood |
| Brendan Cannon | Sydney Uni |
| Alastair Baxter | Norths |
| Justin Harrison | Eastwood |
| Daniel Vickerman | Sydney Uni |
| Simon Kasprovicz | Manly |
| Phil Waugh[v-c] | Sydney Uni |
| David Lyons | Sydney Uni |
| Chris Whitaker[c] | Randwick |
| Tim Donnelly | Eastwood |
| Lote Tuqiri | West Harbour |
| Morgan Turinui | Randwick |
| Ben Jacobs | Southern Districts |
| Scott Staniforth | Eastwood |
| Cameron Shepherd | Norths |

RESERVES

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| Adam Freier^ | Randwick |
| Aaron Broughton-Rouse^ | Eastwood |
| Rocky Elsom^ | Randwick |
| Stephen Hoiles^ | Randwick |
| Shaun Berne^ | Randwick |
| Nathan Grey^ | Manly |
| Matthew Burke^ | Eastwood |

HSBC WARATAHS 17 N Grey, M Turinui tries. S Berne 2 goals,
T Donnelly 1 pen goal.
CHIEFS 32

HSBC WARATAHS v BLUES**AUCKLAND****APRIL 4, 2004**

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Matt Dunning | Eastwood |
| Brendan Cannon | Sydney Uni |
| Alastair Baxter | Norths |
| Justin Harrison[v-c] | Eastwood |
| Daniel Vickerman | Sydney Uni |
| Simon Kasprovicz | Manly |
| Lei Tomiki | Randwick |
| David Lyons | Sydney Uni |
| Chris Whitaker[c] | Randwick |
| Shaun Berne | Randwick |
| Lote Tuqiri | West Harbour |
| Morgan Turinui | Randwick |
| Matthew Burke | Eastwood |
| Scott Staniforth | Eastwood |
| Cameron Shepherd | Norths |

RESERVES

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|------------------------|----------|
| Adam Freier^ | Randwick |
| Aaron Broughton-Rouse^ | Eastwood |
| Rocky Elsom^ | Randwick |
| Stephen Hoiles^ | Randwick |
| Tim Donnelly^ | Eastwood |
| Nathan Grey^ | Manly |

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| Milton Thaiday^ | Norths |
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HSBC WARATAHS 17 M Burke, A Freier tries. M Burke 2 goals,
1 pen goal.
BLUES 22

HSBC WARATAHS v HURRICANES**AUSSIE STADIUM****APRIL 17, 2004**

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Matt Dunning | Eastwood |
| Brendan Cannon | Sydney Uni |
| Alastair Baxter | Norths |
| Justin Harrison | Eastwood |
| Daniel Vickerman | Sydney Uni |
| Simon Kasprovicz | Manly |
| Phil Waugh[v-c] | Sydney Uni |
| David Lyons | Sydney Uni |
| Chris Whitaker[c] | Randwick |
| Shaun Berne | Randwick |
| Lote Tuqiri | West Harbour |
| Morgan Turinui | Randwick |
| Matthew Burke | Eastwood |
| Scott Staniforth | Eastwood |
| Cameron Shepherd | Norths |

RESERVES

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Adam Freier^ | Randwick |
| Aaron Broughton-Rouse^ | Eastwood |
| Alister Campbell^ | Sydney Uni |
| Rocky Elsom^ | Randwick |
| Tim Donnelly^ | Eastwood |
| Nathan Grey^ | Manly |
| Milton Thaiday^ | Norths |

HSBC WARATAHS 43 C Whitaker, S Berne, D Lyons, M Dunning, L Tuqiri, C Shepherd, A Freier tries.
M Burke 4 goals, 2 pen goals.
HURRICANES 31

HSBC WARATAHS v BRUMBIES**AUSSIE STADIUM****APRIL 24, 2004**

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Matt Dunning | Eastwood |
| Brendan Cannon | Sydney Uni |
| Alastair Baxter | Norths |
| Justin Harrison | Eastwood |
| Daniel Vickerman | Sydney Uni |
| Simon Kasprovicz | Manly |
| Phil Waugh[v-c] | Sydney Uni |
| David Lyons | Sydney Uni |
| Chris Whitaker[c] | Randwick |
| Shaun Berne | Randwick |
| Lote Tuqiri | West Harbour |
| Morgan Turinui | Randwick |
| Matthew Burke | Eastwood |
| Milton Thaiday | Norths |
| Cameron Shepherd | Norths |

RESERVES

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Adam Freier^ | Randwick |
| Gareth Hardy^ | Sydney Uni |
| Alister Campbell | Sydney Uni |
| Rocky Elsom^ | Randwick |
| Tim Donnelly^ | Eastwood |
| Nathan Grey | Manly |
| Scott Staniforth^ | Eastwood |

HSBC WARATAHS 37 L Tuqiri 2, C Shepherd tries. M Burke 2 goals,
6 pen goals.
BRUMBIES 29

HSBC WARATAHS v**HIGHLANDERS****AUSSIE STADIUM****MAY 1, 2004**

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Matt Dunning | Eastwood |
| Brendan Cannon | Sydney Uni |
| Alastair Baxter | Norths |
| Justin Harrison | Eastwood |
| Daniel Vickerman | Sydney Uni |
| Simon Kasprovicz | Manly |
| Phil Waugh[v-c] | Sydney Uni |
| David Lyons | Sydney Uni |
| Chris Whitaker[c] | Randwick |
| Shaun Berne | Randwick |
| Lote Tuqiri | West Harbour |
| Morgan Turinui | Randwick |
| Matthew Burke | Eastwood |
| Scott Staniforth | Eastwood |
| Cameron Shepherd | Norths |

RESERVES

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Adam Freier^ | Randwick |
| Gareth Hardy^ | Sydney Uni |
| Alister Campbell^ | Sydney Uni |
| Rocky Elsom^ | Randwick |
| Tim Donnelly^ | Eastwood |
| Nathan Grey^ | Manly |
| Elia Tuqiri | West Harbour |

HSBC WARATAHS 28

S Kasprovicz, M Turinui, S Staniforth tries. M Burke 2 goals,
1 pen goal; S Berne 2 pen goals.
HIGHLANDERS 29

HSBC WARATAHS v REDS**BRISBANE****MAY 8, 2004**

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Matt Dunning | Eastwood |
| Brendan Cannon | Sydney Uni |
| Alastair Baxter | Norths |
| Justin Harrison | Eastwood |
| Daniel Vickerman | Sydney Uni |
| Simon Kasprovicz | Manly |
| Phil Waugh[v-c] | Sydney Uni |

David Lyons Sydney Uni
Chris Whitaker[c] Randwick
Shaun Berne Randwick
Lote Tuqiri West Harbour
Morgan Turinui Randwick
Matthew Burke Eastwood
Scott Staniforth Eastwood
Cameron Shepherd Norths

RESERVES
Adam Freier^ Randwick
Gareth Hardy Sydney Uni
Alister Campbell Sydney Uni
Rocky Elsom^ Randwick
Tim Donnelly^ Eastwood
Nathan Grey^ Manly
Milton Thaiday^ Norths

HSBC WARATAHS 7 L Tuqiri try,
M Burke goal.
REDS 23

HSBC WARATAHS v SCOTLAND AUSSIE STADIUM JUNE 8, 2004

Gareth Hardy Sydney Uni
Adam Freier[v-c] Randwick
Aaron Broughton-Rouse Eastwood
Alister Campbell Sydney Uni
Will Caldwell* Sydney Uni
Simon Kasprovicz Manly
Tim McGann* Easts
Stephen Hoiles Randwick
Tim Clark Easts
Tim Donnelly Eastwood
Scott Staniforth Eastwood
Nathan Grey[c] Manly
Milton Thaiday Norths
Elia Tuqiri West Harbour
Peter Hewat* Manly

RESERVES
Huia Edmonds Southern Districts
Adam Walsh* Randwick
Marty Wilson* Eastwood
Chris Sproats* Sydney Uni
Chris O'Young* West Harbour
Shaun Berne Randwick
James Hilgendorf Eastwood

HSBC WARATAHS 33 S Staniforth
2, E Tuqiri, P Hewat, T Clark tries.
T Donnelly 4 goals.
SCOTLAND 15

HSBC WARATAHS v THE PACIFIC ISLANDERS AUSSIE STADIUM JUNE 25, 2004

Gareth Hardy Sydney Uni
Huia Edmonds Southern Districts
Aaron Broughton-Rouse Eastwood
Alister Campbell Sydney Uni
Will Caldwell Sydney Uni
Simon Kasprovicz[v-c] Manly
Tim McGann Easts
Stephen Hoiles Randwick
Tim Clark Easts
Tim Donnelly Eastwood
Elia Tuqiri West Harbour
Morgan Turinui Randwick
Matthew Burke[c] Eastwood
Milton Thaiday Norths
Peter Hewat Manly

RESERVES
Al Manning* Norths
James Lakepa* Manly
Marty Wilson Eastwood
Chris Sproats Sydney Uni
Patrick Phibbs* Randwick
Nathan Grey Manly
Lachlan Mackay* Norths

HSBC WARATAHS 21 M Turinui,
T McGann, M Thaiday tries.
M Burke 3 goals.
PACIFIC ISLANDERS 68

HSBC WARATAHS v SALTA SALTA OCTOBER 16, 2004

Benn Robinson* Eastwood
Al Manning Norths
James Lakepa Manly
Dean Mumm* Sydney Uni
Cameron Treloar* Warringah
Alex Kanaar* Sydney Uni
James Campbell* Manly
Matt Hodgson[v-c] Manly
Chris O'Young West Harbour
Lachlan Mackay[c] Norths
Lloyd Jones* Easts
Chris Siale* West Harbour
Rex Tapuai Randwick
Tom Carter* Sydney Uni
Arthur Little* Randwick

RESERVES
Adam Freier Randwick
Aaron Broughton-Rouse Eastwood
Marty Wilson Eastwood

Wycliff Palu Warringah
Tim Clark Easts
Morgan Turinui Randwick
Wise Kativerata* Randwick

HSBC WARATAHS 51 A Little,
T Carter, R Tapuai, L Jones, J
Campbell, A Kanaar, W Kativerata
tries. L Mackay 5 goals, 2 pen
goals.
SALTA 25

