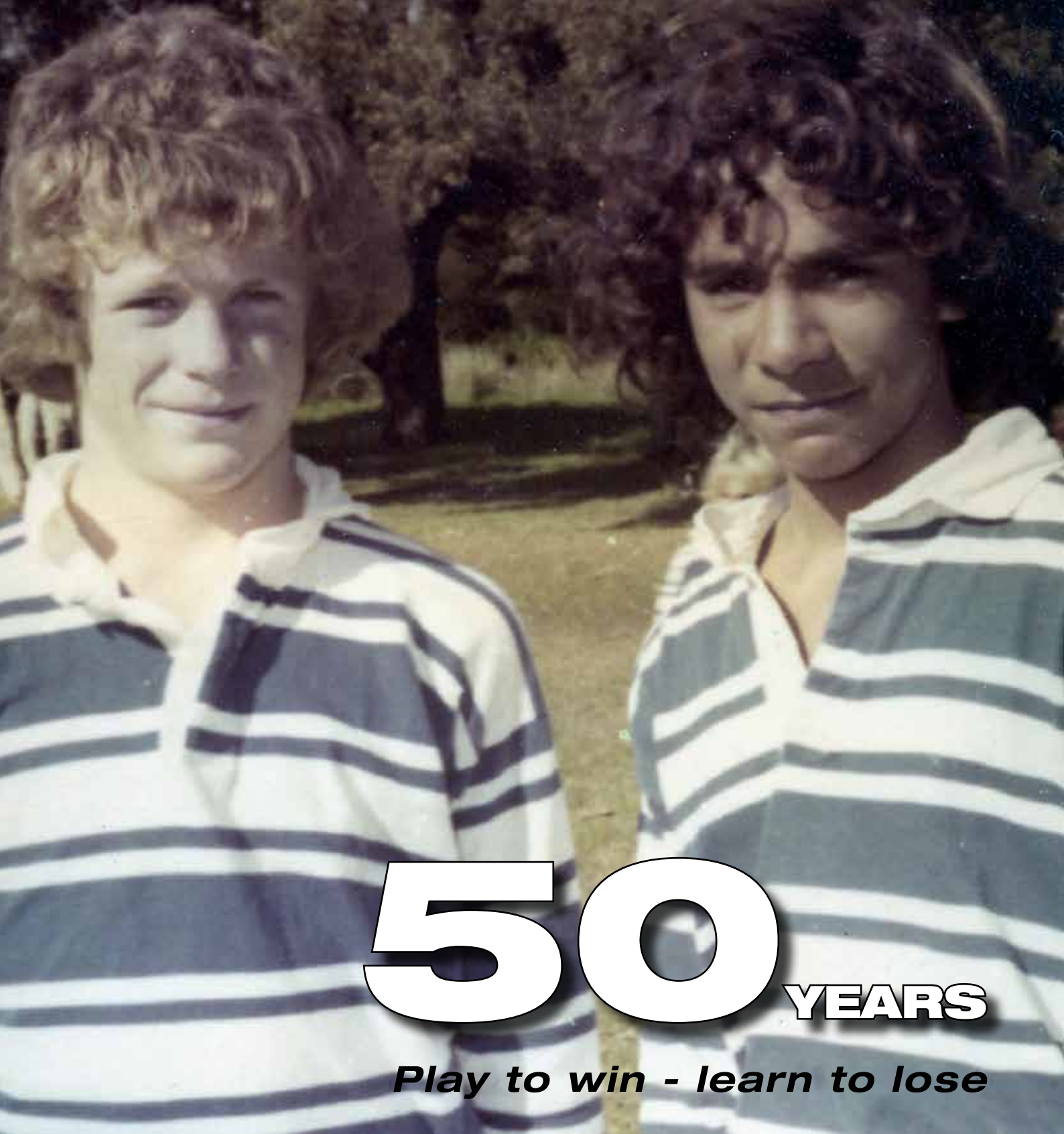




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## **JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB**

### **Annual Report 2012**



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Andrew Black  
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## COACHES AND MANAGERS 2012

Team	Coach	Assistant Coach/s	Manager/s
Under 6 Blue	Tasman Tanner/Matthew Carney		Danielle Head
Under 6 White	Bruce Jones	Emanuel Kastrissios	Joe Kiely
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Under 9 White	Richard Payten	Brett Davis	Suki Scade
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With the Club celebrating its 50th Anniversary, 2012 was a significant year in our history and I am pleased to say that by any measurement it has been the most successful for many years.

This season the Eagles had over 280 registered players and the Club fielded 20 teams ranging from the mighty U6s through to the fast maturing U15s.

In the Minis the Eagles were again the largest of the Village Clubs in the Easts / Randwick competition with three teams in each of the U6, U7, U8 and U9 age groups. The boys exhibited great skills and showed tremendous development throughout the season, leading to terrific results across all the teams. A special mention needs to go to both the U7 Blues and U9 Reds who went through the season undefeated. For the U9 Reds this meant they only lost one game throughout their Minis career which is quite incredible.

In the Juniors we had teams competing in the SJRU Friday Night, Saturday and, for the first time, Sunday competitions. Similarly to the Minis all the boys did us proud playing a great brand of rugby and enjoying a great deal of success. Again there were some standout teams with the U13s going through the season undefeated in winning the Sunday B competition, the U14 Randwick Warriors (containing 12 Cloey boys) winning the Sunday B competition and the U10 Blues were winners of the Plate Grand Final in the Saturday Gold competition. We had two other teams make the Grand Finals with the U11 Reds going down in the Friday Night Plate and the U15s falling agonisingly short in losing by a solitary point in the Sunday D competition.

On behalf of all the players and parents I would like to thank all of the coaches and managers for their hard work throughout the season. With the training, planning and game day coordination it is a huge commitment and one that often goes unnoticed. The development of all the boys is so evident and this can be directly attributed to the tutelage they receive, so again thank you.

There continued to be a great spirit evident amongst Cloey community and I'm sure that the 50th celebrations contributed in some way to this. From our Season Launch at Burrows to the more formal 50th Anniversary Dinner our members showed great support. Everyone again pitched in to assist at our Nagle Park and Coogee Oval canteens, which continue to be an important source of fundraising for the Club, and your help turning sausages and selling Killer Pythons is greatly appreciated.

The aforementioned 50th Anniversary Dinner was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year with almost 300 of the Clubs faithful packing in to the Steve Waugh Room at the SCG. We were fortunate to have eight past Cloey Presidents, 20 of our Life Members along with coaches, officials, players and parents from across all eras in attendance. The room looked fantastic, MC Michael Tate kept the night moving smoothly, The Capitols kept the dance floor

full and our guest speaker Paul Martell was sensational, having the audience in tears of laughter with his stories and impressions. As I mentioned on the night a lot of blood, sweat and tears went in to the organising of the Dinner and a huge thank you goes out to Stuart Dart, Louise Heathwood, Suze Williams, Deb Johnson and Josh Smith for all their efforts in making the night so memorable.

This year we have been fortunate to again have the support of a number of organisations. Our sponsors contribute greatly in allowing the Club to keep registration fees as low as possible. There is a full list of these supporters on the inside cover of the Annual Report but I would like to make special mention to Macquarie Wealth and Raine & Horne Bondi Junction Coogee / Clovelly for their generosity.

To keep a Club of our size going takes a lot of planning, organising, time and effort. Much of this falls to the Committee and we are fortunate to have a strong group leading the charge. To Michael McSweeney, Rob Dick, Josh Smith, John Andrews, Deb Johnson, Andrew Black, Stuart Dart and Tas Tanner thank you for all your hard work and dedication this season. Thankfully many of this group will be around for a few more years to come which means that the Club is in good hands.

**But it isn't just the winning  
Nor the scoring, nor the cheers,  
It's the friendship and the memories  
That last you through the years.**

**It's the camaraderie  
That's born of valour not of fame  
It's the sheer exhilaration  
When you play the running game**

After four years in the role this will be my last as President. I used the above words from a poem written by the great rugby man Peter Fenton to start my first President's Report in 2009. I thought that they rang so true to the Eagles then and I'm proud to say they still do. There is a tremendous culture that has led to us having so much success over our 50 years. It is not just about premierships, although they are fantastic to have. It is about the friendships built on the paddock and sidelines which are so evident amongst our members.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead this mighty Club. I've shared a lot of laughs, had some great experiences and made some lifelong friendships along the way

GO THE EAGLES!!

Andrew Dyster

# Club Trophy Awards 2012

# Treasurer's Report



Club Trophy Awards	Recipient
<b>THE PATRONS CUP</b> Team playing to club motto	Under 15
<b>Jimmy Lane Memorial</b> - Presidents Award for Excellence	Stuart Dart
<b>Club supporter of the year</b>	Rod Preston
<b>Shawn Mackay Club Player of the Year Award</b>	Daniel Szabo
This award goes to the player that shows qualities such as leadership, sportsmanship and co operation.	
<b>Chris Whitaker Award</b>	Connor McMullen
This award goes to the player that shows most potential in a Mini team (U6 to U9 only).	
<b>Col Windon Award.</b> This award goes to the player that shows most potential in a Junior team (U10 to U17 only)	Nicholas Black
<b>Exceptional Achievement Award</b>	Max Tanner
<b>Most competition points in minis</b>	Under 9 Red
<b>Most competition points in juniors</b>	Under 13
<b>Best defence trophy minis</b>	Under 9 Red
<b>Best defence trophy juniors</b>	Under 13
<b>Greg Killeen Award for the most improved Mini Team</b>	Under 7 Blue
<b>Wally Meagher Award for the most improved Junior team</b>	Under 13

## Income and Expenditure Account

### Income

Sponsorship	1,600	16,500
Registrations	21,246	17,830
Social Event (net)	13,521	9,128
Canteen - Nagle Park and Coogee Oval (net)	14,786	11,558

### Total Income

**51,153**

**55,016**

### Expenditure

Insurance	2,380	2,210
Competition Affiliation Fees	16,933	16,678
Players' Clothing and Equipment	8,662	17,663
U12 NZ Tour	1,200	2,000
Annual Report and End of Season Gifts	15,402	17,000
Other Administration Costs	470	1,500

### Total Expenditure

**45,047**

**57,051**

### Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year

**6,107**

**(2,035)**

**As at  
31 August 2012  
\$**

**As at  
30 September 2011  
\$**

### Balance Sheet

Cash at Bank	26,503	45,124
Debtors	6,050	-
Accrued Expenses	10,872	29,550

### Net Assets

**21,681**

**15,574**

### Represented by

Accumulated Funds B/F	15,574	17,609
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	6,107	(2,035)

**21,681**

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The financial position of the Club remains in good shape with residual funds at the end of the season of over \$21,000. After adjusting for the one off sponsorship and associated jersey replacement costs that occurred in 2011, total income has increased largely through continued growth in Registration fees, a very successful 50th anniversary celebration and improved returns from the Canteen. With underlying costs broadly in line with 2011 the Club was able to report a surplus of just over \$6,000.

Higher Registration fees reflected continued growth in player numbers which increased from 250 in 2011 to 284 this year. The Club has intentionally tried to keep the player participation costs to a minimum with no fee increases implemented this year.

Despite the very significant costs involved in running the 50th anniversary celebration evening some \$13,500 was raised from the night reflecting a very good turnout from past and present parents and supporters of the Club with almost 300 guests in attendance. This together with some spirited bidding for many of the generously donated auction items and a few favours called in on some of the key costs

for the event ensured that a thoroughly enjoyable evening also was able to generate some significant funds for the Club.

After a significant decline in 2011 the net proceeds from running various Canteens at Coogee Oval and Nagle Park grew by almost 30%. This important source of funds relies on participation of parents and the Club has been very thankful of the help received in this area during the year.

The direct running costs of the Club (insurances, referee payments, clothing etc) have largely been maintained at a similar cost to 2011. The Club has again been pleased to support the participation of teams at various representative competitions during the year. A significant sum has also again been directed towards providing the players with an end of season gift which together with the Annual Report will hopefully provide some good memories of a great season.

Josh Smith  
Treasurer

# 50 years of Rugby

1962 - 2012

## Clovelly...where it all began!

*Compiled by Julie Blomberg, Karina Seyffer and Neil Thomas, from information provided by Paul Pemberton, Gil Darby, Ross Miles and Rex Coventry*

The Club actually entered a side in the 1961 competition under the auspices of the Coogee JRFC. The decision to formally constitute the Clovelly Club was made on 17th October, 1961 when Mr F. W. Meagher opened the meeting and it was decided that as there were not enough members present only two actions would be taken,

1. Election of temporary Office Bearers
2. Discussion of a Constitution

Present at the meeting were F. W. Meagher, R. Sherwood, W. Marchant, I. Turk, W. Thornton and B. Gillis and the officials elected were W. (Bill) Marchant, president; Bruce Gillis, secretary and W. (Bill) Thorburn, treasurer. The first Annual General Meeting was held on the 9th May, 1962.

The first team for the Clovelly club was formed by dividing a Coogee U10 side into two teams, one remaining with Coogee and the other forming the nucleus of the Clovelly Club. To help the club along, it was decreed that players living north of Dolphin or Bream Streets, Coogee, should play for Clovelly.

It is interesting to note that the Eastern Suburbs Randwick Junior Rugby competition started in 1959. Tony Blomberg, president of the Coogee Club, and also of Easts/Randwick Junior Rugby Union was instrumental in helping to create the new Clovelly Junior Rugby Football Club.

In 1962, Bill Marchant and a mate, went up to Clovelly Public School trying to attract more players for teams to play with the newly formed Clovelly Club. The school was a rugby league stronghold with a sports master described as 'dedicated to the code'.

Nevertheless, he gave Bill his strong backing which resulted in a large group of pupils forming the backbone of the first Clovelly Eagles teams. Amongst those boys was Ross Miles who recalls the enthusiasm he and his mates had for the new U12's team.

"In those days rugby league sides were selected on the basis of age and weight, so all the heavier blokes like me jumped at the idea of getting a regular game of football."

Bill Marchant was president for 10 years and became the first life member of the Club. He also coached teams from U10 to U18.







The first team to play under the newly incorporated Clovelly club in 1962. Players pictured include: John Stone, Ross Miles, Philip Lowe (deceased), Garry Hockey, Bill Marchant (coach-deceased), Leigh Stone, Mark Cohen, Ross Wright, John Barnett, Paul Bolton and Danny Lavarch.

The team's first jerseys were black and white hoops, the only colours available at the time, and were taken from old stock.

The Clovelly Eagle with ball motif was designed by Bill and Aylis Thorburn in 1962. Initially, it was red and later changed to blue. The club motif was also introduced in 1962.... "Play to win... learn to lose".

"We didn't mind the badge, but most of us had a bit of trouble with the 'learn to lose' part of the motif", said Ross.

By 1963, the club fielded no less than 5 teams - two U10s, two U12s and one U14s. Quite a remarkable improvement on the one U10 team in 1961. At first training was at Coogee Oval but switched to Burrows Park which became the home ground.

All ages played 15-a-side on a full sized field until the introduction of Mini Rugby for U7 and U8 in 1974. From 1962, the number of teams steadily increased. At various stages, Clovelly was fielding teams from U7 to U18. By 1984, Clovelly was the strongest club in the competition with a record 215 players.

Music for the club song was chosen by Patrick Hathaway, who, in 1967, along with Paul Pemberton, Scott Menzies and Aylis Thorburn, then composed the lyrics.

Sometime after 1961, a parallel ladies committee was elected. Its main function was fundraising. This committee met separately from the men's committee and Claire Burke was the first president. The ladies committee arranged gambling nights, raffles and 200 clubs, etc.

Trips away for all the teams were often organised and among the places visited were Orange, Canberra (Lyneham) and New Zealand.

Teams that played in the East/Randwick competition in the early days were Bays, Bellevue Hill, Bondi Boys, Bondi Sharks, Central Randwick, Coronation Park, De La Salle, Drummoyne Waratahs, East Colts, East Juniors, McAuley, Marcellen, Maroubra, Maroubra Bay, Marist Brothers Pagewood, Matraville, Randwick Colts, Randwick High, South Coogee, South Sydney, St. Brigids and Vacluse.

In Ross Mile's mind, players from the 60's era that stand out were Leigh Stone, a great goal kicker, Gary Hockey, who went on to play first grade cricket for Parramatta ("when grade cricket was really something"), Mark Cohen, who played first grade rugby league games for the great St George, and former Randwick prop Pat Slyney.



Among the players in this picture of the 1963 U14s are Bill Marchant (coach), Daryl Middleton, Mal Sandilands, Tony Cook, Reg Cook (Manager), Chris Lewis, Pat Slyney, Bill Bolton (Manager) Phil Lowe, Ross Miles, Garry Hockey, Joe Alvard, Peter Lewis, Danny Evans, Andrew Robertson, Paul Bolton, Mark Cohen and Peter Dwyer.

## 1968...and it's our first premiers



The first premiership for Clovelly Eagles was won in 1968 by this U8 team: Back Row: P. Pemberton (coach), C. Coventry, A. Fisher, R. Hornvedt, T. Day, M. Duggan, S. Watson, J. Symes, M. Clift, R. Coventry (manager); middle row: B. Stevens, M. Duggan, P. Hackett, A. Simpson, G. Coombe, M. Pullin, D. Wilson, A. Sang; front row: P. Della-Marta, D. Burke, M. Palmer, M. Cruickshank (vice captain), G. Mould (captain), S. Beaton, S. Knight-Smith. This team also went on to win many more grand finals.



# Soaring and scoring with the Eagles

**NOT ONLY WALLABIES**, but All Blacks. The Eagles have a proud tradition of producing Wallabies, but few people would know that the Club has also 'helped along' the career of a famous All Black! In 1977 our all-conquering U15s toured New Zealand and were billeted with the families of Manukau Rovers. After playing each other in New Zealand, the two teams travelled to Whangarei for a further game. On the day of the match, the Eagles found themselves a player short and one of the Manakou players helped make up the numbers...Frank Bunce later went on to play 55 tests for the All Blacks between 1992-1997.

**GRANT MOULD** was not only one of the best players to pull on a Clovelly shirt...beginning in the U6s. He also had a very keen eye for talented players. He worked hard on persuading two of his Matraville High school mates to join the Club and was successful. In those days Eddie Jones was a breakaway and Gary Ella, being Gary Ella, played everywhere. Grant represented NSW Country in 1986 and played against the All Blacks long before 'team mate' Frank Bunce got a run.

**THE MOULD NAME** is synonymous with rugby in the Randwick district but it was not only the boys that made a contribution. In 1968 Karen Mould played in a trial game for the U10s along with her friend Kim Burke. Despite Karen scoring a try and Kim coming close to 'man of the match'? both girls were politely shown the door as in those days the rules did not allow for female players. Undeterred, Karen went on to distinguish herself as a highly successful junior coach and Kim became chief cheerleader for brothers Matt and Daniel.

**IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG** for the young Clovelly club to produce a premiership winning team. In 1966, the U12 Bs went into the history books as our first premiers. They were followed a couple of years later by the U8s, a team that went on to be the Club's most successful, winning premierships right through to U14. At the U8 final at Coogee Oval, the excitement was so great that team manager Rex Coventry had a heart attack on the sideline. But like all good stories this one had a happy ending. Despite an abundance of rosary beads and prayers by the nuns, McCauley were unable to overcome a determined Clovelly side with tries by Grant Mould and Stan Knightbridge giving the blue and whites a 6-3 victory. However, the prayers worked for Rex and he went on to make a full recovery.

**IT HAS NOT ALWAYS** been plain sailing for junior rugby in the district. In 1975 there were so few teams in the competition that Randwick Juniors was forced to merge with Southern Districts. Nowadays, thanks to the efforts of many people, we are right back up to strength and will continue to supply senior rugby with 1st Grade players such as Chris Delooze (U10-U11) who scored on his debut for Randwick a few weeks ago and the likes of the marvellous Morgan Turinui, who on current form looks all set to one day pull on the famous green and gold shirt.

**SOMETIMES IT CAN** be a dogs life supporting the Clovelly Eagles, but then again it can have it's compensations. When man's best friend Joey turned out to support owner Michael Johnson and his team, the picture made the front page of the New York Times. You can see why on page 30.



*The 1987 U7 premiership winning team complete with 'mascot'.*

# The Club Song

*(Sung to the theme "Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son")*

*The game is rugby that we play,  
The way they call the Clovelly Way,  
Sportmanship and integrity,  
Plus lots of heart and sincerity.  
We play to win, we don't mind to lose,  
Other teams play the way they choose.  
Clovelly will progress Win or lose  
And we won't go home  
Singin' the blues!*



*The 1981 U10 side including Jason Jones-Hughes pictured first left in the back row of players.*



# The thoughts of past presidents

## REX COVENTRY 1971-1977

During my term as president I was fortunate to have the strong support of the committee, parents and friends that enabled us to build on the foundations laid down during the previous decade.

Under the guidance of Fay Dooley, the hard working team on the ladies auxiliary raised much needed funds for the benefit of the boys. In those days the auxiliary operated separately to the Club committee. Prior to the introduction of mini rugby in 1974, all age groups played 15-a-side on a full size field.

Clovelly was a very successful club, both on and off the field. In 1976 we had 190 players making up 11 sides including two each in U7, U8, U9 and a team each in U11 through to U14. At one stage we even had an U18 side before it was absorbed by district colts.

During this period, Clovelly Primary School played rugby union and on weekends many boys played for both the school and the Club. The school had a number of successful sides and in 1972, and again the following year, its U11 side won the prestigious Orrock shield.

Paul Pemberton jnr from the Club coached the Clovelly school sides and on various occasions we also provided managers and helpers. In 1976 Pat Slyney became the first Clovelly junior to play first grade for Randwick. Pat went on to play more than 100 first grade games.

The Club undertook a couple of tours to New Zealand, both hosted by Manukau Rovers in Auckland. The 1974, the U14 team was undefeated and the three years later, the U15 side also had a successful tour of the north island of New Zealand but it was marred by a serious injury to Greg Killeen. Players from this team to later play first grade for Randwick were Brett Dooley, Mark Perica and Charlie Smith. In between these two tours Clovelly hosted a Manukau Rovers U14 side.



Also on the agenda during this period was the bi-annual trip, by chartered jets, to Lyneham in Canberra. On alternate years, Clovelly played host to Lyneham.

At the end of my term as president in 1977, I received the honour of being elected a life member of the Club along with Paul Pemberton Jnr.

## RON LANHAM 1985-1987

The years 1985-87 were a time of transition. On the administration side, many stalwarts of the club for many years had moved on and administratively the club was in a rebuilding phase. Fundraising in 1985 revolved around a '250 Club' and raffles but in 1987, the club was able to successfully run the Coogee Oval kiosk for the first time as part of its fundraising activities. Prior to that, the kiosk had to be run on a voluntary basis. What fun that was.

On the field, games were played at a number of venues and Burrows Park was the home ground for the older age groups. Team numbers were down on previous years however, and there were some fears that the club may struggle to survive because of the dwindling number of players.

In 1985 we celebrated the club's 25th anniversary, a little early as it turned out - there was some confusion about the club's origins and the report that year was labelled the 25th Annual Report. Nevertheless, a great time was had by 150 people at the Randwick Rugby Club.

Several players achieved representative honours in 1985-1987 including Ben Whitaker, Chris Whitaker, Lawson Donald and Ashley Philip. A number of players also reached the 100 games milestone - Justin Philip and Jaysen Thompson in 1985, Ashley Philip, Stephen Dunn and Darren Phillips (an honorary award to recognise a long term commitment to the Club as a player and coach) in 1986, and Chris Whitaker and Anthony Brookman in 1987.

Playing 100 games is a tremendous achievement and demonstrates commitment to the club over many years. In those days we awarded the players a 100 games pocket and introduced a pewter mug (which I'm sure wasn't used until they were 18) as a more permanent and hopefully useful memento of their time with Clovelly Rugby.

Many parents assisted as committee members, coaches and managers with Pauline and Jeremy Whitaker, Brian Phillips (deceased), Ken Robinson, John Byrne, Terry Boys (in particular at Coogee Oval kiosk days) and my wife Marea all making a significant contribution to the successful running of the Club.

Finally, I can honestly say that the rugby was always played to the spirit of the club motto 'Play to Win and Learn to Lose'. And the credit for that goes to all the players who pulled on a Clovelly Eagles jumper and played the game in the proper spirit and to the best of their ability.

## KEN ROBINSON 1987-1989

In reading the president's report from the 29th Annual Report (1989) many fond memories came flooding back. The report said a lot about the Club and its members, so within the confines of space available, the following is a picture of "how we were..."

How do you measure a club's success? And what makes a club great? I'm still not sure, but I know Clovelly is a great club and a very successful one at that. This year we failed to meet our goal of fielding teams from 7U to 15U, but we did field three 7Us that augurs well for the future. We ran a close second to St. Brigids in the mini club championship, and were able to win the junior club championship by one point from Coogee.

This was achieved by the U10s who remained undefeated for the season; the U12s came from second to win the premiership in a close game with Sylvania (3-0) and the U11s were narrowly beaten in the final by Marcellin (4-8). These results are a sign of a great club. Our fund raising efforts were exceedingly successful this year. Our usual tireless workers attended both canteens and we were so successful at this enterprise that we backed up for East/Randwick at the Oxbridge vs Randwick day and the grand final day canteens. Through his tireless efforts on all of these occasions, Terry Boys has again been awarded the coveted Supporter of the Year trophy.

Then of course there was the raffle to end all raffles. A trip for two to Auckland to see the Wallabies play the All Blacks. Brian Hutchinson and Jeremy Whitaker thought this one up! Both Club officials put a huge effort into making it all happen and the Club earned

over \$3500. Brian Hutchinson, on this effort, just nudged Graham Geering for the Jimmy Lane Memorial Trophy, the president's award for excellence.

A club functions well if it has a good committee and this year's has performed admirably. Thanks to Phil McKay for the fantastic job as registrar and publicity officer. To John Byrne who has been our secretary for a number of years, thanks. Richard (I knew him when he was Dick) Handley did a great job with the gear.

To Arthur Swan and the social committee, Sue Candy, Caroline Hamilton, Brenda Hutchinson, Liz Robinson and Pauline Whitaker congratulations on the Blue and White Night. Graham Geering and Jeremy Whitaker made up the other members of a very hard working group, thanks for the support and work you've both put in.