HSBC WARATAHS v TUCUMAN TUCUMAN OCTOBER 20, 2004

Gareth Hardy Sydney Uni
Adam Freier[c] Randwick
Aaron Broughton-Rouse Eastwood
Will Caldwell Sydney Uni
Marty Wilson Eastwood
Wycliff Palu Warringah
Dwayne Haare* Randwick
Matt Hodgson Manly
Tim Clark Easts
Tim Donnelly Eastwood
Winston Mafi* Sydney Uni
Shaun Berne[v-c] Randwick
Morgan Turinui Randwick
Wise Kativerata Randwick
Cameron Shepherd Norths

RESERVES
Al Manning Norths
James Lakepa Manly
Alex Kanaar Sydney Uni
James Campbell Manly
Chris O'Young West Harbour
Chris Siale West Harbour
Arthur Little Randwick

HSBC WARATAHS 76 C Shepherd
3, M Turinui 2, W Mafi 2, W
Kativerata, S Berne, G Hardy,
A Kanaar, A Little tries.
T Donnelly 8 goals.
TUCUMAN 14

HSBC WARATAHS v CORDOBA CORDOBA OCTOBER 22, 2004

Benn Robinson Eastwood
Al Manning Norths
James Lakepa Manly
Will Caldwell Sydney Uni
Cameron Treloar[v-c] Warringah
Dean Mumm Sydney Uni
James Campbell Manly
Will Brame* Eastwood

Chris O'Young West Harbour
Lachlan Mackay[c] Norths
Lloyd Jones Easts
Chris Siale West Harbour
Rex Tapuai Randwick
Tom Carter Sydney Uni
Arthur Little Randwick

RESERVES
Adam Freier Randwick
Aaron Broughton-Rouse Eastwood
Dwayne Haare Randwick
Wycliff Palu Warringah
Tim Clark Easts
Shaun Berne Randwick
Winston Mafi Sydney Uni

HSBC WARATAHS 47 A Little,
R Tapuai, C Siale, W Brame,
B Robinson, T Clark, W Mafi tries.
L Mackay 4 goals, T Clark 2 goals.
CORDOBA 20

HSBC WARATAHS v BUENOS AIRES BUENOS AIRES OCTOBER 27, 2004

Gareth Hardy Sydney Uni
Adam Freier[c] Randwick
Aaron Broughton-Rouse Eastwood
Will Caldwell Sydney Uni
Marty Wilson Eastwood
Wycliff Palu Warringah
Dwayne Haare Randwick
Will Brame Eastwood
Tim Clark Easts
Tim Donnelly Eastwood
Winston Mafi Sydney Uni
Shaun Berne[v-c] Randwick
Morgan Turinui Randwick
Wise Kativerata Randwick
Cameron Shepherd Norths

RESERVES
Al Manning Norths
James Lakepa Manly
Alex Kanaar Sydney Uni
Matt Hodgson Manly
Chris O'Young West Harbour
Chris Siale West Harbour
Arthur Little Randwick

HSBC WARATAHS 41 T Donnelly, S
Berne, M Turinui, D Haare, T Clark,
C Shepherd tries. T Donnelly 4
goals, pen goal.
BUENOS AIRES 8

NSW UNDER 19

NSW UNDER 19 V QUEENSLAND UNDER 19 WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM 29 FEBRUARY 2004

Pekahou Cowan Warringah
Blake Williams Gordon
Aaron Tawera Gordon
Dylan Sigg Easts
Andy Rasmus Gordon
David Dennis Sydney Uni
Carlos Blanco[c] Norths
Leroy Houston Eastwood
Daniel Wiseman Gordon
Michael Daff Eastwood
Lloyd Jones Easts
Scott McKenzie Parramatta
Mitchell Mansfield Eastwood
Andrew Smith Norths
Chris Cawte Sydney Uni

RESERVES
Laurie Weekes Sydney Uni
James Boyd West Harbour
Anthony Nehme West Harbour
Alec Wylie Randwick
Kepu Talanoa Sydney Uni
Paul Dan Manly
Chris Burnett Norths
Lupeni Siale West Harbour

NSW 21 D Wiseman, A Rasmus, L
Siale tries; A Smith 3 goals.
QLD 36

NSW UNDER 19 V ACT UNDER 19 CANBERRA STADIUM 6 MARCH 2004

Pekahou Cowan Warringah
James Boyd West Harbour
Aaron Tawera Gordon
Dylan Sigg Easts
Andy Rasmus Gordon
David Dennis Sydney Uni
Carlos Blanco [c] Norths
Leroy Houston Eastwood
Paul Dan Manly
Michael Daff Eastwood
Lupeni Siale West Harbour
Tom Azar Easts
Mitchell Mansfield Eastwood
Lloyd Jones Easts
Andrew Smith Norths

RESERVES
Blake Williams Gordon
Laurie Weekes Sydney Uni

Anthony Nehme West Harbour
Alec Wylie Randwick
Kepu Talanoa Sydney Uni
Daniel Wiseman Gordon
Scott McKenzie Parramatta
Leon Bott West Harbour

NSW 10 L Siale Try; A Smith 1 goal,
1 pen goal.
ACT 13

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

Alastair Baxter NSW, Norths
Matthew Burke NSW, Eastwood
Brendan Cannon NSW, Sydney Uni
Matt Dunning NSW, Eastwood
Adam Freier NSW, Randwick
Mark Gerrard ACT, Warringah
George Gregan[c] ACT, Randwick
Justin Harrison NSW, Eastwood
Stephen Hoiles NSW, Randwick
David Lyons NSW, Sydney Uni
Stirling Mortlock ACT, Gordon
Jeremy Paul ACT, Eastwood
Mat Rogers NSW, Sthn Districts
George Smith ACT, Manly
Lote Tuqiri NSW, West Harbour
Morgan Turinui NSW, Randwick
Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
Phil Waugh NSW, Sydney Uni
Chris Whitaker NSW, Randwick
Bill Young ACT, Eastwood

AUSTRALIA V SCOTLAND MELBOURNE JUNE 13, 2004

Bill Young ACT, Eastwood
Brendan Cannon NSW, Sydney Uni
Alastair Baxter NSW, Norths
Justin Harrison NSW, Eastwood
George Smith ACT, Manly
David Lyons NSW, Sydney Uni
George Gregan[c] ACT, Randwick
Lote Tuqiri NSW, West Harbour

RESERVES
Matt Dunning NSW, Eastwood
Jeremy Paul ACT, Eastwood
Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
Phil Waugh NSW, Sydney Uni
Morgan Turinui NSW, Randwick
Matthew Burke NSW, Eastwood

**AUSTRALIA v SCOTLAND
SYDNEY****JUNE 19, 2004**

Bill Young ACT, Eastwood
 Brendan Cannon NSW, Sydney Uni
 Alastair Baxter NSW, Norths
 Justin Harrison NSW, Eastwood
 Phil Waugh NSW, Sydney Uni
 David Lyons NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Gregan[c] ACT, Randwick
 Lote Tuqiri NSW, West Harbour
 Stirling Mortlock ACT, Gordon

RESERVES

Matt Dunning NSW, Eastwood
 Jeremy Paul ACT, Eastwood
 Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Smith ACT, Manly

**AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND
BRISBANE****JUNE 26, 2004**

Bill Young ACT, Eastwood
 Brendan Cannon NSW, Sydney Uni
 Alastair Baxter NSW, Norths
 Justin Harrison NSW, Eastwood
 Phil Waugh NSW, Sydney Uni
 David Lyons NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Gregan[c] ACT, Randwick
 Lote Tuqiri NSW, West Harbour
 Stirling Mortlock ACT, Gordon

RESERVES

Matt Dunning NSW, Eastwood
 Jeremy Paul ACT, Eastwood
 Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Smith ACT, Manly

**AUSTRALIA v THE PACIFIC
ISLANDERS, ADELAIDE****JULY 3, 2004**

Bill Young ACT, Eastwood
 Brendan Cannon NSW, Sydney Uni
 Alastair Baxter NSW, Norths
 Justin Harrison NSW, Eastwood
 Phil Waugh NSW, Sydney Uni
 David Lyons NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Gregan[c] ACT, Randwick
 Lote Tuqiri NSW, West Harbour
 Stirling Mortlock ACT, Gordon

RESERVES

Jeremy Paul ACT, Eastwood
 Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Smith ACT, Manly
 Chris Whitaker NSW, Randwick
 Matthew Burke NSW, Eastwood

**AUSTRALIA v NEW ZEALAND
WELLINGTON****JULY 17, 2004**

Bill Young ACT, Eastwood
 Brendan Cannon NSW, Sydney Uni
 Alastair Baxter NSW, Norths
 Justin Harrison NSW, Eastwood
 Phil Waugh[v-c] NSW, Sydney Uni
 David Lyons NSW, Sydney Uni
 Chris Whitaker NSW, Randwick
 Lote Tuqiri NSW, West Harbour
 Stirling Mortlock ACT, Gordon

RESERVES

Matt Dunning NSW, Eastwood
 Jeremy Paul ACT, Eastwood
 Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Smith ACT, Manly
 Matthew Burke NSW, Eastwood

**AUSTRALIA v SOUTH AFRICA
PERTH****JULY 31, 2004**

Bill Young ACT, Eastwood
 Jeremy Paul ACT, Eastwood
 Alastair Baxter NSW, Norths
 Justin Harrison NSW, Eastwood
 George Smith ACT, Manly
 Phil Waugh NSW, Sydney Uni
 David Lyons NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Gregan[c] ACT, Randwick
 Lote Tuqiri NSW, West Harbour
 Stirling Mortlock ACT, Gordon

RESERVES

Matt Dunning NSW, Eastwood
 Adam Freier NSW, Randwick
 Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
 Chris Whitaker NSW, Randwick
 Matthew Burke NSW, Eastwood

**AUSTRALIA v NEW ZEALAND
SYDNEY****AUGUST 7, 2004**

Bill Young ACT, Eastwood
 Brendan Cannon NSW, Sydney Uni
 Alastair Baxter NSW, Norths
 Justin Harrison NSW, Eastwood
 George Smith ACT, Manly
 Phil Waugh NSW, Sydney Uni
 David Lyons NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Gregan[c] ACT, Randwick
 Lote Tuqiri NSW, West Harbour
 Stirling Mortlock ACT, Gordon

RESERVES

Matt Dunning NSW, Eastwood

Jeremy Paul ACT, Eastwood
 Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
 Chris Whitaker NSW, Randwick
 Matthew Burke NSW, Eastwood

**AUSTRALIA v SOUTH AFRICA
DURBAN****AUGUST 21, 2004**

Bill Young ACT, Eastwood
 Brendan Cannon NSW, Sydney Uni
 Alastair Baxter NSW, Norths
 Justin Harrison NSW, Eastwood
 George Smith ACT, Manly
 Phil Waugh NSW, Sydney Uni
 David Lyons NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Gregan[c] ACT, Randwick
 Lote Tuqiri NSW, West Harbour
 Stirling Mortlock ACT, Gordon

RESERVES

Matt Dunning NSW, Eastwood
 Jeremy Paul ACT, Eastwood
 Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
 Chris Whitaker NSW, Randwick
 Matthew Burke NSW, Eastwood

**AUSTRALIA v SCOTLAND
EDINBURGH****NOVEMBER 6, 2004**

Bill Young ACT, Eastwood
 Jeremy Paul ACT, Eastwood
 Alastair Baxter NSW, Norths
 Justin Harrison NSW, Eastwood
 Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Smith ACT, Manly
 Phil Waugh[v-c] NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Gregan[c] ACT, Randwick
 Lote Tuqiri NSW, West Harbour
 Stirling Mortlock ACT, Gordon

RESERVES

Matt Dunning NSW, Eastwood
 Brendan Cannon NSW, Sydney Uni
 David Lyons NSW, Sydney Uni
 Mat Rogers NSW, Sthn Districts

**AUSTRALIA v FRANCE
PARIS****NOVEMBER 13, 2004**

Bill Young ACT, Eastwood
 Jeremy Paul ACT, Eastwood
 Alastair Baxter NSW, Norths
 Justin Harrison NSW, Eastwood
 Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Smith ACT, Manly
 Phil Waugh[v-c] NSW, Sydney Uni

George Gregan[c] ACT, Randwick
 Lote Tuqiri NSW, West Harbour
 Stirling Mortlock ACT, Gordon

RESERVES

Matt Dunning NSW, Eastwood
 Brendan Cannon NSW, Sydney Uni
 David Lyons NSW, Sydney Uni
 Mat Rogers NSW, Sthn Districts

**AUSTRALIA A v
FRANCE BARBARIANS
PARIS****NOVEMBER 16, 2004**

Matt Dunning NSW, Eastwood
 Brendan Cannon NSW, Sydney Uni
 Alister Campbell*ACT (NSW '04), Uni
 Stephen Hoiles NSW, Randwick
 David Lyons[v-c] NSW, Sydney Uni
 Cameron Shepherd NSW, Norths
 Morgan Turinui NSW, Randwick
 Mat Rogers NSW, Sthn Districts

RESERVES

Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Smith ACT, Manly
 Shaun Berne NSW, Randwick

*Alister Campbell signed with ACT
 November 9, 2004

**AUSTRALIA v SCOTLAND
GLASGOW****NOVEMBER 20, 2004**

Bill Young ACT, Eastwood
 Jeremy Paul ACT, Eastwood
 Alastair Baxter NSW, Norths
 Justin Harrison NSW, Eastwood
 Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Smith ACT, Manly
 Phil Waugh[v-c] NSW, Sydney Uni
 David Lyons NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Gregan[c] ACT, Randwick
 Lote Tuqiri NSW, West Harbour
 Stirling Mortlock ACT, Gordon

RESERVES

Matt Dunning NSW, Eastwood
 Brendan Cannon NSW, Sydney Uni
 Stephen Hoiles* NSW, Randwick
 Mat Rogers NSW, Sthn Districts

**AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND
LONDON****NOVEMBER 27, 2004**

Bill Young ACT, Eastwood
 Jeremy Paul ACT, Eastwood
 Alastair Baxter NSW, Norths
 Justin Harrison NSW, Eastwood
 Daniel Vickerman NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Smith ACT, Manly
 Phil Waugh[v-c] NSW, Sydney Uni
 David Lyons NSW, Sydney Uni
 George Gregan[c] ACT, Randwick
 Lote Tuqiri NSW, West Harbour
 Morgan Turinui NSW, Randwick

RESERVES

Matt Dunning NSW, Eastwood
 Brendan Cannon NSW, Sydney Uni
 Stephen Hoiles NSW, Randwick
 Mat Rogers NSW, Sthn Districts

TOOHEYS NEW CUP**PRELIMINARY SEMI FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
SEPTEMBER 18, 2004**

Eastwood 32 - C Kerisiano,
 A McDonald, F Toala, B Batger tries;
 T Donnelly 3 goals, 2 pen goals.
 Manly 8 - D Alo try; P Hewat pen
 goal.

**ELIMINATION SEMI FINAL
T.G.MILLNER FIELD
SEPTEMBER 19, 2004**

Sydney Uni - 44 E Carter, P
 Playford, L Beckett, M Griffin,
 T Davidson, C Sproats tries; D
 Halangahu 4 goals, 2 pen goals.
 Canberra Vikings - 14 M Chisholm,
 G Shepherdson tries; M Giteau 2
 goals.

**MAJOR SEMI FINAL
T.G. MILLNER FIELD
SEPTEMBER 25, 2004**

Randwick 57 - W Gordon 2,
 S Berne, S Hoiles, W Kativerata,
 P Phibbs, G Smith, M Turinui,
 C Whitaker tries; S Berne 3 goals,
 pen goal; G Smith pen goal.
 Eastwood 15 - C Daff, D Rimmer
 tries; T Donnelly goal, pen goal.

**MINOR SEMI FINAL
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK
SEPTEMBER 26, 2004**

Manly 35 - L Donnan 2, A Barrett,
 S Kasprovic tries; P Hewat 3
 goals, 2 pen goals; L Donnan drop
 goal.
 Sydney Uni - 0

**PRELIMINARY FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
OCTOBER 2, 2004**

Eastwood 49 - D Azar, B Batger,
 A Broughton-Rouse, C Daff, F Toala
 tries; T Donnelly 3 goals, 4 pen
 goals, field goal.
 Manly 25 - J Campbell, C Cottee,
 L Donnan tries; P Hewat 2 goals,
 pen goal. J Heaney pen goal.

**GRAND FINAL
AUSSIE STADIUM****OCTOBER 9, 2004**

RANDWICK 35 - S Berne, G Smith,
 L Tomiki, W Kativerata tries.
 G Smith 3 goals, 3 pen goals.
 EASTWOOD 22 - Penalty try. T
 Donnelly 1 goal, 4 pen goals, B
 Batger 1 pen goal.

SHUTE SHIELD**PRELIMINARY SEMI FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
SEPTEMBER 18, 2004**

Sydney Uni 27 - W Mafi, H Veratau,
 D Dillon, M Avery Tries; D Dillon 2
 goals, 1 pen goal.
 Eastwood 26 - J Wheatley, A
 Rinakawa tries; J Weeks 2 goals, 4
 pen goals.

**ELIMINATION SEMI FINAL
T.G.MILLNER FIELD****SEPTEMBER 19, 2004**

Manly 15 - N Dewale, T Donnan
 tries; P Atkins 1 goal, 1 pen goal.
 Gordon 12 - H Holbrook, E
 Wakaniyaros tries; N Smith 1 goal.

MAJOR SEMI FINAL**T.G. MILLNER FIELD****SEPTEMBER 25, 2004**

Randwick 45 - B Bainbure 3,
 R Tapuai, P Phibbs, A Halangahu
 tries; L Milton 3 goals, 3 pen goals.
 Sydney Uni 13 - H Veratau try;
 D Dillon goal, 2 pen goals.

**MINOR SEMI FINAL
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK
SEPTEMBER 26, 2004**

Eastwood 13 – R Petty try; J Weeks goal, J Wheatley 2 pen goals.
Manly 10 – R Brain, M Tipping tries.

**PRELIMINARY FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
OCTOBER 2, 2004**

Sydney Uni 31 – T Carter, S Stumbles, S Kinsey tries; D Dillon 2 goals, 4 pen goals.
Eastwood 28 – C Donnelly 2, A Spooner tries; J Weeks 2 goals, 2 pen goals, M Nilan pen goal.

**GRAND FINAL
AUSSIE STADIUM
OCTOBER 9, 2004**

RANDWICK 41 – A Niquila 2, S Mackay 2, A Halangahu, S Ratabua tries; L Milton 4 goals, 2 pen goals.
SYDNEY UNI 37 – H Veratau 2, T Carter, D Dillon, W Mafi tries; D Dillon 3 goals, 2 pen goals.

COLIN CAIRD SHIELD

**PRELIMINARY SEMI FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
SEPTEMBER 18, 2004**

Randwick 43 – B Eisenhuth 2, K Leasu, P Delohery, C Trimmer Tries; A Mahoney 5 goals, 1 pen goal.
Sydney Uni 17 - M Coombes, N Staniforth Tries; T Sly 2 goals, 1 pen goal.

**ELIMINATION SEMI FINAL
T.G.MILLNER FIELD
SEPTEMBER 19, 2004**

Eastwood 12 – M Ryan, L Spindler Tries; L Knowles goal.
West Harbour 10 – B Reily Try; M Bramble goal, pen goal.

**MAJOR SEMI FINAL
T.G. MILLNER FIELD
SEPTEMBER 25, 2004**

Randwick 38 – A Wing Kee 3, E Moore tries; A Mahoney 3 goals, 4 pen goals.
Eastwood 24 – A Esselmont, J Penny, E Brenac tries; P Wright 3 goals, pen goal.

**MINOR SEMI FINAL
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK
SEPTEMBER 26, 2004**

Sydney Uni 33 – T Sly, L Van der Rijt, N Staniforth tries; Sly 3 goals, 4 pen goals.
Eastwood 7 – L Knowles try; J Sullivan goal.

**PRELIMINARY FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
OCTOBER 2, 2004**

Sydney Uni 30 – T Sly 2, J Burnett, T Harrington tries; T Sly 2 goals, 2 pen goals.
Eastwood 12 – A Esselmont, E Brenac tries; P Wright goal.

**GRAND FINAL
DAVID PHILLIPS FIELD
OCTOBER 9, 2004**

RANDWICK 18 – D O'Shea, A Wing Kee tries; A Mahoney goal, 2 pen goals.
SYDNEY UNI 0

JR HENDERSON SHIELD

**PRELIMINARY SEMI FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
SEPTEMBER 18, 2004**

Sydney Uni 20 – B Baillie, J Curren Tries; N Trist 2 goals, 2 pen goals.
Randwick 0

**ELIMINATION SEMI FINAL
T.G.MILLNER FIELD
SEPTEMBER 19, 2004**

West Harbour 18 – J Campbell, J McBride Tries; T Johnston goal, 2 pen goals.
Eastwood 17 – D Llewelyn, B Campbell Tries; D Dart 2 goals, pen goal.