A final word! Although a club should never consider itself as two groups, it's difficult not to do so when the competitions are organised into two divisions, mini and junior. We have a small commitment to the junior competition with only three teams entered. Our U15s almost got off the mark but unfortunately had to withdraw after several rounds.

Give a thought to the player of the year, Craig Boys who broke his wrist mid-way through the season after being chosen in the Under 12's representative team.

Yet, he never missed a game, carrying the sand bucket for our kickers and helping out on canteen duty. Craig really epitomises the qualities that our Club hopes to foster in its players.

Yes, that was 1989!



The 2000 U11 team coached by Michael Denavi and John Mackay, who this year was made a life member of the Club.



**PAT THOMSON 1995-1996**

In 1987 my son Mark as a five year old student at St Anthony's Clovelly came into contact with Keiran Lanham. This set the scene, it was Rugby for Clovelly or nothing. The first year of watching my five year old playing U7 rugby is one of my most pleasant memories. Also at St Anthony's was another promising five year old named Morgan Turinui.

Shawn Mackay's dad John was our coach so I teamed up with John to manage the team. John was an excellent coach, very talented and fair, he was also a very skillful first grade rugby league player. There are many lads 20 years old and younger running around in the local competitions that have the benefit of John's coaching and football knowledge.

I have many fond memories of my involvement with the Eagles. John Dean was manager of the U7 team, that included his sons Nathan and Peter, that were runners up in the grand final. East/Randwick usually gave trophies to all mini players but this year the runners up got pennants. John would have none of this and at his own expense bought trophies for all the team, which he gave out on presentation day. A keen yachtsman, John was tragically lost at sea off the yacht Winston Churchill during the Sydney-Hobart race some years ago.

Among other found memories are the finals at J.D.Dwyer Park Caringbah. It was Nathan Lowes 100th game, Ken

and Maree Lowe had organised a party to celebrate, The U11s had just had a stunning win and Nathans team, the U13s, defeated Burraneer in the best game of junior rugby I've seen. We formed a guard of honour for Peter Clark's U12s, then moved to the far corner to consume plentiful food and drinks whilst watching the U12s win in a brilliant game. It doesn't get any better.

It's Grand Final day, nerves are tingling, what can be done to settle them? A parachute jump! yes, Peter Clark (and his daughter) went up to Wilton on the morning of the match and jumped out of a perfectly good plane.

I remember Bob Tate's Clovelly Hotel for the generous donation of ice products. Bob reckons his hardest game of rugby was his U10s in 1997 when Saints scored under the posts after the bell but missed conversion leaving the Eagles as the premiers by a score of 7-5.

Then there was Steve Kelly of Australian Spit Roast, now Grinners, for his generosity with raffle prizes during my time. I organised a raffle for the end of season trip in 1994, although my memory is a bit vague now, over \$6000 was raised with one of Steve dinners as first prize.

I thank all the players, parents and supporters who were involved with the club during "my time there". It is all worth- while when you see our past players in the various college, school, district and representative teams. I thank Michele for her involvement over those years, clubs tend to be families also.



**GLEN FITZPATRICK 1999-2000**

As president for two years, I will say it was not only a pleasure but also an honour. It was not until my son had finished his playing days with the Club that I took over the presidency and it was with regret that time did not allow me to continue in that role for a few more years.

I continue to listen and watch for any news regarding the Eagles and I congratulate the Club on its past and expect it to move into the future with the speed of its fastest winger.

**GLEN JOSEPH 2000-2001**

I was for fortunate to be at the helm of the Club during the period that, in future, will be referred to as the turn of the century, and on occasions, I felt like I had turned a century during the period.

The issues we faced during this time were securing adequate player numbers and finding suitable coaching staff. Financially we were secure thanks to the efforts of our fund raising committees. Socially we were right as we had Julie Blomberg, Karina Seyffer and Mick O'Connor- need I say more. Running the day to day things were Geoff

and Nada Andrews with Les Church covering anything that slipped through.

One of the most memorable moments for me was during the early stages of my first year as president. I was watching the U11s and the opposition winger made a break and was away for all money.

After the game I checked to see if there was a hole or a tree next to the sideline because, to this day, I am still mystified as to where Nick Wright sprang from. He came out of nowhere and downed the flying winger in as classic a tackle that you would be lucky to see in a lifetime of watching rugby. Seeing that standard of skill and determination from young footballers made it all worthwhile for me as president.

Another memorable moment was seeing John McKay become a life member following his long association with the Club. Seeing the recruitment numbers for U6, U7 and U8 well above our expectations was also very rewarding and a tribute to the efforts of all concerned. I would like to make special mention of the irrepressible Joe Conway, who, over a number of seasons, overcame great problems with player availability to keep the senior sides going.

It was a privilege to be president of a club with such a tremendous history. The friendships, memories and common bonds that were formed from being part of Clovelly club was, for me, a very rewarding part of life.



*The 2001 premiership winning U7 side, the majority of players in this side also won the U6 premiership the previous year.*



## MICK O'CONNOR 2004-2005

My best memories of the Clovelly Eagles were meeting great people, having fun & watching young boys develop into rugby players reaching their full potential.

I joined the Clovelly Eagles committee in 2000 when the Eagles had only 8 teams & were struggling. We had two Under 6 teams an Under 7 team started from scratch by Les Church an Under 8 & 9 & 2 higher age teams. As a committee under Glen Joseph we were determined to do better & have fun. We wanted to go from the learn to lose to the play to win. With this in mind the Club grew rapidly with the organisation we had put in place. St Anthonys, Clovelly Public School & Bronte Public School allowed us to advertise & we became better, bigger & more successful.

During my time as President Les Church had become President of Randwick Juniors & Vice President of Southern Zone & had set about

removing the paranoid hatreds among the Clubs. He did this very successfully & had the Randwick Clubs working together.

The social side for the parents was well organised & we were sponsored by Clovelly Airforce Club & Bronte RSL Club which allowed us to use their function rooms. Karina Seyffer & Julie Blomberg led the way & we had great fun at these nights. We had a couple of Friday functions that made Saturday mornings at Nagle very tough. Rex Coventry, one of the early presidents had become patron had was very involved watching the rugby. On the field we became successful in the younger grades winning many Randwick Juniors premierships & also beginning to win in Southern Zone. The most memorable rugby moment for me was when our under 10s in 2005 won the premiership 44-0 against Saints who had been undefeated through the Under 8s & 9s. Their team comprised of the best rugby league players from South

Eastern & La Perouse. They had smashed everyone until the rugby skills of the little Clovelly boys came through in the grand final. Everyone was shocked, parents, players & particularly the Saints coach. It was great to see a small bunch of boys work so hard to achieve this goal. By the time I handed over to Michelle O'Shea the Club had grown to 22 teams & had a stable committee with Clovelly well represented in the Randwick Juniors & Southern Zone committees. It is great to see the Club doing so well & being well managed. It was an honour & a privilege to be President of the Clovelly Eagles & my family have made lifelong friends from the experience & seen many young hopefuls turn into polished rugby players.

## Michelle O'Shea 2006-2008

My name is Michelle Hanrahan and I spent approximately 8 years on the Clovelly Eagles Committee both as a member, Social Secretary and then First female President for 3 years. My first year as President saw a very successful year for the boys on the field. It is worth noting this because this was the culmination of the years of work and vision by previous committees and leadership by previous Presidents that enabled this success to come to fruition. In 2006 Clovelly Eagles had success in the Minis Club Champoinship (5th Consecutive year) and Randwick Juniors Club Championship for the 2nd year in a row and tied to win the Southern Zone Championship, first time since 1996. These on field successes were also evidenced in the engagement of a large committee, dedicated and committed coaches and managers and great families involved as well. There was an

excitement every Saturday at Nagle and it seemed there were blue and white jerseys everywhere. There were 267 registered players. Not bad for a little village club!!

My time with Clovelly Eagles I remember as having loads of fun, working hard, cheering the boys on to play to the best of their ability. Clovelly Eagles enabled me to forge many lifelong friendships. I do not feel the written word is my forte but perhaps recounting a story about how someone like Rex Coventry felt about Clovelly Eagles helps explain how I feel.

I feel very privileged to have known Rex Coventry. My son was in the under 9's for Clovelly and we had 3 teams that Cameron Boon & Patrick O'Shea coached, so it seemed we were at Nagle for hours. One Saturday morning I noticed a man who I had seen for a few Saturdays before watching our 3 teams so I went up to him and introduced myself, thinking he had a grandson playing. Rex

explained his own son had played for Clovelly, and how fond he was of the Club. Rex started coming every Saturday to watch our boys play, and generously shared his experiences of the past with Clovelly.

It seemed a natural progression to invite Rex Coventry to be our Patron. This occurred during my years as President. I came to know this very softly spoken, respectful man as a wonderful model for all of us to aspire to. And as I came to know Rex I realised that Clovelly Eagles was as precious to him as I felt it was to me. To this day, I get great delight and pride when I see the boys in their Clovelly Eagles Jerseys. Well done to all committee members since and Andrew Dyster - I think if the 50th celebration is anything to go by, Clovelly Eagles has been in great hands.























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# Summary of Results 2012

Team	Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W-outs	For	Against
U6 Blue	14	7	4	3	1	335	325
U6 White	13	5	2	6	1	475	490
U6 Red	14	8	3	2	1	340	230
U7 Blue	15	15	0	0		690	445
U7 White	14	6	5	3		465	485
U7 Red	14	6	4	3	1	430	445
U8 Blue	15	9	4	2		501	391
U8 White	14	7	6	1		465	485
U8 Red	15	6	7	2		439	372
U9 Blue	15	10	4	1		565	416
U9 White	15	9	6	0	1	471	463
U9 Red	14	14	0	0		1055	94
U10 Blue	14	7	7	0	1	118	277
U10 White	13	9	4	0	1	349	218
U11 Blue	15	10	3	2	1	418	310
U11 White	16	6	7	2	1	326	376
U11 Red	17	5	11	0	1	242	361
Under 12	13	6	7	0		304	373
Under 13	15	15	0	0		574	134
Under 15	16	8	8	0	1	329	390





# Mini Competition U6 Blue

**Coach: Tasman Tanner, Matthew Carney | Manager: Danielle Head**



The Mighty U6 Blues had a fantastic season. Out of the 10 Boys who played for the team, we had 2 returning players and 8 boys having their first taste of rugby, and it was an absolute pleasure to be part of that learning and development. The boys grew throughout the season in both skills and confidence, and all managed to get over for a try. The modern professional players could learn from these young players, the smile on their faces when they scored a try or made a tag reminds you that it's about enjoying the game.

Out of the 14 games played we won 7, drew 3 and lost 4. Scored 335 points for and had 325 points scored against.

A great effort from all the boys.

Also a big thankyou to Matthew Carney, Danielle Head, Maryanne Tanner and Rod Heath for helping with the team throughout the year. It is the volunteers and helpers that make the year so enjoyable for the boys.

## Player Summary

**Harper ASHELFORD:** In his first year of rugby proved to be character of the team who developed in confidence as the season went

on, and showed a willingness in both attack and defence beyond his years. A great team man. Only a 4 year old, so expect to see big things from Harper next year in the U6's. Truly dedicated to the things that matter, like when he played half a game at the mini's carnival with his DS in his pocket (no wonder given the effort he put in to convince mum to let him have it).

**Joe CARNEY:** Big and fast, Joe was one of the standouts for the team. Always a willing participant in everything the team was doing. Great to see him score a few tries, and with his speed there will no doubt be more to come.

**Luca COGIN:** A tenacious defender that always gave 100% and often had a word of advice and encouragement for others. It was a pleasure to have Luca in the team and good to see him cross for a few tries.

**Dylan JONES:** Entertained the crowd with his spectacular diving defence, showing desperation and courage against much bigger boys. In attack he showed speed and a good swerve to keep the defenders at bay and score plenty of tries.

**Christian TRINCA:** The speed machine that runs with the ball in two hands in the Randwick style. Grew in confidence and started to understand the speed he possessed to get him to the try line. Expect to see plenty of tries in the coming years from this speedster.

**James MCGREEVY:** A very talented rugby player that has an understanding of the game and the play beyond his years. A consistent player in both attack and defence.

**William TANNER:** The team's best and fairest and leading try scorer for the year, always gave 100% in both attack and defence. Really knows how to find the try line.

**Angus MORRISON:** One of the youngest in the team but showed from his first game that he had the understanding of the game that will see him develop into a fine player. Always gave 100% and despite his size, had opposition players looking for him with his crunching defence. In attack he runs the ball hard to the line and was often found at the bottom of a pile of boys clutching onto "the pill". Surely a future Randwick open-side breakaway in the making.

**Jonathon PUGLIESE:** Took time to warm to the game they play in heaven but was able to lift several gears when motivated. Fast and fearless in both attack and defence, will be one to watch in future years.

**Brooklyn HEATH:** The team's most improved. Another of the younger boys with a lot of natural ability that showed towards the end of the season. A willing defender and attacker it

was great to see his progression and results coming in the form of several tries at the back end of the season.