**MAJOR SEMI FINAL
T.G. MILLNER FIELD
SEPTEMBER 25, 2004**

Eastwood 17 – M Grahame, G Richmond tries; B Paton 2 goals, pen goal. Sydney Uni 15 – A Morgan, M Battishall tries; B Baillie goal, pen goal.

**MINOR SEMI FINAL
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK
SEPTEMBER 26, 2004**

West Harbour 13 – T Rasch, M Rowlands tries; T Johnston pen goal.

Randwick 7 – P Hanniffy try; L Callen goal.

**PRELIMINARY FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
OCTOBER 2, 2004**

Sydney Uni 17 – D Dunn 2, A Morgan tries; B Baillie goal.
West Harbour 10 – P Managreve try; T Johnstone goal, pen goal.

**GRAND FINAL
DAVID PHILLIPS FIELD
OCTOBER 9, 2004**

SYDNEY UNI 5 – A Morgan try.
EASTWOOD 3 – B Paton pen goal.

JR HENDERSON CUP

**MAJOR SEMI FINAL
T.G. MILLNER FIELD
SEPTEMBER 25, 2004**

Eastwood 8 – T Robertson try; L Marsden pen goal.
Sydney Uni 3 – A Wilson pen goal.

**MINOR SEMI FINAL
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK
SEPTEMBER 26, 2004**

Parramatta 22 – Sateki Tuipuluto, O Fainsaa, D Latu tries; Sateki Tuipuluto 2 goals.
Randwick 20 – S Cameron, J Shannon, M Goward tries; T Powell goal, pen goal.

**PRELIMINARY FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
OCTOBER 2, 2004**

Parramatta 12 – F Toluono, K Tauui tries; Sateki Tuipuluto goal.
Sydney Uni 5 – M Burgess try.

**GRAND FINAL
DAVID PHILLIPS FIELD
OCTOBER 9, 2004**

PARRAMATTA 14 – Sateki Tuipuluto, K Tauui tries; Sateki Tuipuluto 2 goals.
**EASTS 13 – J Azar try; L Marsden goal, 2 pen goals.

**Easts awarded premiership after Parramatta fielded an unregistered player in the Grand Final.

JOHN THORNETT CUP

The John Thornett Cup was run in a first past the post format in 2004. Parramatta finished a clear winner, on 31 points at the conclusion of a seven-round home and away season, six clear of nearest rival Randwick.

FIRST GRADE COLTS

**PRELIMINARY SEMI FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
11 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Sydney Uni 25
Norths 10

**ELIMINATION SEMI FINAL
FORSHAW RUGBY PARK
12 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Eastwood 29
Eastwood 19

**MAJOR SEMI FINAL
GRANVILLE PARK
18 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Sydney Uni 41
West Harbour 20

**MINOR SEMI FINAL
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK
19 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Norths 22
Eastwood 10

**PRELIMINARY FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
25 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Norths 37
West Harbour 11

**GRAND FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
3 OCTOBER 2004**

Sydney Uni 34
Norths 5

SECOND GRADE COLTS

**PRELIMINARY SEMI FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
11 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Eastwood 16
West Harbour 12

**ELIMINATION SEMI FINAL
FORSHAW RUGBY PARK
12 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Eastwood 30
Norths 8

**MAJOR SEMI FINAL
GRANVILLE PARK
18 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Eastwood 20
Sydney Uni 10

**MINOR SEMI FINAL
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK
19 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Eastwood 8
West Harbour 6

**PRELIMINARY FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
25 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Sydney Uni 26
Eastwood 25

**GRAND FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
3 OCTOBER 2004**

Sydney Uni 26
Eastwood 21

THIRD GRADE COLTS

**PRELIMINARY SEMI FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
11 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Eastwood 15
Sydney Uni 13

**ELIMINATION SEMI FINAL
FORSHAW RUGBY PARK
12 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Eastwood 17
West Harbour 10

**MAJOR SEMI FINAL
GRANVILLE PARK
18 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Norths 9
Eastwood 8

**MINOR SEMI FINAL
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK
19 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Sydney Uni 22
Eastwood 7

**PRELIMINARY FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
25 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Eastwood 11
Sydney Uni 6

**GRAND FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
3 OCTOBER 2004**

Eastwood 19
Norths 13

FOURTH GRADE COLTS

**PRELIMINARY SEMI FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
11 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Norths 18
Sydney Uni 17

**ELIMINATION SEMI FINAL
FORSHAW RUGBY PARK
12 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Randwick 26
Eastwood 0

**MAJOR SEMI FINAL
GRANVILLE PARK
18 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Norths 15
Eastwood 0

**MINOR SEMI FINAL
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK
19 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Randwick 25
Sydney Uni 19

**PRELIMINARY FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
25 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Randwick 22
Eastwood 19

**GRAND FINAL
WARATAH RUGBY STADIUM
3 OCTOBER 2004**

Norths 11
Randwick 10

TOOHEYS NEW CUP

| | P | W | Bye | D | L | Bon | For | Ag | Pts |
|------------|----|----|-----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Randwick | 13 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 624 | 176 | 63 |
| Eastwood | 13 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 465 | 244 | 51 |
| Manly | 13 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 391 | 265 | 44 |
| Canberra | 13 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 415 | 260 | 42 |
| Sydney Uni | 13 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 420 | 278 | 42 |
| W. Harbour | 13 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 428 | 323 | 39 |
| Warringah | 13 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 341 | 259 | 39 |
| East | 13 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 338 | 296 | 36 |
| Norths | 13 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 268 | 426 | 27 |
| Gordon | 13 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 298 | 377 | 25 |
| Parramatta | 13 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 261 | 477 | 24 |
| Souths | 13 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 229 | 453 | 18 |
| Penrith | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 122 | 766 | 6 |

SHUTE SHIELD

| | P | W | Bye | D | L | Bon | For | Ag | Pts |
|------------|----|----|-----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Randwick | 20 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 16 | 792 | 438 | 76 |
| Sydney Uni | 20 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 682 | 403 | 76 |
| Eastwood | 20 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 18 | 692 | 331 | 74 |
| Manly | 20 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 17 | 583 | 403 | 73 |
| Gordon | 20 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 544 | 375 | 69 |
| W. Harbour | 20 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 13 | 517 | 464 | 61 |
| Warringah | 20 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 13 | 464 | 411 | 59 |
| East | 20 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 491 | 398 | 58 |
| Parramatta | 20 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 449 | 655 | 47 |
| Norths | 20 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 6 | 369 | 546 | 38 |
| Souths | 20 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 4 | 309 | 670 | 28 |
| Penrith | 20 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 183 | 981 | 9 |

COLIN CAIRD SHIELD

| | P | W | Bye | D | L | Bon | For | Ag | Pts |
|------------|----|----|-----|---|----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| East | 20 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 476 | 226 | 75 |
| Sydney Uni | 20 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 644 | 331 | 74 |
| Randwick | 20 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 702 | 306 | 71 |
| Eastwood | 20 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 507 | 289 | 70 |
| W. Harbour | 20 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 474 | 242 | 69 |
| Norths | 20 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 386 | 373 | 56 |
| Warringah | 20 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 431 | 334 | 53 |
| Gordon | 20 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 380 | 272 | 52 |
| Souths | 20 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 8 | 317 | 440 | 38 |
| Parramatta | 20 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 4 | 298 | 697 | 31 |
| Manly | 20 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 6 | 332 | 503 | 26 |
| Penrith | 20 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 193 | 1127 | 11 |

HENDERSON SHIELD

| | P | W | Bye | D | L | Bon | For | Ag | Pts |
|------------|----|----|-----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Eastwood | 20 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 540 | 205 | 81 |
| Randwick | 20 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 631 | 247 | 78 |
| Sydney Uni | 20 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 661 | 185 | 76 |
| East | 20 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 550 | 209 | 75 |
| W. Harbour | 20 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 399 | 223 | 70 |
| Gordon | 20 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 419 | 267 | 53 |
| Norths | 20 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 398 | 298 | 47 |
| Manly | 20 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 7 | 328 | 472 | 43 |
| Warringah | 20 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 7 | 252 | 464 | 39 |
| Souths | 20 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 7 | 278 | 466 | 35 |
| Parramatta | 20 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 212 | 736 | 24 |
| Penrith | 20 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 84 | 980 | 14 |

HENDERSON CUP

| | P | W | Bye | D | L | Bon | For | Ag | Pts |
|------------|----|----|-----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Sydney Uni | 20 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 425 | 177 | 77 |
| Randwick | 20 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 15 | 443 | 235 | 71 |
| East* | 20 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 364 | 183 | 69 |
| W. Harbour | 20 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 408 | 162 | 69 |
| Parramatta | 20 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 353 | 375 | 66 |
| Eastwood | 20 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 240 | 213 | 61 |
| Norths | 20 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 255 | 314 | 49 |
| Gordon | 20 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 7 | 230 | 225 | 43 |
| Souths | 20 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 6 | 200 | 296 | 38 |
| Warringah | 19 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 111 | 322 | 31 |
| Manly | 19 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 220 | 387 | 30 |

*Eastern Suburbs were penalised 5 Competition points.

FIRST GRADE COLTS

| | P | W | Bye | D | L | Bon | For | Ag | Pts |
|------------|----|----|-----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| W. Harbour | 20 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 663 | 262 | 90 |
| Sydney Uni | 20 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 774 | 224 | 79 |
| Norths | 20 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 622 | 299 | 77 |
| Eastwood | 20 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 12 | 613 | 300 | 72 |
| East | 20 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 542 | 282 | 70 |
| Warringah | 20 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 17 | 538 | 326 | 69 |
| Gordon | 20 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 404 | 489 | 51 |
| Parramatta | 20 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 400 | 482 | 47 |
| Manly | 20 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 7 | 351 | 566 | 37 |
| Randwick | 20 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 8 | 296 | 768 | 24 |
| Souths | 20 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 3 | 178 | 900 | 19 |
| Penrith | 20 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 4 | 239 | 722 | 16 |

SECOND GRADE COLTS

| | P | W | Bye | D | L | Bon | For | Ag | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|-----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Sydney Uni* | 20 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 758 | 179 | 85 |
| W. Harbour | 20 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 520 | 248 | 77 |
| Eastwood | 20 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 571 | 214 | 74 |
| Norths | 20 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 619 | 329 | 71 |
| East | 20 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 386 | 227 | 64 |
| Manly | 20 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 404 | 380 | 55 |
| Warringah | 20 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 365 | 344 | 54 |
| Gordon | 20 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 8 | 389 | 355 | 48 |
| Randwick | 20 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 8 | 336 | 606 | 32 |
| Souths | 20 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 4 | 128 | 550 | 26 |
| Parramatta | 20 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 205 | 636 | 24 |
| Penrith | 20 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 124 | 737 | 14 |

*Sydney University was penalised 8 competition points.

THIRD GRADE COLTS

| | P | W | Bye | D | L | Bon | For | Ag | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|-----|---|----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Norths | 20 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 444 | 154 | 76 |
| Sydney Uni* | 20 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 568 | 160 | 71 |
| Eastwood | 20 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 435 | 201 | 70 |
| W. Harbour | 20 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 468 | 194 | 69 |
| East | 20 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 490 | 162 | 67 |
| Warringah | 20 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 324 | 161 | 58 |
| Randwick | 20 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 390 | 340 | 55 |
| Gordon | 20 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 376 | 258 | 47 |
| Parramatta | 20 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 7 | 275 | 574 | 37 |
| Manly | 20 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 273 | 495 | 24 |
| Souths | 20 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 3 | 148 | 564 | 23 |
| Penrith | 20 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 81 | 1009 | 14 |

*Sydney University was penalised 4 competition points.

FOURTH GRADE COLTS

| | P | W | Bye | D | L | Bon | For | Ag | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|-----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| East | 20 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 478 | 112 | 85 |
| Norths | 20 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 447 | 204 | 72 |
| Sydney Uni* | 20 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 397 | 134 | 70 |
| Randwick | 20 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 404 | 241 | 69 |
| Eastwood | 20 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 366 | 258 | 65 |
| W. Harbour | 20 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 314 | 182 | 61 |
| Warringah | 20 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 299 | 230 | 58 |
| Manly | 20 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 6 | 206 | 441 | 36 |
| Gordon | 20 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 7 | 153 | 304 | 31 |
| Souths | 20 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 124 | 562 | 26 |
| Penrith | 20 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 96 | 616 | 21 |



SUBURBAN RUGBY 2004

**GRAND FINAL RESULTS
DIVISION ONE**

KENTWELL CUP
Drummoyne 34 Colleagues 24

BURKE CUP
Drummoyne 25 Colleagues 14

WHIDDON CUP
Colleagues 17 Old Ignatians 8

JUDD CUP
Old Ignatians 15 Colleagues 14

SUTHERLAND CUP
Old Ignatians 14 Colleagues 0

BARBOUR CUP
Mosman 11 St Patricks 6

BRUCE GRAHAM SHIELD
Drummoyne

DIVISION TWO

BARRACLOUGH CUP
Knox 10 St Ives 8

STOCKDALE CUP
Knox 22 Liverpool 7

BLUNT CUP
Lindfield 27 Knox 7

RICHARDSON CUP
Liverpool 19 Campbelltown 5

ROBERTSON CUP
Campbelltown 22 Knox 19

DIVISION THREE

CLARK CUP
CBOBS 27 Briars 25

FARRANT CUP
Kings 10 Barker 7

CAMPBELL CUP
Epping 10 Kings 0

NICHOLSON CUP
Blue Mountains 15 Barker 12

KEITH HARRIS SHIELD
Kings Old Boys

DIVISION FOUR

MCLEAN CUP
Hills 29 Bankstown 27

GROSE CUP
Macquarie Uni 28 Bankstown 10

WALKER CUP
Bankstown 26 Hills 10

HERLIHY SHIELD
Hills

DIVISION FIVE

JEFFERY CUP
Matraville 22 Roseville 20

NOICE CUP
Oakhill 21 Buraneer 8

CLUB CHAMPIONS
Matraville

DIVISION SIX

MELDRUM CUP
Manly Savers 17 Claymore 11

UNDER 19'S

RUGBY CLUB CUP
Blacktown 19 Campbelltown 8

HALLIGAN CUP
Colleagues

SYDNEY WOMEN

PREMIER
West Harbour 24 Sydney Uni 7

DIVISION TWO
Eastern Suburbs 10 Penrith 0



Your directors present their report on the consolidated entity consisting of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 31 October 2004.

Directors

The following persons were directors of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report:

Dilip Kumar
Laurie Maher
Mike Brown
Ian Ross
Chris Birch
Brendan Cannon
Peter O'Meara
Arvid Petersen

Review of operations

The surplus from ordinary activities after income tax of the consolidated entity for the year ended 31 October 2004 was:

| | 2004 | 2003 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Surplus from ordinary activities before non-recurring items and after income tax | 1,055,898 | 1,430,898 |
| Non-recurring items (Concord lease termination) | 346,000) | (626,000) |
| Surplus from ordinary activities after non-recurring items and after income tax | 709,898 | 804,898 |

Fraser Neil was appointed a director on 1 May 2004 and continues in office at the date of this report.

John McKay was a director from the beginning of the financial year until his resignation on 16 April 2004.

Principal activities

The principal continuing activities of the consolidated entity during the course of the year ended 31 October 2004 were the organisation and promotion of the game of Rugby Union in the State of New South Wales and the management of a professional rugby union team.

As at 31 October 2004, the consolidated entity has a deficiency of capital and reserves of \$1,836,963 (2003: \$2,546,861) and a working capital deficiency of \$1,997,921 (2003: \$2,798,037). The continuing viability of the Company and the consolidated entity and their ability to continue as a going concern and meet their debts and commitments as they fall due are dependent upon the Company and the consolidated entity being successful in:

- Receiving the continuing support of their members and the constituent bodies, creditors and bondholders.
- Achieving sufficient future cash flows to enable their obligations to be met.

The financial statements of the Company and consolidated entity have been prepared on a going concern basis. An operational budget and cash flow forecast for 2005 have been prepared and adopted by the Board. The extent to which the Company and the consolidated entity is able to repay their liabilities is dependant on a number of factors including success in retaining and attracting new sponsorship and hospitality revenues, but also, indirectly, the performance of the Waratahs in the Super 12 competition.

The Board is committed to continuous monitoring of these factors and any impacts on the projected cash flows for 2005 and 2006. The Board is also committed to a long term strategy to effectively manage the Company's debt levels and to establish a sustainable working capital position and has adopted a strategy to return members to a recommended level by 2008.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

During the year negotiations on the lease on Concord Oval were concluded with the successful termination of the lease with Canada Bay Council. As the Company has no further involvement with the property all assets associated with the lease have been written off and the costs of termination of the lease have been expensed in the year.

There have been no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company and the consolidated entity in the periods covered by this report.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

At the time of the signing of this report the Board is not aware of any material matters subsequent to the end of the financial year.

Likely developments and expected results of operations

The company and consolidated entity will continue in its activities of organising and promoting the game of rugby union in New South Wales as well as management of a professional rugby union team. Through performance improvements and stronger fiscal controls, the Company and consolidated entity will be seeking to steadily improve their financial positions.

For the year ended 31 October 2004

Meetings of directors

The following table sets out the number of meetings of the company's directors held during the year ended 31 October 2004, and the numbers of meetings attended by each director were:

| | Board members | |
|----------------|---------------|---|
| | A | B |
| Dilip Kumar | 8 | 8 |
| Fraser Neill | 5 | 5 |
| Chris Birch | 8 | 8 |
| Mike Brown | 8 | 8 |
| Brendan Cannon | 8 | 3 |
| Laurie Maher | 8 | 6 |
| Peter O'Meara | 8 | 8 |
| Arvid Petersen | 8 | 6 |
| Ian Ross | 8 | 8 |
| John McKay | 3 | 3 |

A = Number of meetings held during the time the director held office or was a member of the committee during the year

B = Number of meetings attended

Insurance of officers

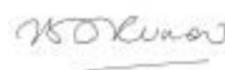
During the financial year, New South Wales Rugby Union Limited paid a premium of \$27,500 to insure the directors and officers of the company and related entities in their roles as directors/managers.

During the financial year, New South Wales Rugby Union Limited entered into an agreement to indemnify the directors and secretaries of the company and its Australian based controlled entities, and the general managers of each of the divisions of the consolidated entity.

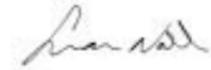
Auditor
Pricewaterhouse Coopers continues in office in accordance with section 327 of the Corporations Act 2001

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors.

Dilip Kumar
Director



Fraser Neill
Director



Sydney
December 2004

| Notes | Consolidated | | Parent entity | | |
|--|--------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Revenue from ordinary activities (excluding shares of equity accounted net surplus of associates and joint venture partnership) | 4 | 19,953,115 | 20,060,916 | 19,953,115 | 20,060,916 |
| Sponsor costs | | (1,165,117) | (1,368,657) | (1,165,117) | (1,368,657) |
| Marketing | | (414,898) | (409,950) | (414,898) | (409,950) |
| Match day costs | | (1,148,934) | (812,771) | (1,148,934) | (812,771) |
| Memberships costs | | (327,684) | (302,482) | (327,684) | (302,482) |
| Teams and academy costs | | (9,071,785) | (9,032,373) | (9,071,785) | (9,032,373) |
| Community Rugby | | (2,660,054) | (2,493,900) | (2,660,054) | (2,493,900) |
| Premiership Rugby | | (1,409,792) | (1,301,918) | (1,409,792) | (1,301,918) |
| Finance and administration | | (1,704,505) | (1,682,806) | (1,684,505) | (1,982,806) |
| Management fees | | (947,157) | (1,103,417) | (947,157) | (1,103,417) |
| Concord lease termination (non-recurring) | 12 | (346,000) | (626,000) | - | - |
| Borrowing costs expense | 5 | (47,291) | (121,743) | (47,291) | (99,743) |
| Surplus from ordinary activities before related income tax expense | 5 | 709,898 | 804,899 | 1,075,898 | 1,152,899 |
| Income tax expense | | - | - | - | - |
| Surplus from ordinary activities after related income tax expense | | 709,898 | 804,899 | 1,075,898 | 1,152,899 |
| Net surplus attributable to members of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited | 18 | 709,898 | 804,899 | 1,075,898 | 1,152,899 |
| Total changes in equity attributable to members of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners | | 709,898 | 804,899 | 1,075,898 | 1,152,899 |

The above Statements of financial performance should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