## U6 Blue Awards

Best & Fairest: Will Tanner  
Most Improved: Brooklyn Heath

## U6 Blue - Team Stats

Under 6 Blue					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Harper Ashelford	14	1	0	5	14	1	0	5
Joseph Carney	14	6	0	30	14	6	0	30
Luca Cugin	14	4	0	20	14	4	0	20
Brooklyn Heath	13	7	0	35	13	7	0	35
Dylan Jones	13	13	0	60	26	15	0	75
James McGreevy	11	8	0	40	11	8	0	40
Angus Morrison	14	2	0	10	14	2	0	10
Jonathon Pugliese	11	2	0	10	11	2	0	10
William Tanner	14	18	0	90	27	19	0	95
Christian Trinca	14	6	0	30	14	6	0	30

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
14	7	4	3	0	335	325

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Coogee White	Draw	35-35
2	Clovelly White	Draw	25-25
3	Easts McAuley Gold	Win	25-20
4	BYE		
5	Clovelly Red	Loss	15-25
6	Maroubra Missiles	Draw	15-15
7	Easts McAuley	Win	25-20
8	Bays Green	Win	25-20
9	South Coogee	Win	25-20
10	Bondi Breakers	Loss	20-25
11	Coogee Grey	Loss	15-30
12	Bays Gold	Win	25-20
13	Coogee Black	Win	50-25
14	Coogee White	Loss	15-30
FINAL	Bays	Win	20-15



# Mini Competition U6 White

**Coach: Bruce Jones, Assistant Coach: Emanuel Kastrissios | Manager: Joe Kiely**



A fantastic year of running rugby for the mighty Clovelly Eagles Under 6 Whites. With only one player returning from last year, it was going to be a sharp learning curve for a new coach and 9 brand new rugby players to get this team into shape in time for the first game of the season. This he did quickly teaching the guys about the importance of supporting the ball carrier in attack and keeping their defensive lines. Watching them learn the basics and improving out of sight during the course of the season will remain a highlight for all of the parents involved. Thanks to Emanuel, Mandi and the other dads that helped out during the year (A particular highlight was the Kids against Dads "game" one Wednesday afternoon).

Congratulations to all of the boys for the exceptional sportsmanship, skills and enjoyment of the game that they showed during the year. They are a credit to the traditions and ethos of the Clovelly Junior Rugby Club.

Assessing the players progress during the season, deliberating the awards for the best and fairest, and the most improved prompted a lot of deliberation. From his first run out at the first training session up to the very last game of the season, our Most Improved displayed an instant aptitude for the game. With proven try scoring ability, his

overall reading of the game and willingness to defend, the most improved award goes to Stirling Van As.

Best and Fairest is always a hard selection to make. This year, we had only one player in the squad who had played the year before and it really makes a huge difference. He led by example and gave all of his teammates opportunities. When he was not scoring, he was crossing the gain line and offloading to his supporting teammates. With a 100% attendance at training and games, scoring over 40 tries during the season the B&F for 2012 is Laurence Kiely.

#### Individual Assessments

Charles Bignall – One of the most enthusiastic new recruits. Always willing to take on the ball, a good first year rewarded with his first try.

Lorcan Jones – Action packed dynamo. Keen eye for the gap and fearless in attacking the opposition line.

Marcus Kastrissios – Powerful new player for the Clovelly club. Never took a backwards step and always used the ball well.

Laurence Kiely – Previous years experience showed. Always up with the play, seeing the gap, stepping and finding the try line.

Lachlan Larsson – One of the standout

performers this year. Quickly and cleverly worked out his game-day strategy early in the season and went on to score many great opportunistic tries.

Jordan Lewis – One of our staunchest defenders, was able to read the play and get in the right position to thwart many opposition-attacking moves.

Ewan McDonald – 2nd generation Eagle! Showed dramatic improvement during the year and definitely one to watch in the coming seasons.

Ronan Sheppard – Flew under the radar for some of the opposing teams but showed real touches of class. A couple of his tries in the corners will live long in the memory.

Stirling Van As – A debutant but what a year. Quickly figured out where the try line was and the quickest way to get there. Consistently a threat.

Leonard Werner – Another of our flying try scorers. First year in a new sport, club & country, with a new language to learn. Exceptional effort.

#### U6 White Awards

Best & Fairest: Laurence Kiely

Most Improved: Stirling Van As

## U6 White - Team Stats

Under 6 White					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Charles Bignall	13	1		5	13	1		5
Lorcan Jones	13	2		10	13	2		10
Marcus Kastrissios	13	2		10	13	2		10
Laurence Kiely	13	41		205	25	41		205
Lachlan Larsson	11	5		25	11	5		25
Jordan Lewis	8	0		0	8	0		0
Ewan McDonald	11	0		0	11	0		0
Ronan Sheppard	13	3		15	13	3		15
Stirling Van As	12	20		100	12	22		100
Leonard Werner	12	22		110	12	24		110

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
13	5	2	6		475	490

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Internal	Draw	35-35
2	Clovelly Blue	Draw	35-35
3	Bays Green	Draw	40-40
4	South Coogee	Lost	20-30
5	Bondi Breakers	Draw	40-40
6	Coogee Grey	Won	40-30
7	Bays Gold	Draw	30-30
8	Coogee Black	Won	50-45
9	Coogee White	Lost	25-40
10	Easts McCauleyGold	Won	40-35
11	Minis Carnival		
12	Clovelly Red	Won	40-35
13	Maroubra	Won	45-35
14	Coogee White	Draw	40-40



# Mini Competition U6 Red

Coaches: Mindy Alker & Jen Baxter, Assistant Coaches: Ian Alker & Al Baxter Manager: Suki Scade



The U6 Reds have had a fantastic season and for all but Cameron and Darby it was their first playing rugby. We discovered quickly what a passionate group of young boys we had so we were able to get stuck in at training where levels of enthusiasm were often overwhelming. This translated to some great results at the games on Saturdays and massive improvements by every single player. Of the 15 games played we won 8, lost 3 and drew 2.

The boys worked hard all season on our two handed tags which provided great defence for the team, rarely could the opposition get past Angus, Ben, Charlie and Ed. There were some great sneaky attacks made by Cameron and Callum. The boys ball running skills developed into more straight runs forward rather than big loops backwards (but we still do the odd one). In the second last game we even saw a pass mid field, so we are bound for greater things next year!

Darby has been a doer on the field, with great tagging in defence and good straight runs he will do well in U7's next year.

Noah has improved out of sight and has really grasped the key aspects of rugby and will develop well with another year in U6's.

Callum is the speedster of the team and adamant that all playing and training should always be 'fair'. He will be a great asset to the U7's next year.

Sam had a wonderful first year and will be a real leader next year in U6's, he is quick to spot good gaps and excellent in defence and scored some lovely tries. Big Ben, has been another great improver, his ball handling skills have been honed and he has grown so much as a rugby player this year.

Angus the enthusiast is a willing trainer and a brilliant tagger and ball carrier. He will surely be a leader for a strong U6's next year. Ed has shown sheer determination and solid running skills, he is keen on finding the white line and has been our highest try scorer this year with 16 tries.

Felix, has had a really good season, half the size of most of the other boys he has become a good defender and support player, he will develop with confidence over the next couple of years.

Cameron has been one of our old hands and a leader on the field, he is also a real team player at training. He is a superb runner and managed to find many gaps to score a terrific 11 tries.

Charlie is made for rugby; he has had a great first season playing and making friends. His ball skills are great and he is not afraid to run into the defence and squeeze through gaps to also score 11 tries this season. Matteo joined us later in the season but caught up fast, one of the smaller guys he made up for it with determination and good running and tagging skills. He will be one to watch next year.

Mindy and I have loved working with this great team and hope that they have gained lots of skills and had lots of fun. Thank you to Sam and Ed who put up with their mothers coaching them.

A massive thanks goes to Suki Scade who was the most marvellous manager and the Saturday dads who ran with the team Ian Alker and Al Baxter. Your patience and gentle nature was well received by our mighty REDS!

Good luck to the boys that will move up next year, while others will return for more U6 action. Well done on a wonderful Eagles 2012 season!

## U6 Red Awards

Best & Fairest: Edward Baxter  
Most Improved: Charlie Ashton

# U6 Red - Team Stats

Under 6 White					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Sam Alker	13	5	0	25	13	5	0	25
Charlie Ashton	13	11	0	55	13	11	0	55
Edward Baxter	11	16	0	80	11	16	0	80
Noah Fontaine	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
Angus Gore	13	4	0	20	13	4	0	20
Darby Hindmarsh	13	7	0	35	27	8	0	40
Callum Penny	12	9	0	45	12	9	0	45
Cameron Scade	13	11	0	55	28	13	0	65
Benjamin Stahle	11	2	0	10	11	2	0	10
Felix Van Der Donk	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Matteo Guifdias	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
14	8	3	2	1	340	230

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	East's McCauley Gold	Won	35-20
2	Bye	Bye	Bye
3	East's McCauley Blue	Draw	20-20
4	Maroubra Missiles	Won	60-0
5	Clovelly Blues	Won	25-20
6	Bays Green	Loss	25-20
7	South Coogee	Draw	15-15
8	Bondi Breakers	Won	35-15
9	Coogee Grey	Won	25-20
10	Bays Gold	Loss	25-10
11	Coogee Black	Won	35-15
12	Coogee White	Loss	30-5
13	Clovelly Whites	Won	35-15
14	East's McCauley Gold	Won	20-10





# Mini Competition U7 Blue

Coaches: Damien Costello and Josh Smith, Assistant Coach: Cate Smith | Manager: Mary-Anne Tanner



As the coaches of this Fantastic little Team, Damien and I would especially like to thank our Assistant Coach, Cate SMITH, and our Manager, Mary-Ann TANNER for their fantastic efforts on coaching the boys on most Wednesdays. Thanks Girls.

Thanks to all the boys parents who made it another enjoyable season and for getting the boys to training and the games. Look forward to seeing you all again next year.

James Harding: The 'Hitman' had his first year with the Blues and what a start to his career as a Wallaby! Quick off the mark and always keen to support his team mates, he was an excellent addition to the team.

Edward Wright: "Fast Eddie" lived up to his name again this year, scoring an incredible 14 tries through sheer pace. What he lacks in size he makes up in speed and we have great half back or winger in the making. Scored the try of the season with a length of the field effort.

Byron Ashfield: "Blocker" is the MOST IMPROVED player this year. His commitment to defence has been astounding and he terrorised the other teams this year with the

'Byron Block'. Without Byron's commitment to defence this year it would have been a very different story for our boys. Excellent year Byron, congratulations.

Oliver Costello: Ollie continued on from a fantastic season last year to be one of the standout performers in both attack and defence. With 35 tries for the season he again showed a good turn of speed and the ability to evade the opposition. Well done Ollie.

Will Short: "Compass" improved incredibly this year. His long distance zig zagging runs had the crowd in awe and enabled him to amass 10 tries this year! We look forward to using his height in the line-outs next year and even though he comes from Good NZ stock we hope he will align himself with the Green & Gold.

Jack Smith: "Jacka" proved that he is destined to follow in the footsteps of his old man to the front row with 8 solid tries this year, all coming from close range push over's. The opposition were just no match for his intelligent tactics and barging runs. The master of the SNEAKY.

Noah Taaffe: Noah continued to improve this

year, luring the opposition into a false sense of security by blindsiding them with his right angled (or some may say offside) defensive lines. A master of tactics, Noah has already started writing the 2013 playbook for us.

Max Tanner: 64 tries! What more is there to say? This along with his right side defensive efforts make him a clear standout for 2012 BEST & FAIREST. In only his 3rd year of Rugby Maxy has amassed an amazing 102 tries for the club. Great to watch. Brilliant year Maxy.

Mat Woods: For his first season of Rugby Mat improved with each game and was often seen challenging the opposition with his brutal defence not to mention his swerving runs. Great year Matty well done!

## U7 Blue Awards

Best & Fairest: Max Tanner

Most Improved: Byron Ashelford

# U7 Blue - Team Stats

Under 7 Blue					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Byron Ashelford	14	4	0	20	27	6	0	30
Oliver Costello	15	35	0	175	36	69	0	340
James Harding	12	1	0	5	12	1	0	5
Will Shortt	13	10	0	50	26	25	0	125
Jack Smith	15	8	0	40	41	17	0	85
Noah Taaffe	12	0	0	0	23	1	0	5
Max Tanner	14	64	0	320	40	102	0	510
Matthew Woods	13	2	0	10	13	2	0	10
Edward Wright	11	14	0	70	34	24	0	80

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
15	15	0	0	0	690	445

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	South Coogee	won	35-30
2	Bays Gold	won	25-15
3	Maroubra Missiles	won	50-20
4	Bays Green	won	40-20
5	Bondi Breakers Red	won	60-45
6	Clovelly Red	won	55-15
7	Coogee Blacks	won	60-25
8	Bays White	won	45-35
9	East McAuley Blue	won	60-50
10	Coogee White	won	75-50
11	Bondi Breakers Gold	won	50-35
12	Bays Green	won	50-45
13	East McAuley White	won	55-40
14	South Coogee	Won	20-15
15	Bays Gold	won	10-5



# Mini Competition U7 White

**Coach: Rick Connolly, Assistant Coach: Liam Connolly Manager: Karen Swinburn**



The season began with all the boys working very hard on improving their skills, getting to know one another and learning to share the ball. Although the early games were not wins the boys showed a "never say die" attitude. Alex and Gabriel were again very strong in defence and great back up play. Hugh's enthusiasm in the game showed that he too was here to play with loud calls of "gimme a run!!" heard from Maroubra all the way back to Burrows Park. Solid defence from Jack B and Jack L kept the Whites in touch in most matches.