For the year ended 31 October 2004

| | Notes | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Cash assets | 6,19 | 632,392 | 545,335 | 617,054 | 529,997 |
| Receivables | 7,19 | 2,724,780 | 2,068,289 | 2,724,760 | 2,068,265 |
| Inventories | 8 | 34,680 | 48,917 | 34,680 | 48,917 |
| Other | 9 | 7,687 | 53,182 | 7,687 | 53,182 |
| Total current assets | | <u>3,399,539</u> | <u>2,715,723</u> | <u>3,384,181</u> | <u>2,700,361</u> |
| Non-current assets | | | | | |
| Receivables | 10,19 | - | - | - | - |
| Other financial assets | 11,19 | - | - | 18 | 18 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 12 | 382,761 | 508,996 | 382,761 | 508,996 |
| Intangible assets | 13 | 10,538 | 22,960 | 10,538 | 22,960 |
| Total non-current assets | | <u>393,299</u> | <u>531,956</u> | <u>393,317</u> | <u>531,974</u> |
| Total assets | | <u>3,792,838</u> | <u>3,247,679</u> | <u>3,777,498</u> | <u>3,232,335</u> |
| Current liabilities | | | | | |
| Payables | 14,19 | 2,194,678 | 2,771,913 | 1,722,678 | 2,865,909 |
| Interest bearing liabilities | 15,19 | 563,624 | 551,899 | 63,624 | 51,899 |
| Provisions and deferred income | 16 | 2,639,158 | 2,189,947 | 2,639,158 | 1,989,947 |
| Total current liabilities | | <u>5,397,460</u> | <u>5,513,759</u> | <u>4,425,460</u> | <u>4,907,755</u> |
| Non-current liabilities | | | | | |
| Non-current liabilities | 17,19 | 232,341 | 280,780 | 232,341 | 280,780 |
| Total non-current liabilities | | <u>232,341</u> | <u>280,780</u> | <u>232,341</u> | <u>280,780</u> |
| Total liabilities | | <u>5,629,801</u> | <u>5,794,539</u> | <u>4,657,801</u> | <u>5,188,535</u> |
| Net assets | | <u>(1,836,963)</u> | <u>(2,546,860)</u> | <u>(880,303)</u> | <u>(1,956,200)</u> |
| Equity | | | | | |
| Parent entity interest | | | | | |
| Retained surplus | 18 | (1,836,963) | (2,546,860) | (880,303) | (1,956,200) |
| Total equity | | <u>(1,836,963)</u> | <u>(2,546,860)</u> | <u>(880,303)</u> | <u>(1,956,200)</u> |

The above Statements of financial performance should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

For the year ended 31 October 2004

| | Notes | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|---|-------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | | |
| Cash receipts from matches, supporters, sponsors, members etc | | 21,323,310 | 20,906,654 | 21,323,326 | 20,906,654 |
| Cash payments to suppliers and employees | | (21,082,541) | (18,203,173) | (21,082,557) | (18,203,170) |
| | | 240,769 | 2,703,481 | 240,769 | 2,703,484 |
| Borrowing costs | | (47,291) | - | (47,291) | - |
| Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities | 27 | <u>193,478</u> | <u>2,703,481</u> | <u>193,478</u> | <u>2,703,484</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | | |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment | | (43,077) | (51,350) | (43,077) | (51,350) |
| Payments for trademarks | | (11,445) | (8,724) | (11,445) | (8,724) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | | - | 19,130 | - | 19,130 |
| Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities | | <u>(54,522)</u> | <u>(40,944)</u> | <u>(54,522)</u> | <u>(40,944)</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | | | |
| Repayment of borrowings | | - | (60,000) | - | (60,000) |
| Loan repayment to related parties - ARU | | (51,899) | (1,580,769) | (51,899) | (1,580,769) |
| Repayment of lease liability | | - | (71,874) | - | (71,874) |
| Repayment of bond holders | | - | (100,000) | - | (100,000) |
| Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities | | <u>(51,899)</u> | <u>(1,812,643)</u> | <u>(51,899)</u> | <u>(1,812,643)</u> |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash held | | 87,057 | 849,894 | 87,057 | 849,897 |
| Cash at the beginning of the financial year | | 545,335 | (304,562) | 529,997 | (319,900) |
| Cash at the end of the financial year | 6 | <u>632,392</u> | <u>545,332</u> | <u>617,054</u> | <u>529,997</u> |
| Non-cash financing and investing activities | 28 | | | | |

The above Statements of financial performance should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



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Note 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and the Corporations Act 2001.

It is prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, except for certain assets which, as noted, are at valuation. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

Going Concern

As at 31 October 2004, the consolidated entity has a deficiency of capital and reserves of \$1,836,963 and a working capital deficiency of \$1,997,921. The continuing viability of the Company and the consolidated entity and their ability to continue as a going concern and meet their debts and commitments as they fall due are dependent upon the Company and the consolidated entity being successful in:

- i) receiving the continuing support of their members and constituent bodies, creditors and bondholders, and
- ii) achieving sufficient future cash flows to enable their obligations to be met.

The financial statements of the Company and the consolidated entity have been prepared on a going concern basis. Budgets for 2005 have been prepared and adopted by the Board. The extent to which the Company and consolidated entity is able to repay their liabilities is dependant on a number of factors including success in retaining and attracting new sponsorship and hospitality revenues but also, indirectly, the performance of the Waratahs in the Super 12 competition.

The Board is committed to continuous monitoring of these factors and any impacts on the projected cash flows for 2005 and 2006. The Committee is also committed to the development of an appropriate medium to long term strategy, following the full repayment of the Australian Rugby Union ("ARU") loan, to effectively manage the Company's debt levels, and to establish a sustainable working capital position. This may include additional funding strategies to be put in place following the full repayment of the loan from the ARU.

The 2005 forecast is considered to be attainable and is expected to improve the financial position of the Company and the consolidated entity.

The Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) is adopting International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for application to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005. The AASB will issue Australian equivalents to IFRS, and the Urgent Issues Group will issue abstracts corresponding to IASB interpretations originated by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee or the former Standing Interpretations Committee. The adoption of Australian equivalents to IFRS will be first reflected in the consolidated entity's financial statements for the half-year ending 31 December 2005 and the year ending 30 June 2006. Information about how the transition to Australian equivalents to IFRS is being managed, and the key differences in accounting policies that are expected to arise, is set out in note 1(l).

(a) Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all entities controlled by New South Wales Rugby Union Limited ('company') as at 31 October 2004 and the results of all controlled entities for the year then ended. New South Wales Rugby Union Limited and its controlled entities together are referred to in this financial report as the consolidated entity. The effects of all transactions between entities in the consolidated entity are eliminated in full.

(b) Income tax

The company and its controlled entities are exempt from income tax in accordance with the provisions of section 23(g) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

(c) Revenue recognition

Revenue from sponsorships, life memberships and grants is taken to income in the period to which it relates.

(d) Investments in related entity

The company owns 50% of Blues Promotions Pty Limited which is the trustee of the discretionary Trust, New South Wales Rugby Union Player's Welfare Fund. This shareholding enables the Company to appoint 50% of the board of directors including the chairman. The Company has not and does not intend to exercise its power of control and therefore neither Blue Promotions Pty Limited nor New

South Wales Player's Welfare Fund is deemed to be controlled entities and accordingly have not been consolidated.

(e) Depreciation of property, plant and equipment

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis to write off the net cost or re-valued amount of each item of plant and equipment over its expected useful life. Estimates of remaining useful lives are made on a regular basis for all assets, with annual reassessments for major items. The expected useful lives are as follows:

| Category | Useful life | Depreciation basis |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Office Equipment | 5 years | straight line |
| Leased Motor Vehicles | 5 years | straight line |
| Plant and equipment | 10 years | straight line |

(f) Leasehold improvements

The cost of other leasehold improvements to or on leasehold properties is amortised over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvement to the consolidated entity, whichever is the shorter. Leasehold improvements held at the reporting date are being amortised over 4 years.

(g) Leased non-current assets

A distinction is made between finance leases which effectively transfer from the lessor to the lessee substantially all the risks and benefits incident to ownership of leased non-current assets (finance leases), and operating leases under which the lessor effectively retains all such risks and benefits. Where a non-current asset is acquired by means of a finance lease, the asset is established at its fair value at the inception of the lease. The liability is established at the same amount. Lease payments are allocated between the principal component and the interest expense. Operating lease payments are representative of the pattern of benefits derived from the leased assets and accordingly are charged to the profit and loss account in the periods in which they are incurred.

(h) Trade and other creditors

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the economic entity prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured.

(i) Employee benefits*(i) Wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave*

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in other creditors in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Liabilities for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable.

(ii) Long service leave

The liability for long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and is measured in accordance with (i) above. The liability for long service leave expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

(j) Borrowing costs

Loans and debentures are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period it becomes due and is recorded as part of other creditors.

(k) Cash

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes deposits at call, which are readily convertible to cash on hand and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

(l) International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

The Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) is adopting IFRS for application to reporting periods beginning

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on or after 1 January 2005. The AASB will issue Australian equivalents to IFRS, and the Urgent Issues Group will issue abstracts corresponding to IASB interpretations originated by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee or the former Standing Interpretations Committee. The adoption of Australian equivalents to IFRS will be first reflected in the consolidated entity's financial statements for the year ending 31 October 2006.

Entities complying with Australian equivalents to IFRS for the first time will be required to restate their comparative financial statements to amounts reflecting the application of IFRS to that comparative period. Most adjustments required on transition to IFRS will be made, retrospectively, against opening retained earnings as at 1 July 2004.

The consolidated entity has established a project team to manage the transition to Australian equivalents to IFRS, including training of staff and system and internal control changes necessary to gather all the required financial information. The project team is chaired by the Chief Financial Officer and reports quarterly to the audit committee. The project team has prepared a detailed timetable for managing the transition and is currently on schedule. To date the project team has analysed most of the Australian equivalents to IFRS and has identified a number of accounting policy changes that will be required. In some cases choices of accounting policies are available, including elective exemptions under AASB 1 First-time Adoption of Australian International Financial Reporting Pronouncements. Some of these choices are still being analysed to determine the most appropriate accounting policy for the consolidated entity.

Note 2. Members' liability

In the event of the winding up of the Company, members may be required to contribute a maximum of \$20 each. Currently there are 15 members (constituting the Council of the Union) of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited.

Note 3. Segment information

The Company and consolidated entity operate in one industry being the organisation and promotion of the game of rugby union in New South Wales. This activity is completed in one geographical location, that being Australia.