A super effort all year from Leroy who chimed into play with some fantastic game breaking tries. Scott was solid as a rock at defence and scoring tries out wide showing his terrific turn of foot. Jack Guthrie switched on half way through the season scoring tries from half way. It was good to see the old Jack Guthrie from last year had returned when we needed him most.

Ben has been magnificent this year taking hit up after hit up running straight through the

middle. He was rewarded with 18 tries this season, 8 tries in one match! Well done Ben you led by example. Aidan came of age this year. The boys always looking to our "go to man" his runs were enjoyed by all who watched. Aidan's ability to step off both feet and accelerate proved very tough for the opposition. He was rewarded with 16 tries this season, most of them from an impossible position with one coach of an opposition side nick naming - Aidan "Mr Invisible".

What a terrific year of rugby the boys enjoyed this year. 6 wins and 3 draws from 14 games played. All the team improved in leaps and bounds and augurs well for next year.

Big thanks to Karen Swinburn (Manager) who works tirelessly organizing the team, statistical records and a good team is only as good as their manager!

Special thanks to Liam Connolly (Assistant Coach) who stepped in at round 7 to kick start a winning streak.

Thanks to all the parents and friends that showed support throughout the year!

The game is truly great when the boys continually play with enthusiasm and smiles on all their faces.

Look forward to seeing all of you next year!

## U7 White Awards

Best & Fairest: Aidan Connolly

Most Improved: Ben Hole

# U7 White - Team Stats

Under 7 White				Progressive				
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Aidan Connolly	14	16		80	36	18		90
Alex Phillips	12	8		40	25	14		70
Ben Hole	14	18		90	26	22		110
Gabriel Phillips	12	6		30	25	9		45
Hugh McDonald	11				19			
Jack Bergan	12	8		40	24	11		55
Jack Guthrie	14	4		20	27	16		80
Jack Lewis	14	2		10	14	2		10
Leroy Edgington	13	7		35	21	7		35
Scott Swinburn	14	24		120	38	53		265

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
14	6	5	3	0	465	485

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	East McAuley Blue	Lost	15-35
2	Coogee White	Lost	35-40
3	Bondi Breakers Gold	Lost	15-25
4	Bays Green	Lost	30-40
5	East McAuley White	Draw	30-30
6	Bays White	Draw	35-35
7	Sth Coogee	Lost	15-35
8	Bays Gold	Draw	30-30
9	Maroubra Missiles	Won	45-35
10	Bays Red	Won	30-20
11	Bye		
12	Bondi Breakers Red	Won	55-50
13	Clovelly Red	Won	45-35
14	Coogee Black	Won	40-35
Grand Final Round	East McAuley Blue	Won	45-40



# Mini Competition U7 Red

**Coach: John Andrews |Assistant Coach: Al Baxter Manager: Maureen Andrews**



This year we had both a number of players moving up from the under 6 squad and a number of new recruits to the Eagles. It was obvious at the outset we had the makings of a competitive team and it was just a matter of time before the talent shone through.

It was good to see that all the boys were enthusiastic participants at training despite the somewhat wild conditions that Burrows can produce on a winter's afternoon. It was quickly established that perpetual motion staved off both the fidgets & hypothermia!

The results showed we were competitive in most games, scoring lots of points & winning our fair share. Even when our opposition failed to turn up we had great games amongst ourselves! Sometimes they were the MOST competitive!

The very pleasing aspect was that we were continually improving as the season

progressed and some of the football skills in our last month were superb. It was really exciting to see the Rampaging Reds throw a pass or two, and to back each other up

We had our go to men like Sam Johnson who weaved and darted through many a gap. Finn Baxter knows the shortest route to the try line is straight ahead, Connor Andrews and Matthew Shiel-Dick were always close to the action, and their tagging was relentless & tenacious. They were ably supported by Xaander Gooley and Hamish Larsson both who have speed to burn and then we had the utility players Louis Rice, Evan Wright, Wiley Durrans, Lachlan Creswick, who worked hard in both attack and defence and began to pass the ball wider and maintain defensive lines. These boys show all the skills for the makings of good unit when we start them tackling in the U8s next year.

Most of all it was a fun season. The

contribution of the parent group cannot be understated, we had the most enthusiastic volunteers to help run training, and when the call went out for canteen & BBQ duty we were overwhelmed with helpers. The true Eagles spirit flourished in the U7 Reds. We look forward to seeing the boys back in the blue & white hoops next year.....get ready for some REAL RUGBY boys ....finally the wait will be over and you're ALLOWED to tackle!

### U7 Red Awards

Best & Fairest: Sam Johnson  
Most improved; Connor Andrews

# U7 Red - Team Stats

Under 7 Red					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Sam Johnson	13	29	0	145	42	62	0	310
Matthew Shiel-Dick	13	3	0	0	41	6	0	30
Hamish Larssen	13	1	0	5	13	1	0	5
Lachlan Creswick	13	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
Evan Wright	13	4	0	20	28	4	0	20
Wiley Durrans	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
Louis Rice	12	3	0	15	27	4	0	20
Xander Gooley	12	3	0	15	12	3	0	15
Connor Andrews	14	17	0	85	43	35	0	175
Finn Baxter	12	29	0	145	40	58	0	290

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
14	6	4	3	1forfeit	430	445

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Maroubra	win	25-20
2	Bays red	win	35-30
3	Bays Green	win	20-15
4	Clovelly Blue	loss	15-55
5	Bays White	draw	35-35
6	Coogee Black	win	40-30
7	Clovelly Blue	draw	30-30
8	McAuley Blue	win	15 -10
9	Coogee White	loss	35-40
10	Bondi Breakers	win	50-30
11	Bays Green	win	50-45
12	McAuley White	loss	40-55
13	Clovelly White	draw	20-20
14	South Coogee	loss	45-50



# Mini Competition U8 Blue

**Coach: Michael Corban Manager: Edwina Stratton**



Following a very successful 2011 season, the under 8 Blues had a great deal to live up to. With two new players in Jack Rigg & Max Blend with no prior rugby behind them, they both fitted into the team beautifully & complimented the styles of all the other team members. The boys certainly delivered all expectations in proving themselves worthy of rising up to a higher level of rugby. It was most pleasing to see the boys not only develop as individuals but more importantly as a team. I was very impressed in the way the boys worked hard for each other particularly in defense. Countless tackles were made in cover defense & in most cases the boys were chasing for the entire length of the field & making the tackle. Attack was also a strong point for the whole team with good movement along the back line and sheer speed contributing to the team's success.

A brief summary on each of the boy's performance is as follows:

**Max Blend :** What a fantastic first season. Max has a never say die attitude & is an all round great player. He always puts in an honest effort each game and at training. I really look forward to seeing Max further develop his skills next season.

**Thomas Cooper:** Tom again proved to be the most loyal team player, always doing what's best for the team or giving something up for his teammates. Tom put his body on the line numerous times this year and toughed it out when hurt. Great season Tom

**Cooper Corban:** Coop improved every aspect of his game this year. The most amazing full length of the field try through the whole opposing team which was one of the best in the comp. By the end of the season Cooper was first in on tackling the biggest players.

**Callum Emery:** What a magnificent season for last years most improved player. Callum has been given the title of hardest runner in the team and is always smiling. A great team player who produced some great rugby throughout the season.

**Hamish Morrison:** Last years best & fairest showed again he is an absolute natural talent. The most elusive runner & try scoring gem. Hamish completes his overall rugby brilliance with tenacious defence. A pleasure to coach & huge contributor to the success of the team.

**Jack Rigg:** Wow!! From game one Jack showed his true rugby prowess as a speedy runner & side stepping genius. Jack flirted with the sideline while tormenting the

opposing defenders. Jack was aggressive in terrorizing the opposition with a solid defence. A Incredible first season.

**John Stratton:** Mid season Johnny pulled off the tackle of the year with a try saving front on tackle. Johnny left it to the final game to show some blistering pace to score two remarkable tries & made some bone crunching tackles to seal the victory.

**Edward Strickland:** Only able to make four games this season, Edward sure provided some great performances. Known as the best hustler for the ball & loves to get involved in every play.

**Jack Banjo Studholme:** A committed runner & another great all round rugby player. Jack provided a great service to the team in the number 9 jersey. Jack has developed good awareness on the field and plays an instrumental role in the team's progression.

**Dane Towns:** Dane's natural ability & speed never fails to impress me. He is a tremendous & enthusiastic player who is involved in every play. Dane was our top try scorer this year & is always a tenacious defender.

Again this year the boys were greatly assisted by very committed parents who have all contributed to the team in various ways.

Special thanks to the following parents in helping with coaching etc: Craig Morrison, Hamish Studholme, Stephen Cooper & Michael Stratton. A very special thank you to our team manager Edwina Stratton who did a fantastic job in keeping us well informed & organised.

## U8 Blue Awards

Best Forward: Jack Banjo Studholme  
Best Back: Dane Towns  
Most Improved: Cooper Corban

## Milestones

50 Games  
Cooper Corban

## U8 Blue - Team Stats

Under 8 Blue					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Max Blend	14	6		30	14	6		30
Thomas Cooper	13				36	4		20
Cooper Corban	14	11	1	57	52	52	1	262
Callum Emery	15	1		5	26	3		15
Hamish Morrison	13	28	1	142	26	50	1	252
Jack Rigg	15	14	1	72	15	14	1	72
John Stratton	14	2		10	38	9		45
Edward Strickland	4				10	1		5
Jack Studholme	14	8		40	24	12		60
Dane Towns	13	29		145	40	114		570

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
15	9	4	2		501	391

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Bondi Breakers	Won	20-10
2	Coogee Grey	Lost	20-45
3	Bays white	Won	36-26
4	Maroubra Missiles	Won	35-20
5	McAuley Gold	Won	50-0
6	McAuley Blue	Won	70-15
7	Bays Gold	Draw	25-25
8	Sth Coogee Red	Lost	5-70
9	Clovelly Red	Won	20-15
10	Sth Coogee White	Draw	35-35
11	Bays Red	Lost	20-30
12	Clovelly White	Won	75-20
13	Bays Green	Won	30-20
14	Coogee Black	Lost	5-25
Grand Final	McAuley Blue	Won	55-35



# Mini Competition U8 White

Coaches: Adam Walsh / Jeff Smith | Manager: Nathalie Brady



The Whites started the season with some squad changes and were lucky to enlist some fine replacements in Oscar Morgan, Max McDonald and Jonah Rees. And so to Burrows for some pre-season training. Early indications were good; a hatful of talent, varied size, eagerness and confidence amongst the 10 man squad - bring on the first round!

After a solid start in the season opener, the Whites looked strong and a likely bet to perform well in the games ahead. The step up to full tackle did not present any issues for the lads who all embraced the rough and tumble with grit and determination. The commitment to pre-season training and the positive attitude were clearly paying dividends as the boys started to gel and all seemed keen to learn and improve.

Seasons twist and turn and confidence took a dive in game 3 with a lacklustre performance against a well drilled South Coogee Red side, but the boys rallied together and responded exceptionally well in the following match with a convincing victory in a Clovelly Derby, a new turning point in the team's game that saw every player in the side make excellent tackles and also some amazing off loads and driving mauls. Much to the delight of coaches and parents alike the boys' display was heartening and they were clearly on the cusp of hitting their straps.

Mid season saw the players starting to develop both as individuals and as a team

and for the most part, each game parents and spectators were rewarded with some excellent passages of play.

The team engaged in some brutal encounters in the latter rounds but lessons were learned and with the determination to succeed, the winning formula was again found in the last 3 games and they finished on a high note grinding out some superb victories taking their win rate to more than half in a very tough competition.

Oscar Morgan: New to rugby this year though you would not think so to watch him. Oscar made a number of try saving tackles, in several cases back tracking over half the field. He also scored some remarkable individual tries and showed considerable courage on any occasion he suffered a knock, always getting back in to the action.

Max McDonald: The White's leading tackling machine (on average). Not a big guy by any means but possesses great technique and spatial awareness in defence. Made some memorable try saving cover tackles & scored some brilliant individual tries.

Flynn Collins: One of the game's gentlemen. Good execution in training and on game day, a solid supporter always presenting the ball well in the break down. Used his pace to make a brace of awesome individual tries and generally was a constant contributor.

Sam Walsh: The hardest hitter in the tackle putting in one of the highest tackle counts.

A utility player who can be found running the ball, off loading and driving hard in the maul. Handy in attack with a much improved step and scored some excellent tries. Sam also made some great runs and combined well with support, often selflessly seeking out the pass.

Jonathan Jones: Jono's confidence improved massively this year especially in the tackle and taking on defenders in attack. He scored some amazing long range tries in the latter half of the season. Size is no challenge for Jono and he is never afraid to get stuck in possessing a gritty attitude.

Jonah Rees: The Warhorse. He resembles a tank going forward with opposition hanging off him and an abject refusal to go down. Invariably, once in their quarter he can sniff out the line and a try is almost a dead certainty as opposite teams found out to their peril, 21 times. Worthy winner of "best forward" with his ability to drive forward and off load when tackled.

Lachlan Smith: Lachlan was the leading try scorer once more this season and posted a top 3 highest tackle count. He is a genuine all rounder with a brilliant step and awesome, balanced running. An elusive pace man that has great awareness and can read the game well. "Best Back" award deservedly went to this exceptional player.

Hunter Heath: Another huge improvement again this year from Hunter who found his strength out on the wing. Hunter's strong runs

and confident tackles more than hint at the talent within.

Luca Moses: A potential wrecking ball. Next year will see him flourish in the forwards when his size and aggression will lend itself to his natural forward instinct and frame. Luca's ability increased immeasurably throughout the season, as did his tackle count.

Oliver Morahan: Watching Ollie in the maul wrestling for the ball is like watching a Jack Russell down a rabbit hole. He is fearless and, impressively for a little lad of this age, has put in a mammoth tackle count. Aggressive fending is another trait and he was the first and only team member to try a grubber in open play! Ollie put in the most tackles this season and has developed his game in all areas immensely. "Most improved" justly awarded.

To sum up, this team built on last season amazingly well. We were treated to some fantastic passages of play with an abundance of off loads, good supporting play, aggressive tackling, rolling mauls and generally all the boys "putting it on the line".

The Whites are a cohesive little outfit, disciplined, eager and attentive and it should be mentioned that there were several valid contenders for each award this year with the unfortunates only narrowly missing out.

Our goals were simple and geared towards individual skills development, team bonding and respect for each other and coaches/officials. These were all achieved whilst still ensuring that the Eagles motto was upheld and of course all the players were having fun.

When canvassed about the prospect of playing next year, the lads were resolute and unanimous in their desire to continue which says a lot about the sport, the Eagles and last but not least, the team.

A massive thanks to all parents especially our manager Nat who often filled in as co-coach & also Paddy for taking overall control of the bench every game day.

Bring on 2013!

## U8 White Awards

Best Forward: Jonah Rees  
Best Back: Lachlan Smith  
Most Improved: Oliver Morahan

## U8 White - Team Stats

Under 8 White				Progressive				
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Flynn Collins	10	2		10	22	6	0	30
Hunter Heath	11	0		0	30	3	0	15
Jonathan Jones	14	8		40	35	14	0	70
Max McDonald	12	11		55	12	11	0	55
Oliver Morahan	14	1		5	34	19	0	95
Oscar Morgan	13	8		40	13	8	0	40
Luca Moses	13	0		0	16	0	0	0
Jonah Rees	14	21		105	14	21	0	105
Lachlan Smith	14	31		155	49	115	0	575
Sam Walsh	13	12		60	34	69	0	345

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
14	7	6	1		465	485

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Easts McCauley Blue	D	5-5
2	Bays Gold	L	6-7
3	Sth Coogee Red	L	2-15
4	Clovelly Red	W	7-4
5	Sth Coogee White	W	13-3
6	Bays Red	W	6-4
7	Coogee Grey	L	2-9
8	Bays Green	W	10-6
9	Coogee Black	L	5-7
10	Coogee White	L	3-8
11	Bondi Breakers	W	6-4
12	Clovelly Blue	L	4-14
13	Bays White	W	13-3
14	Maroubra Missiles	W	11-8



# Mini Competition U8 Red

**Coach: Stuart Dart | Manager: Laurence Trinca**



This season was a real season of transition for the team with the introduction of the tackle. In training, the focus of the majority of training sessions was on tackling and instilling in the boys the skills and confidence to tackle and be tackled. The other main focus was on passing particularly passing to team mates in space. It was pleasing to see as the season progressed the increased numbers of passes between the players and the tries resulting from this.

Results wise, the team ran hot and cold throughout the season. Unfortunately the win to loss ratio does not reflect the quality of play the team was able to produce. Defensively, they displayed a good level of controlled aggression to have most of the opposition teams well and truly on the back foot. In attack, the team improved steadily throughout the season and were starting to see the benefits of passing over one out running. One of the real highlights of the season was the Round 2 match where nine of the team score a try in the match.

No doubt the highlight of the season was the opportunity to play on ANZ Stadium prior to the Bledisloe Cup. Taking on a team of Under 9s from the Bondi Breakers (with the assistance of three players from

the Under 9 Red team) the boys performed extremely well. They demonstrated some real aggression in defence against the older and bigger boys as well as some attacking flair. The end result had the boys go down by only one try. To use the cliché, rugby was definitely the winner on the night. The match and the whole night was a fantastic experience for all the boys and one they will not forget.

On a personal level, I would like to extend my thanks to Laurence Trinca for his support as team manager this season. I would also like to thank both the players and parents for their support over the last couple of seasons. It has been a real pleasure to be involved with the Clovelly Eagles and this team during our time in Sydney.

Stuart Dart

Notes on Players

Patrick Dart – a tower of strength for the team. Patrick is a feisty player that is not afraid to do the hard yards and has a good ability to get his hands on the ball in the maul. He also possesses a good step and proved to be hard for opposition players to stop.

Callum Heathwood – is a determined player. When focused, he has the ability

to be one of the team's better players. He has a good ability to find space when in possession and is an aggressive defender.

Will Heffernan – whilst small in stature, Will transitioned to contact with ease. He is aggressive and has a tremendous ability to pilfer the ball when it goes to ground.

Harvey Kenny – one of the tough nuts of the team. Harvey possesses good pace and is an elusive ball runner.

Luke Landon – a new recruit to the team for this season. Luke is a real speedster and displayed a good ability to score tries. Luke also worked hard in defence and was a valuable addition to the team.

Daniel McSweeney – one of the real stars for the team. Dan knows his way to the try line and has also developed his ability to offload the ball to team mates. Defensively, Dan's speed and tackling skill make him a difficult player to get past.

Jamie Penny – Jamie demonstrated a tremendous amount of improvement this season. Jamie is a big lad and when he runs straight and hard with the ball is a very difficult player to stop.

Gus Runow – a valuable addition to the team this season. Gus is a tough and aggressive player. Equally comfortable

in attack or defence, Gus was one of the team's best players for the year.

James Smith – developed his confidence with the contact elements of rugby as the season progressed. James is quick and difficult to catch once in space. James enjoys his rugby and time with the team.

Sonny Trinca – Sonny's confidence in the

contact elements of rugby has really grown this season. This increase in confidence lead to Sonny increasing his involvement in the match and Sonny was one of the real improvers in the team this year.

## U8 Red Awards

Best Forward: Patrick Dart  
Best Back: Daniel McSweeney

**Most Improved:** Will Heffernan

## Milestones

50 Games  
Harvey Kenny  
Daniel McSweeney  
Callum Heathwood

## U8 Red - Team Stats

Under 8 Red					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Gus Runow	14	17	1	87	15	17	1	87
William Heffernan	15	9	0	45	27	13	0	65
Harvey Kenny	14	5	0	25	52	26	0	130
Daniel McSweeney	15	26	0	130	57	94	0	470
Sonny Trinca	13	0	0	0	35	3	0	15
Patrick Dart	15	11	1	57	44	45	1	227
Callum Heathwood	14	3	0	15	52	10	0	50
Jamie Penny	14	6	0	30	26	14	0	70
James Smith	15	3	0	15	28	4	0	20
Luke Landon	14	7	0	35	14	7	0	35

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
15	6	7	2	0	439	372

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Coogee Grey	Loss	10-35
2	South Coogee	Win	60-15
3	Bays Red	Loss	30-35
4	Clovelly White	Loss	20-35
5	Bays Green	Loss	15-25
6	Coogee Black	Loss	15-25
7	Coogee White	Win	29-22
8	Bondi Breakers	Win	45-20
9	Clovelly Blue	Loss	15-20
10	Bays White	Win	35-10
11	Maroubra Missiles	Win	55-20
12	Easts Mcauley Gold	Win	25-10
13	Easts Mcauley Blue	Draw	20-20
14	Bays Gold	Loss	30-45
Grand Final	Coogee White	Draw	35-35



# Mini Competition U9 Blue

Coaches: Drew Beer, Kevin Roche | Manager: Annie Benjamin



The U9 Blues approached the 2012 season with great excitement and enthusiasm - with 10 players on the park split into forwards and backs, the addition of conversions and the promise of more physical encounters, the boys were fired up for a big year. The team welcomed five new players to our ranks: Alfie Ashton, Frank Finlayson, David Fonokalaf, Jacob Phillips and Asher Wilson.

Our goal this year was to further develop the core skills that the boys had learnt previous seasons, focusing on three key areas: tackle, pass and the break down. The boys trained to play expansive rugby and to enjoy all aspects of the game.

During the season the boys produced some highly entertaining rugby, stringing together multiple phases and regularly putting the ball through the hands, providing great excitement for the sideline crowds. While at times our defence and concentration went MIA, there was no doubting the boys' courage, enthusiasm and desire to play for each other.

Without doubt, the turning point was when the coaches came off the field, leaving the boys to organise themselves. While initially there were lengthy on-field debates (particularly when it came to conversions, restarts and penalty taps!), the boys quickly and effectively adjusted to directing themselves around and began to thrive with this new found responsibility.

Each and every player improved various aspects of their game as the season progressed, what's more they learnt that a solid tackle, a strong clean-out, or slipping that final pass can be as important, if not more so, than crossing the try line. In a statistic that augurs well for next season, the Blues finished the season with six straight victories including a number of spirited second-half comebacks.

Aside from the improvement every one of the

players showed, the most pleasing aspect was the spirit and camaraderie with which the boys always played. They played to the whistle, always respected the referee's decision and enjoyed their rugby as a team win, lose or draw.

Alfie Ashton: In his debut season, Alfie made a strong transition from AFL to rugby and became one of the team's great workhorses. A flanker in the making, Alfie was always looking to get involved at the breakdown and was particularly strong in the maul where he produced a number of important turnovers to win the Blues possession.

Adam Beer: Better known for his pace and try scoring ability, Adam was an absolute tackling machine in 2012, adding real starch to the Blues defence. Adam's commitment and high work rate was key to the Blues improvement throughout the season. Few will forget his selfless pass to give Sam his first try of the season.

Spencer Benjamin: "Superman" relished his role as prop and became much more involved in all aspects of the game this season. Spencer used his size well and worked hard in the rucks and mauls. He also improved his defence as the season progressed.

Sam Connolly: Sam made the scrum-half position his own and proved himself a great organiser and motivator. Like all good halfbacks, Sam was never short of encouraging word for his forwards (or backs for that matter!). Sam directed the team well from the back of the ruck, where he also made some darting runs.

Toby Connolly: Another year of great progress for Toby in both attack and defence. This season Toby augmented his great pace with a strong fend and deceptive footwork, leading to a number of 5 pointers. In defence, Toby became much more involved, producing many important tackles.

Billy Deutsch: As his nickname "Captain Clean-Out" suggests, Billy was leader at the breakdown and one of the team's most consistent contributors. Fearless at the ruck or in the maul and tireless in defence, Billy also produced a number of jinking, darting runs, often incorporating his trademark goose-step.

Frank Finlayson: In his first season for the Eagles, Frank's crunching front-on defence was a highlight, as was his work in the maul where he fought hard for possession. Frank made a number of incisive runs and his support play improved in the second half of the season.

David Fonokalaf: David was always dangerous with the ball in hand, whether close to the line where he used his strength to great effect, or out wide where his pace and footwork left many a defender clutching at thin air. As the season progressed David's involvement increased dramatically to the point where he became a "go-to" player in both attack and defence.

Will Frazer: After shaking off a few niggling injuries at the start of the season, Will soon regained his spark and with it, his trademark slicing runs, try scoring bursts and solid cover defence. Will finished the year with some dominant performances and we look forward to big 2013 season.

Jacob Phillips: Jacob made a big impact in his first year of rugby. Strong in defence, Jacob is also a fast and balanced ball runner who notched 15 tries in his debut season. A great trainer who is always eager to learn and improve, Jacob deservedly won our "Best Forward" award.

Jamie Roche: Jamie had another strong season for the Eagles. His direct running in attack was a highlight, making multiple tackle busting, try scoring runs where he surprised defenders with his strength and leg drive. Jamie's support play continues to be a strength, as is his work in the

ruck and maul.

Asher Wilson: Asher embodies the courage and team spirit of the Blues - after breaking his arm on his debut for the Eagles, Asher attended every match during his 7 week rehab, before making a triumphant return for the second half of the season. A natural ball runner, it was Asher's aggression in defence and at the break-down that has the team excited about his prospects for next season.

A big thank you to Annie Benjamin, who took on the role as team manager this year, Annie did a great job keeping the players and parents informed as well as keeping the team statistics.

To the parents, grandparents family and friends who supported the team so enthusiastically from the sidelines, many thanks. The Blues would also like to thank the players from the Whites and Reds who helped out when injuries, school rugby and travel saw us short of players during the season.

As a team, the Blues made great strides in 2012 and with many not wanting the season to end - we look forward to season 2013. Go the Eagles!