Note 4. Revenue

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Revenue from operating activities | | | | |
| Sponsorship | 3,501,869 | 3,561,386 | 3,501,869 | 3,561,386 |
| Corporate hospitality | 626,782 | 543,247 | 626,782 | 543,247 |
| Match day proceeds | 4,303,208 | 4,397,806 | 4,303,208 | 4,397,806 |
| Aussie stadium rebate | 462,377 | 451,981 | 462,377 | 451,981 |
| Premier rugby | 557,763 | 579,431 | 557,763 | 579,431 |
| Memberships | 497,607 | 611,100 | 497,607 | 611,100 |
| Licensing | 123,580 | 269,968 | 123,580 | 269,968 |
| Coaching and development | 231,346 | 279,972 | 231,346 | 279,972 |
| ARU Funding | 9,391,073 | 9,144,361 | 9,391,073 | 9,144,361 |
| Other grants | 150,000 | 120,000 | 150,000 | 120,000 |
| Affiliation fees | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Other income | 47,510 | 41,664 | 47,510 | 41,664 |
| Revenue from ordinary activities | <u>19,953,115</u> | <u>20,060,916</u> | <u>19,953,115</u> | <u>20,060,916</u> |

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Note 5. Surplus from ordinary activities

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| (a) Net gains and expenses | | | | |
| Surplus from ordinary activities includes the following specific net gains and expenses: | | | | |
| Net Gains | | | | |
| Net gain on disposal | | | | |
| Plant and equipment | - | 11 | - | 11 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Depreciation | | | | |
| Plant and equipment | <u>36,527</u> | <u>42,290</u> | <u>36,527</u> | <u>42,290</u> |
| Amortisation | | | | |
| Leasehold improvements | <u>160,470</u> | <u>158,763</u> | <u>160,470</u> | <u>158,763</u> |
| Trademarks | <u>23,867</u> | <u>20,052</u> | <u>23,867</u> | <u>20,052</u> |
| Total amortisation | <u>184,337</u> | <u>178,815</u> | <u>184,337</u> | <u>178,815</u> |
| Borrowing costs | | | | |
| Interest and finance charges paid/payable | <u>47,291</u> | <u>121,743</u> | <u>47,291</u> | <u>99,743</u> |

Note 6. Current assets - Cash assets

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cash at bank | <u>632,392</u> | <u>545,335</u> | <u>617,054</u> | <u>529,997</u> |
| | <u>632,392</u> | <u>545,335</u> | <u>617,054</u> | <u>529,997</u> |

Note 7. Current assets - Receivables

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Trade debtors | <u>605,868</u> | <u>1,315,899</u> | <u>605,848</u> | <u>1,315,895</u> |
| Other debtors | <u>2,118,912</u> | <u>752,390</u> | <u>2,118,912</u> | <u>752,370</u> |
| | <u>2,724,780</u> | <u>2,068,289</u> | <u>2,724,760</u> | <u>2,068,265</u> |

Note 8. Current assets - Inventories

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Consumables | <u>34,680</u> | <u>48,917</u> | <u>34,680</u> | <u>48,917</u> |

Note 9. Current assets - Other

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Prepayments | <u>7,687</u> | <u>53,182</u> | <u>7,687</u> | <u>53,182</u> |

Note 10. Non-current assets - Receivables

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|--|--------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Homan Pty Limited as trustee for NSWRU Trust | - | - | <u>328,510</u> | <u>328,510</u> |
| NSWRU Finance Limited | - | - | <u>300,000</u> | <u>300,000</u> |
| Rugby Ground Administration Pty Limited | - | - | <u>734,988</u> | <u>552,988</u> |
| Less: Provision for doubtful debts | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,363,498</u> | <u>1,181,498</u> |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

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Note 11. Non-current assets - Other financial assets

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|---|--------------|----------|------------------|-----------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Shares in controlled entities - at cost (note 25) | - | - | 18 | 18 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>18</u> |

Note 12. Non-current assets - Property, plant & equipment

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Land & buildings | | | | |
| Waratah Rugby Stadium | | | | |
| At cost | - | 10,940,509 | - | 559,223 |
| Less: Grants received | - | 3,683,400 | - | - |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | <u>-</u> | <u>7,257,109</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>559,223</u> |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Aussie Stadium leasehold improvements | | | | |
| At cost | 641,880 | 641,880 | 641,880 | 641,880 |
| Less: Accumulated amortisation | <u>345,705</u> | <u>185,235</u> | <u>345,705</u> | <u>185,235</u> |
| | <u>296,175</u> | <u>456,645</u> | <u>296,175</u> | <u>456,645</u> |
| Total land and buildings | <u>296,175</u> | <u>456,645</u> | <u>296,175</u> | <u>456,645</u> |
| Plant and equipment | | | | |
| Plant and equipment | | | | |
| At cost | 698,934 | 729,193 | 698,934 | 729,193 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | <u>612,348</u> | <u>676,842</u> | <u>612,348</u> | <u>676,842</u> |
| | <u>86,586</u> | <u>52,351</u> | <u>86,586</u> | <u>52,351</u> |
| | <u>382,761</u> | <u>508,996</u> | <u>382,761</u> | <u>508,996</u> |

During the year negotiations on the lease on Concord Oval were concluded with the successful termination of the lease with Canada Bay Council. As the Company has no further involvement with the property all assets associated with the lease have been written off and the costs of termination of the lease have been expensed in the year.

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Reconciliations

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

| | Leasehold improvements | Plant and equipment | Total |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Consolidated | | | |
| Carrying amount at 1 November 2003 | 456,645 | 52,351 | 508,996 |
| Additions | - | 70,762 | 70,762 |
| Depreciation/amortisation expense (note 5(a)) | <u>(160,470)</u> | <u>(36,527)</u> | <u>(196,997)</u> |
| Carrying amount at 31 October 2004 | <u>296,175</u> | <u>86,586</u> | <u>382,761</u> |

| | Leasehold improvements | Plant and equipment | Total |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Parent entity | | | |
| Carrying amount at 1 November 2003 | 456,645 | 52,351 | 508,996 |
| Additions | - | 70,762 | 70,762 |
| Depreciation/amortisation expense (note 5(a)) | <u>(160,470)</u> | <u>(36,527)</u> | <u>(196,997)</u> |
| Carrying amount at 31 October 2004 | <u>296,175</u> | <u>86,586</u> | <u>382,761</u> |

Note 13. Non-current assets - Intangible assets

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|--|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Patents, trademarks & licences at cost | 71,602 | 60,157 | 71,602 | 60,157 |
| Less: Accumulated amortisation | <u>61,064</u> | <u>37,197</u> | <u>61,064</u> | <u>37,197</u> |
| | <u>10,538</u> | <u>22,960</u> | <u>10,538</u> | <u>22,960</u> |

Note 14. Current liabilities - Payables

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Trade creditors | 64,463 | 494,342 | 64,463 | 494,342 |
| Other payables | <u>2,130,215</u> | <u>2,277,571</u> | <u>1,658,215</u> | <u>2,371,567</u> |
| | <u>2,194,678</u> | <u>2,771,913</u> | <u>1,722,678</u> | <u>2,865,909</u> |

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Note 15. Current liabilities - Interest bearing liabilities

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Unsecured | | | | |
| Finance lease liability (note 22) | 6,839 | - | 6,839 | - |
| Australian Rugby Union (a) | 56,785 | 51,899 | 56,785 | 51,899 |
| "B" series notes (b) | 500,000 | 500,000 | - | - |
| | <u>563,624</u> | <u>551,899</u> | <u>63,624</u> | <u>51,899</u> |

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following line of credit:

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| ARU overdraft facility (c) | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |

(a) The ARU loan of \$350,000 was established to provide funding for the fit-out of the NSWRU office at Aussie Stadium. The loan is repayable over six years. Interest is charged on the outstanding balance at 9.03%.

(b) The 'B' series notes are repayable with 12 months notice by the note holder. They attract an annual interest rate of 4% and entitle the holder to a preferable rate to purchase corporate hospitality at NSWRU and ARU fixtures.

(c) This facility was negotiated with the Australian Rugby Union in October 2003 at an interest rate of 6.3% for a period of 2 years.

Note 16. Current liabilities - Provisions

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Provisions - other employee entitlements (note 23) | 358,978 | 369,931 | 358,978 | 369,931 |
| Income received in advance | 2,280,180 | 1,620,016 | 2,280,180 | 1,620,016 |
| Provisions | - | 200,000 | - | - |
| | <u>2,639,158</u> | <u>2,189,947</u> | <u>2,639,158</u> | <u>1,989,947</u> |

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Note 17. Non-current liabilities

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Unsecured | | | | |
| Finance lease liability (note 22) | 20,846 | - | 20,846 | - |
| Australian Rugby Union (note 15(a)) | 178,995 | 235,780 | 178,995 | 235,780 |
| Australian Rugby Union (a) | 32,500 | 45,000 | 32,500 | 45,000 |
| | <u>232,341</u> | <u>280,780</u> | <u>232,341</u> | <u>280,780</u> |

(a) The ARU loan of \$250,000 is being amortised over 20 years in return for the use of a corporate box at Aussie Stadium. No interest is charged on the loan.

Note 18. Retained surplus

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Retained (deficit) at the beginning of the financial year | (2,546,861) | (3,351,759) | (1,956,201) | (3,109,099) |
| Net surplus | 709,898 | 804,899 | 1,075,898 | 1,152,899 |
| Retained surplus at the end of the financial year | <u>(1,836,963)</u> | <u>(2,546,860)</u> | <u>(880,303)</u> | <u>(1,956,200)</u> |

Note 19. Financial instruments**(a) Credit risk exposures**

The credit risk on financial assets of the consolidated entity which have been recognised on the statement of financial position is generally the carrying amount, net of any provisions for doubtful debts.

(b) Interest rate risk exposures

The consolidated entity's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective weighted average interest rate by maturity periods is set out in the following table. For interest rates applicable to each class of asset or liability refer to individual notes to the financial statements.