## U9 Blue Awards

Best Forward: Jacob Phillips  
Best Back: Adam Beer  
Most Improved: Billy Deutsch

## Milestones

50 Games  
Spencer Benjamin  
Sam Connolly  
Toby Connolly  
Jamie Roche

## U9 Blue - Team Stats

Under 9 Blue					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Alfie Ashton	15	3	8	31	15	3	8	31
Adam Beer	15	18	4	98	40	72	4	368
Spencer Benjamin	14	-	6	12	63	1	6	17
Sam Connolly	14	1	5	15	50	33	5	175
Toby Connolly	15	6	1	32	51	21	1	107
Billy Deutsch	14	0	1	2	28	2	1	12
Frank Finlayson	13	3	4	23	14	3	4	23
David Fonokalaf	10	10	1	52	13	15	1	77
Will Frazer	14	12	6	72	26	43	6	227
Jacob Phillips	14	15	3	81	14	15	3	81
Jamie Roche	14	12	5	70	54	39	5	205
Asher Wilson	9	8	5	50	9	8	5	50

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
15	10	4	1	0	565	416

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Coogee Grey	Lost	17-40
2	Bays Green	Won	45-35
3	East Macauley Blue	Draw	24-24
4	Coogee White	Won	64-0
5	Bays Gold	Won	48-46
6	Clovelly White	Lost	34-40
7	Maroubra Missiles	Lost	36-48
8	South Coogee	Won	37-7
9	Clovelly Red	Lost	7-54
10	Bondi Breakers	Won	28-7
11	Coogee Black	Won	69-7
12	Coogee Grey	Won	33-28
13	Bays Green	Won	38-33
14	East Macauley Blue	Won	52-14
Grand Final	Bays Green	Won	36-33



# Mini Competition U9 White

**Coach: Richard Payten, Assistant Coach: Brett Davis | Manager: Suki Scade**



It was extremely pleasing to see all but one boy return for this season. It speaks volumes for the friendships that the boys have formed by being part of both the team and the club. It was also great to be able to welcome three new faces to the team, Daniel Davis, Marley Borthwick, Anthony Maragoudakis and to have Owen Jones return after missing last season. The new boys not only fitted into the team seamlessly but also listened and learnt very quickly to become quality players in their first season of rugby.

The big shift for the boys this year was having ten players on the field and moving to set positions in the forwards and backs. Trying to understand the concept of rucks, mauls and protecting the ball became the focus for the team in many of the training drills. Hopefully the introduction to these aspects of the game will stay with boys throughout their careers and they will look back on these drills as being beneficial.

The other big shift was coaches disappearing from the field from Round 8 which meant they really had to learn how to play for each other without me barking instructions behind them. This took a bit of adjustment (mainly for the coach) but we got there.

Finley Scade, Jack Kearney and Dylan Clarke all reached the significant milestone throughout the season of having played 50 games for the club. Along with Kye Xuereb,

who achieved this last year, they have been the backbone of the team for the last four years and rarely miss a game or, most importantly, a training session. All four boys are to be commended for their efforts.

Marley Borthwick won the award for Best Forward while Anthony Maragoudakis was our Most Improved. This was achieved by both boys in what was their first year of rugby and shows they both have a bright future in the game. Marley's barnstorming runs along with Anthony's great work in laying the ball the back after some powerful hits-ups were some of the highlights of the season.

Our stats show that we won more games than we lost but, most pleasingly, that all boys crossed the line for a try. Top points scorer and Best Back was Owen Jones who showed us what a complete footballer he is with wonderful skills in both attack and defence. Not far behind him in the points tally was Kye who again managed to score lots of tries and proved hard to catch once he got into the open spaces. However, as I always say to the boys, no one scores tries unless the whole team works together. Unsung heroes of the team such as Jacob Beath, Alfie Sewell, Jed Payten and Dylan Clarke toiled away in the forwards all season while the ever-reliable halves combination of Jack Kearney and Daniel Davis did a sensational job in distributing the ball to the outside backs. All these boys are to be highly

commended for their unselfish play and great teamwork. Casper Crowe was one such back who benefited from their work and scored some great tries with his trademark and elusive swerve. Finley again showed his versatility and happily slotted into the forwards or backs as was required playing equally as well in either position.

There were many memorable moments throughout the season and lots of close games however, the highlight for me was our game against the Bondi Breakers. This was the first game the boys had without their coach on the field and they performed brilliantly. It was great running rugby from both teams - try for try, end to end, good clean tackles - for a win by four points decided only by goals.

It was great to be able to work in with the Blues and Reds teams this season and support each other with players and ideas. What a wonderful group of coaches, managers and players to have at the club.

It was a privilege to be able to coach the Clovelly U9 Whites this season but my job would not have been possible without the help of Brett Davis and Suki Scade. The enthusiasm and passion Brett brought to training and game day was infectious and I appreciated having someone else to share the highs and lows of coaching with. Suki's tireless dedication to the team as Manager

over the last four years has been the glue that has kept the team together and I can't thank her enough.

Richard Payten  
Coach

### U9 White Awards

Best Forward: Marley Borthwick  
Best Back: Owen Jones  
Most Improved: Anthony Maragoudakis

**Milestones**  
50 Games  
Dylan Clarke  
Jack Kearney  
Finley Scade

## U9 White - Team Stats

Under 9 White					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Beath Jacob	13	4	0	20	40	11	45	453
Borthwick Marley	12	2	2	10	12	2	14	684
Clarke Dylan	14	1	0	5	61	3	15	300
Crowe Casper	14	10	1	50	27	27	52	73
Davis Daniel	13	14	3	70	13	14	76	77
Jones Owen	11	27	23	135	35	65	371	103
Kearney Jack	14	2	2	10	57	38	134	72
Payten Jed	11	1	0	5	33	4	20	9
Maragoudakis Anthony	8	1	0	5	8	1	5	4
Scade Finley	13	3	1	15	56	37	147	12
Sewell Alfie	14	1	0	5	28	2	5	12
Xuereb Kye	13	21	3	105	67	116	426	10

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
14	9	6	0	1	471	463

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	No show	Won	
2	Clovelly Reds	Lost	40-15
3	Coogee Black	Won	51-28
4	Bays Green	Won	34-32
5	Coogee White	Won	40-0
6	Clovelly Blue	Won	42-34
7	South Coogee	Won	54-12
8	Bondi Breakers	Won	28-24
9	Coogee Grey	Lost	30-15
10	East McAuley Blue	Won	35-20
11	Bays Gold	Lost	31-29
12	Maroubra Missiles	Lost	24-46
13	Clovelly Red	Lost	79-10
14	Coogee Black	Lost	33-40
Final	East McAuley Blue	Won	61-47



# Mini Competition U9 Red

**Coach: Ian Alker; Assistant Coach: Tony Shortt; Manager: Tim McMullen**



The U9 Reds have had another amazing season. They played some terrific and entertaining rugby and finished the season undefeated.

In terms of season statistics (as noted below), they are quite staggering. We played 15 games amassing 1,055 points for and only 94 against. A team filled with talented players across the park, but a group that played as a team with all players contributing each week.

As parents, supporters and other spectators watched on, the boys produced terrific running rugby which was exciting to watch as players weaved their way through many opposition defences or tackled anything that moved. The team had some great runners illustrated by the fact that six (6) players scored at least 20 tries, four (4) of those scoring 25 or more during the season.

The passing (which was also unselfish at times) and support play was also a hallmark of this great little team as all boys jostled to get their hands on the ball and contribute.

While tackling was a core skill practiced over and over at U8 level the previous year, our focus at U9s turned to developing greater skills at the tackle contest – in particular the need to clean out and clear the ball away from the breakdown. When this was executed well the boys really benefitted as good phases of play resulted and the scoreboard ticked over.

As shown by only 94 points being scored against the Reds the defence of the team was fantastic all year. They constantly hustled and swarmed the opposition not providing any space in which to attack from. All boys can run, but defence is the key and this team executed this element extremely well for only their second year of tackle

rugby.

Once again it has been a pleasure to coach the boys and watch them develop their individual and team skills and to just watch them play well each week throughout the season.

To the players:

**Ben Shortt:** Is the deserved winner of our 'Best Forward' award as he is an absolute workhorse who revelled in the tight stuff, constantly cleaning out and securing possession for the team. He was also eager to get his hands on the ball and take it straight into the opposition and get us going forward. He was a coach's delight.

**Blair Kallis:** While known for his tackling ability, which was again of high quality in 2012, it was Blair's running game that stood out this season, crossing the try line an amazing 34 times. He caused havoc for the opposition defenders with his fast and elusive running, supported by a strong fend.

**Connor McMullen:** A highly skilful and exciting player to watch who gives his all and plays well week in week out. He is a determined, hard runner of the ball who scored 32 tries – which would have been more except for his often unselfish play and passing to teammates when he would have scored himself. Connor defended superbly with great technique and accuracy while he was a real leader within the team. Congratulations to Connor on achieving the milestone of over 75 games for the Clovelly Club.

**Emmanuel Di Bartolo:** A new player to the Club with an abundance of talent who strengthened the Reds in 2012. A stylish runner who appears to do it easy, but is a very determined player who is not afraid to get involved in attack and defence. He set up and finished off many attacking

opportunities.

**Joe Kalaf:** A most enthusiastic and solid contributor again this year who was a pleasure to have in the team. Joe made many inroads into opposition territory and was a committed defender, always looking to contribute and get in and does the hard stuff needed.

**Klayton Thorn:** Another newcomer to the Club in 2012 who made a huge impact on the team. For a little guy he has big heart and is not frightened to throw his body into any aspect of play. His weaving, sniping runs and his mentality to attack in defence were just two key outstanding elements of his play.

**Nick Hole:** A big improver over the season which saw Nick run the ball and tackle with more confidence week to week. He was always keen to get into rucks and mauls, often being right in the middle of the action. His game against Bays Green was real a highlight and showed his potential for the future. Congratulations to Nick on achieving the milestone of over 50 games for the Clovelly Club.

**Toby Alker:** A big contributor to the team in both attack and defence often slowing or turning over the opposition's possession in our favour emerging from mauls with the ball to set up an attacking play. He had an uncanny ability to be constantly near the ball and to get over the try line scoring 29 tries. Toby's training and game attendance along with his contribution to his team and enthusiasm to fill in for the other Clovelly U9 teams has earned him Best Team Player – congratulations.

**Will Ries:** Perhaps not noticed by some as much as others, but Willy had a fantastic season. He was always close to the action tackling anything

that moved, cleaning out with precision and often as well as being a very good runner with the ball. No one played with more enthusiasm or gave more than he did each match. A big contributor to the team's success.

**York Swan:** A player who took his chances to run well with the ball when the opportunities arose. A real team player who assisted where required whether in the backs or the forwards demonstrating courage each week.

**Zac McConnell:** A strong second season of rugby for Zac who again crossed the try line regularly amassing 30 tries. He is a gifted, well balanced attacking player who created his own

opportunities or finished off many other attacking movements. His defence was also very good, especially out wide.

Thanks to our new Assistant Coach Tony Shortt and our experienced Team Manager Tim McMullen for helping out all season at training and match days and for giving up your time so generously. Your efforts to train, support and organise the team were much appreciated. Lastly thank you to all the parents, grandparents, siblings and others who supported the boys all season. It has been a fantastic season of U9 rugby for the Clovelly Reds!

## U9 Red Awards

Best Forward: Ben Shortt  
Best Back: Zac McConnell  
Most Improved: Nicholas Hole

## Milestones

75 Games  
Connor McMullen  
50 Games  
Nicholas Hole

## U9 Red - Team Stats

Under 9 White					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Toby Alker	20	29	20	185	71	111	21	597
Emmanuel Di Bartolo	13	21	18	141	13	21	18	141
Nicholas Hole	14	2	0	10	55	3	0	15
Joesph Kalaf	13	3	0	15	26	10	0	50
Blair Kallis	15	34	0	170	27	53	1	267
Zac McConnell	15	30	14	178	27	57	14	313
Connor McMullen	17	32	20	200	85	175	21	917
William Ries	16	20	8	116	36	50	10	270
Ben Shortt	14	1	2	9	28	3	3	21
York Swan	9	0	0	0	43	3	0	15
Klayton Thorn	13	10	13	76	13	10	13	76

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
14	14	0	0	0	1055	94

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Coogee White	Win	72-0
2	Clovelly White	Win	50-17
3	South Coogee	Win	90-0
4	Bondi Breakers	Win	83-0
5	Coogee Grey	Win	45-0
6	McAuley Blue	Win	63-0
7	Bays Gold	Win	58-8
8	Maroubra Missiles	Win	55-12
9	Clovelly Blue	Win	54-7
10	Coogee Black	Win	111-0
11	Bays Green	Win	96-12
12	Coogee White	Win	65-7
13	Clovelly White	Win	79-10
14	South Coogee	Win	70-7
Grand Final	Maroubra Missiles	Win	64-17



# Junior Competition U10 Blue

**Coach: Andrew Black | Assistant Coach: Michael McSweeney | Manager: Camille Dart**



The Under 10 Blues had a great season, culminating in a tremendous win over Oatley in the Plate Grand Final, the silverware is something to behold.

The season started with the addition of a few new faces to the team, who added grunt in the forwards and speed to burn in the backs.

This was particularly evident in the Grand Final which was a see-sawing game with the lead changing hands several times. With only a few minutes to go the boys were down by two, but through field position pressure and tenacity the opposition was forced into mistakes with the boys gaining possession deep in enemy territory and scoring the match winner with less than a minute on the clock. The final siren went without the opposition kicking-off which led to wild celebrations (particularly by the parents).