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Note 19. Financial instruments (continued)

| 2004 | Floating interest rate \$ | Fixed interest maturing in: | | | Total \$ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| | | 1 year or less \$ | Over 1 to 5 years \$ | Non interest bearing \$ | |
| Financial assets | | | | | |
| Cash | 632,392 | - | - | - | 632,392 |
| Receivables | - | - | - | 2,724,780 | 2,724,780 |
| | <u>632,392</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>2,724,780</u> | <u>3,357,172</u> |
| Financial liabilities | | | | | |
| Trade and other creditors | - | - | - | 2,193,447 | 2,193,447 |
| ARU | - | 56,785 | 178,995 | 32,500 | 268,280 |
| "B" Notes | - | 500,000 | - | - | 500,000 |
| Finance lease liabilities | - | 6,839 | 20,846 | - | 27,685 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>563,624</u> | <u>199,841</u> | <u>2,225,947</u> | <u>2,989,412</u> |
| Net financial assets (liabilities) | <u>632,392</u> | <u>(563,624)</u> | <u>(199,841)</u> | <u>498,833</u> | <u>367,760</u> |

| 2003 | Floating interest rate \$ | Fixed interest maturing in: | | | Total \$ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| | | 1 year or less \$ | Over 1 to 5 years \$ | Non interest bearing \$ | |
| Financial assets | | | | | |
| Cash | 529,997 | - | - | 15,338 | 545,335 |
| Receivables | - | - | - | 2,068,289 | 2,068,289 |
| | <u>529,997</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>2,083,627</u> | <u>2,613,624</u> |
| Financial liabilities | | | | | |
| Trade and other creditors | - | - | - | 2,699,414 | 2,699,414 |
| ARU | - | - | - | 57,500 | 57,500 |
| ARU | - | 51,899 | 235,780 | - | 287,679 |
| Other loans | - | 60,000 | - | - | 60,000 |
| "B" Notes | - | 500,000 | - | - | 500,000 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>611,899</u> | <u>235,780</u> | <u>2,756,914</u> | <u>3,604,593</u> |
| Net financial assets (liabilities) | <u>529,997</u> | <u>(611,899)</u> | <u>(235,780)</u> | <u>(673,287)</u> | <u>(990,969)</u> |

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Note 20. Remuneration of directors

| | Directors of entities in the consolidated entity | | Directors of parent entity | |
|--|---|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2004 \$ | 2003 \$ | 2004 \$ | 2003 \$ |
| Income paid or payable, or otherwise made available, to directors by entities in the consolidated entity and related parties in connection with the management of affairs of the parent entity or its controlled entities | | | | |
| Directors' fees/remuneration | <u>551,734</u> | <u>480,105</u> | <u>551,734</u> | <u>480,105</u> |

The numbers of parent entity directors whose total income from the parent entity or related parties was within the specified bands are as follows:

| \$ | \$ | 2004 | 2003 |
|---------|-----------|------|------|
| Nil | | 7 | 9 |
| 20,000 | - 29,999 | - | 1 |
| 30,000 | - 39,999 | - | 1 |
| 80,000 | - 89,999 | 1 | - |
| 130,000 | - 139,999 | 1 | - |
| 160,000 | - 169,999 | - | 1 |
| 260,000 | - 269,999 | - | 1 |
| 330,000 | - 339,999 | 1 | - |

Note 21. Remuneration of auditors

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2004 \$ | 2003 \$ | 2004 \$ | 2003 \$ |
| During the year, the auditor of the parent entity and its related practices earned the following remuneration: | | | | |
| Pricewaterhouse Coopers - Australian firm | | | | |
| Audit or review of financial reports of the entity or any entity in the consolidated entity | 41,500 | 39,500 | 41,500 | 39,500 |
| Other assurance services | 7,000 | 7,800 | 7,000 | 7,800 |
| Total audit and other assurance services | <u>48,500</u> | <u>47,300</u> | <u>48,500</u> | <u>47,300</u> |

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Note 22. Commitments for expenditure

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|--|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Operating leases | | | | |
| Commitments for minimum lease payments in relation to non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows: | | | | |
| Within one year | 291,087 | 284,265 | 291,087 | 284,265 |
| Later than one year but not later than 5 years | 297,782 | 568,530 | 297,782 | 568,530 |
| Commitments not recognised in the financial statements | 588,869 | 852,795 | 588,869 | 852,795 |

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|---|---------------|------|---------------|------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Finance leases | | | | |
| Commitments in relation to finance leases are payable as follows: | | | | |
| Within one year | 7,515 | - | 7,515 | - |
| Later than one year but not later than 5 years | 22,906 | - | 22,906 | - |
| Minimum lease payments | 30,421 | - | 30,421 | - |
| Less: Future finance charges | 2,736 | - | 2,736 | - |
| Recognised as a liability | 27,685 | - | 27,685 | - |
| Total lease liabilities | 27,685 | - | 27,685 | - |
| Representing lease liabilities: | | | | |
| Current (note 15) | 6,839 | - | 6,839 | - |
| Non-current (note 17) | 20,846 | - | 20,846 | - |
| | 27,685 | - | 27,685 | - |

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|--|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Remuneration commitments | | | | |
| Commitments for the payment of salaries and other remuneration under long-term employment contracts in existence at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities, payable: | | | | |
| Within one year | 5,244,250 | 5,352,686 | 5,244,250 | 5,352,686 |
| Later than one year but not later than 5 years | 1,575,000 | 1,010,000 | 1,575,000 | 1,010,000 |
| | 6,819,250 | 6,362,686 | 6,819,250 | 6,362,686 |

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Note 23. Employee benefits

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|---|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Employee benefit and related on-costs liabilities | | | | |
| Provision for employee entitlements - current (note 16) | 358,978 | 369,931 | 358,978 | 369,931 |
| Aggregate employee benefit and related on-costs liabilities | 358,978 | 369,931 | 358,978 | 369,931 |
| | Number | Number | Number | Number |
| Employee numbers | | | | |
| Average number of employees during the financial year | 81 | 82 | 81 | 82 |

Superannuation

All employees of the economic entity are entitled to benefits on retirement, disability or death from BT Lifetime Super Employer Plan or other nominated funds of those employees. The BT Lifetime Super Employer Plan is an accumulation fund, contributions being made by the economic entity at a rate of 9% of wages and salaries on behalf of the employees. The entities contributions are legally enforceable.

Note 24. Related parties**Directors**

The names of persons who were directors of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited at any time during the financial year are as follows: Dillip Kumar, Mike Brown, John McKay, Laurie Maher, Ian Ross, Brendan Cannon, Peter O'Meara, Arvid Petersen, Chris Birch and Fraser Neil.

Transactions of directors and director-related entities

There were no transactions with directors or director-related entities during 2004.

Wholly-owned group

The wholly-owned group consists of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited and its wholly-owned and controlled entities as set out in note 25.

Transactions between New South Wales Rugby Union Limited and its controlled entities consist of the advance of funds to finance operations. No interest is charged on intercompany indebtedness.

| | Parent entity | |
|---|--------------------|-------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Aggregate amounts receivable from/payable to related parties in the wholly-owned group at balance date were as follows: | | |
| Current receivables | 1,363,498 | 1,181,498 |
| Less: Doubtful debts provision | (1,363,498) | (1,181,498) |

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Note 24. Related parties (continued)**Australian Rugby Union Limited ("ARU")**

The company conducts numerous transactions with the ARU in the normal course of the administration of the game of Rugby Union in the State of New South Wales. Under a 2000 agreement with the ARU the annual grants and player subsidies to the company were \$9,391,576 in the year to 31 October 2004 (2003: \$9,144,361). The loans due to the ARU are detailed in Notes 15 and 17.

Controlling entities

The ultimate controlling entity in the wholly owned group is New South Wales Rugby Union Limited.

Note 25. Investments in controlled entities

| Name of entity | Country of incorporation | Class of shares | Equity holding | | Cost of parent entity's investment | |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------|
| | | | 2004 % | 2003 % | 2004 \$ | 2003 \$ |
| Rugby Ground Administration Pty Limited | Australia | Ordinary | 78 | 78 | 7 | 7 |
| Homan Pty Limited | Australia | Ordinary | 100 | 100 | 2 | 2 |
| NSWRU Finance Limited | Australia | Ordinary | 100 | 100 | 5 | 5 |
| Ranrub Pty Limited | Australia | Ordinary | 100 | 100 | 2 | 2 |
| NSW Foundation Pty Limited | Australia | Ordinary | 100 | 100 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | | <u>18</u> | <u>18</u> |

Note 26. Economic dependency

New South Wales Rugby Union Limited depends for a significant volume of revenue on Australian Rugby Union Limited. During the year ended 31 October 2004, approximately 47% (2003: 44%) of the revenue came from Australian Rugby Union Limited. This is supported by a Memorandum of Understanding between the Australian Rugby Union and its Member Unions. The current Memorandum of Understanding runs to 31 December 2005.

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Note 27. Reconciliation of surplus from ordinary activities after income tax to net cash inflow from operating activities

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|---|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | 2004 \$ | 2003 \$ | 2004 \$ | 2003 \$ |
| Surplus from ordinary activities after income tax | 709,898 | 804,898 | 1,075,898 | 1,152,898 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 220,864 | 245,809 | 220,864 | 245,809 |
| Write down of investments to recoverable amount | - | 626,000 | - | - |
| Loss/(gain) on disposal of fixed assets | - | (11) | - | (11) |
| Provision for amount due from subsidiary | - | - | - | 100,000 |
| Decrease/(increase) in receivables | 710,031 | (60,050) | 710,047 | (60,050) |
| Decrease (increase) in inventories | 14,237 | - | 14,237 | - |
| Decrease/(increase) in other assets | (1,321,027) | 8,446 | (1,321,047) | 8,446 |
| Increase/(decrease) in creditors & other borrowings | 70,428 | 976,127 | (495,568) | 976,127 |
| Increase/(decrease) in provisions | (210,953) | 102,265 | (10,953) | 102,265 |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | <u>193,478</u> | <u>2,703,484</u> | <u>193,478</u> | <u>2,525,484</u> |

Note 28. Non-cash financing and investing activities

| | Consolidated | | Parent entity | |
|---|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| | 2004 \$ | 2003 \$ | 2004 \$ | 2003 \$ |
| Acquisition of plant and equipment by means of finance leases | 27,685 | - | 27,685 | - |
| Non-cash movement in loans to related parties | <u>12,500</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>12,500</u> | <u>-</u> |

Director's Declaration

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New South Wales Rugby Union Limited Directors' declaration 31 October 2004

The directors declare that the financial statements and notes set out on pages 4 to 23:

- (a) Comply with Accounting Standards, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
- (b) Give a true and fair view of the company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 October 2004 and of their performance, as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows, for the financial year ended on that date.

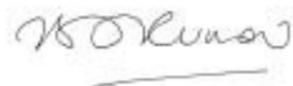
In the directors' opinion:

- (a) The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001; and
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

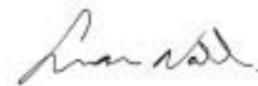
Dilip Kumar

Director



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Director



Sydney

December 2004