The boys trained well all season with specific focus on developing skills for a quick ruck & maul game by the forwards before unleashing the backs. Many an hour was focused on defence and building a brick wall, which we hope can be constructed by next season. The boys particularly enjoyed full contact opposed sessions, which were played with more aggression and passion than sometimes seen on Saturday's, with the added risk of

having too many injuries that we could not field a side for the weekend.

While not always managing to pull off the game plan with German precision, the boys did have moments of brilliance, playing an expansive game and enjoying the contest.

Charles Amos: New addition to the team. Playing in the front and second row, a player who really improved as the year progressed. Showed real aggression in the tackle, ruck & maul and displayed some spirited running.

Mitchell Black: Playing mostly at half-back, showed an improved passing game and tackling technique. Good evasion skills in traffic and from close range and scored a great try in the Grand Final.

Jimmy Bonython-Hines: New addition to the team. Outside back with speed to burn. A great swerving running style and a solid defensive player. Scored 4 tries in the Semi and Grand Finals to help secure victory.

Harry Braithwaite: Outside back who has good evasion skills and a turn of speed, always looking to support and secure possession. Consistent performer all season scoring a great try in the Semi Final win.

Nicholas Dart: Tight Forward who displayed a strong running game. Very good over the ball winning many turnovers for the team. Always led from the front. Will be missed by the team having moved back to Perth.

Jacob Fadel: New addition to the team. Front-row forward, very strong athlete with an ability to play non-stop. Good scrum and mauling skills with a very good turn of speed. Most Improved Player for the team.

Luke Fadel: New addition to the team. Front-row forward, very strong athlete like his brother. A determined player who is good in the tight stuff with an ability to rumble the ball forward in traffic.

Patrick Fernie: Back-rower, very determined young player with all the skills. Loves the physical stuff and has a great turn of speed. Player to watch and the team's Best Forward this year.

Riley Finnane: Frontrower, imposing player who is improving with every game. Good in the scrum and loves to take the ball forward from tap moves.

Noah Gardiner: Inside back, very good all-round player. Very good running and passing game and a solid defender. Great ability to take the ball forward and link with his outside backs.

Darcy Hadlow: Outside back, always looking to get involved. Small in stature but big in heart, a committed defender with a great running game. Always looking to link-up with support and enjoys mixing it in the tight stuff.

Billy Hunter: Outside back, very solid player. Great aggressive defensive technique, which he put to good use on many an opponent. Loves to run with the ball in traffic and has a great fend.

Hugh Johnson: Utility player, traditionally has played in the back, but played a number of games in the forwards this year. Loves to play on the ball and be involved, solid defender and great in attack, can sniff out an opportunity.

Tom Lefebvre: New addition to the team. Outside back who has speed to burn. An elusive running style making numerous breaks. Strong defensive game which he demonstrated particularly in the Finals.

Hugh McSweeney: Inside back. The teams Minister for Defence, really improved this aspect of his games this year tackling anything that moved. Loves being in the action and running with the ball. Teams Best Back this year.

Jonathon Shiel-Dick: Second-row, strong aggressive player, always willing to charge the ball forward into any opposition with little regard for his body. Can always be found in the middle of a maul or bottom of a ruck.

James Van der Donk: New addition to the team. Hooker/Second-row. Enthusiastic and solid team player who improved as the year progressed. Threw well into the lineouts and competed aggressively at the breakdown, loves a chance to run with the ball.

Thank you to the coaches for all their time and effort this year in training and coaching the boys. Thank you to the parents

for bringing the boys to training and supporting them on the weekends. Thank you also to Camille for a tremendous role as Manager, and the Dart family for all their efforts in supporting the Eagles, you all will be missed.all back again next year.

## U10 Blue Awards

Best Forward: Patrick Fernie  
Best Back: Hugh McSweeney  
Most Improved: Jacob Fadel

## Milestones

50 Games  
Jacob Fadel  
Luke Fadel  
Riley Finnane  
Noah Gardiner  
Tom Lefebvre  
Jonathon Shiel-Dick





# U10 Blue - Team Stats

Under 10 Blue					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Charles Amos	13	0	0	0	68	11	0	55
Mitchell Black	14	1	0	5	72	10	2	54
Jimmy Bonython-Hines	11	5	0	25	11	5	0	25
Harry Braithwaite	12	1	0	5	34	10	9	68
Nicholas Dart	12	0	0	0	39	18	4	98
Jacob Fadel	12	0	0	0	60	8	0	40
Luke Fadel	13	0	0	0	59	3	0	15
Patrick Fernie	11	2	0	10	18	4	2	22
Riley Finnane	13	0	0	0	53	0	0	0
Noah Gardiner	14	0	3	6	54	38	14	218
Darcy Hadlow	12	1	0	5	68	31	2	159
Billy Hunter	12	1	0	5	39	12	13	86
Hugh Johnson	13	0	1	2	70	53	17	299
Tom Lefebvre	12	3	0	15	50	49	3	251
Hugh McSweeney	14	4	0	20	70	16	2	84
Jonathon Shiel-Dick	10	0	0	0	56	29	1	147
James Van der Donk	13	2	0	10	65	2	10	12

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
14	7	7	0	1	118	277

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Bays White	Win	14 - 7
2	South Coogee Red	Loss	10 - 25
3	South Coogee White	Loss	0 - 48
4	Balmain	Win	15 - 12
5	Oatley	Win	10 - 5
6	Bye		
7	Eora Warriors	Loss	0 - 15
8	Wash Out		
9	Bays Gold	Loss	10 - 22
10	Bays White	Win	Forfeit
11	South Coogee Red	Loss	5 - 39
12	South Coogee White	Loss	5 - 51
13	Balmain	Loss	0 - 27
14	Oatley	Win	17 - 14
Semi Final	Bays White	Win	17 - 0
Grand Final	Oatley	Win	15 - 12

# Junior Competition U10 White

**Coach: Mark Gooley Assistant Coach: John Andrews | Manager: Maureen Andrews**



We were pleased to see the return of most of our players from last season, and with some new faces joining the Mighty Whites we knew we had the makings of a potentially competitive team.

The under 10's format meant we needed to start selecting players into positions to suit their ability, body type and not necessarily their backyard footy position, but what was needed to enhance the team as a whole

We were lucky enough to have a good mix of strength and speed and what we may have lacked in size or razzmatazz was made up for with a good balance of team work and enthusiasm.

The season got off to a good start with a 31 to nil win against Burraneer. Suddenly the confidence raised & the boys set their sights higher & until our very last game our only loss had been to a strong Coogee outfit, our 2 encounters with them however being decided only on 1 or 2 conversions.

The Coaches were disappointed for the boys that the minor premiership eluded them. Having led the competition from round one, the

structure of the draw, resulted in all other teams being gifted points for 2 byes except us, keeping the top of the table very tight. As a result we needed to win our last game to secure the minor premiership but fell to a very strong West's team, dropping us to a very credible 3rd. At the beginning of the boys first season of Sydney wide rugby we would never have even anticipated making the semis, an achievement to be very proud of.

It was a pleasure to see the boys develop their skills and teamwork and for some, the growth from last year to season 2012 was a giant leap forward with much promise of more to come.

The forwards learned the technical side of the game well. Tough runners like Axel Runow, Brock Preston & Harry Wilson were difficult to stop & frequently broke the line. Oliver St Leon, Thomas Westall, Sam Heathwood, Oscar Quigley, Arley Kekic and Jack Finnerty mastered the clean out & pilfer & were no doubt one of the toughest and better disciplined packs running around. The forwards really developed and showed some great rucking and mauling to prove that good skills can overcome bigger and more aggressive packs.

Our backs were, on their day, awesome! It was encouraging to see the ball move across the backline at times, the way it did at training. A challenge for 9 yr old boys! When it did, we saw the best of the boys, their speed & agility shining through. There is a really good framework to build on. From the scrum base Rex Runow, to fly half Liam Andrews, centres Paddy Gooley, Errol Gulden (until his elbow came off second best against Coogee!), wingers Zac Sullivan & Kyton Lanham & our trusty fullback Will Wright, every boy played their role in the success of the team. There was a lot to get the loyal sideline crowd excited.

None of this happens without the help & support of parents & our team is incredibly fortunate to have a great parent group as well. BBQ & canteen rosters filled without effort. On cold Burrows afternoons at training, Rod Preston, John Quigley & Ben Westall became accustomed to being cleaned out...the boys eager to knock them off their feet & getting better at it as time went on! We are particularly appreciative of the contributions of Nikki & Mark Sullivan & Fiona McKenzie (our touchies!) without you qualifying & stepping up to take



on the role the team could not have functioned.  
We look forward to more of the same in 2013, both the rugby & the fun!!

### U10 White Awards

Best Forward: Brock Preston  
Best Back: Rex Runow  
Most Improved: Harry Wilson

### Milestones

75 Games  
Liam Andrews  
50 games  
Thomas Westall

## U10 White - Team Stats

Under 10 White					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Axel Runow	13	8	1	42	28	26	7	144
Sam Heathwood	12	1	1	7	68	87	9	449
Jack Finnerty	10	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
Arley Kekic	13	3	0	15	13	3	0	15
Brock Preston	13	3	0	15	68	60	4	308
Oscar Quigley	12	0	0	0	40	1	2	9
Errol Gulden	11	9	9	0	11	9	9	63
Rex Runow	12	8	0	40	39	20	6	112
Liam Andrews	11	9	9	63	84	131	55	765
Will Wright	10	0	0	0	69	13	6	77
Patrick Gooley	11	9	1	47	61	94	15	500
Thomas Westall	9	2	0	10	50	15	6	87
Zac Sullivan	13	4	0	20	41	21	10	125
Harry Wilson	13	3	0	15	13	5	1	27
Oliver St Leon	12	0	0	0	38	0	2	4
Kyton Lanham	12	1	0	5	71	85	9	443

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
13	9	4		1	349	218

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Burraneer Porpoises	won	31-0
2	Coogee White	won	29to10
3	Coogee Grey	lost	10to14
4	Coogee Black	won	39-0
5	Burraneer Porpoises	won	46-17
6	West's Black	won	34-12
7	Canterbury	won	56-5
8	washed out		
9	bye		
10	Burraneer Dolphins	won	38-20
11	Coogee White	won	12to7
12	Coogee Grey	lost	20-24
13	Coogee Black	won	29to12
14	West's White	lost	5to46
Semi Final	West's Black	lost	0-51

# Junior Competition U11 Blue

Coach: Brent Sanders, Assistant Coach: Peter Jenkins | Manager: Lamya Sadi



As the sun sets on another magnificent season for the mighty U11 Blues all involved will look back with pride at a year where our boys played with spirit, focus and tenacity finishing third on the ladder of a very tough competition, the intensity of which was often compared to the NPC first division competition across the Tasman.

Thanks must go to the all the parents, brothers, sisters and assorted relatives who graced the sidelines every week to cheer the boys on. A special mention to the Australian Junior Rugby Back Coach of the Year, Peter Jenkins who, toward seasons end, resisted relentless pressure from the ARU to take over the Australian National side in a similar role. Sincere thanks also to our Team Manager Extraordinaire, Lamya Sadi, who had the plethora of 'behind the scenes' stuff running like a well-oiled machine. And to think we struggled along with Phil Leamon in that role for all those years... A welcome on board to a few new members of the Blues Life Membership group, Steve and Linda Yeates (Jack) and Georgie and Jamie (Charlie).

A season can't be equated to scoreboard results alone, however, in my experience hard work on the training ground usually leads to deserved results on the field and this was certainly true of the U11 Blues this year with 15 games played for only three losses. The fact that we were only beaten by the two sides that played off in the grand final highlights the consistent effort put in by the boys every week. If I had to select a highlight for the season it would, ironically, be the game we lost narrowly to Rockdale 19-12 in round one. This game quite simply showed the boys at their very best against a massive side that had pretty much destroyed almost every other team they had played for the last few seasons. We lost narrowly on the scoreboard but won every other contest on the field, an effort every player involved will never forget and should be very proud of.

So to the young warriors of the U11 Blues:  
Firstly my congratulations to the four boys who gained selection for the second year running in the Randwick Representative side, Mac Jenkins, Barnaby Bickmore-Hutt, Jude Gibbs and Billy Sanders.

So from Loosehead to fullback... James Hession had another great season carving up opponents at will and cementing his position as one of the most feared defenders in the competition (not to mention bullrush and channel ball at training). A deceptively quick runner with the ball and immovable at loosehead James is a much respected member of our pack.  
Ed Benjamin continued on his quest to be the only boy at Clovelly public school to develop cauliflower ears with another great year in the midst of it all at hooker. Ed has developed a toughness in his training and playing which has made him one of our most consistent performers each week. A very accurate lineout thrower and master of pinching a tighthead, Ed is a committed student of the 'dark art' of the front row.  
Will Kearney had another great season held back only by a bad run of injuries which kept him on the sideline for a few games. Will loves the challenge of playing tight-head and is, quite simply, as hard as nails. One of those invaluable players that genuinely intimidates the opposition with his physicality. A brace of nine tries for the





season a just reward for the consistent effort Will puts in every week.

Hamzah Sadi came back into the side after missing half of last season with a broken leg. We really missed Hamzah's physicality last year and he was warmly welcomed back by his team mates. Hamzah puts in consistently every week, trains as hard as any player and gets through a power of work in the tight. A hard hitting defender and great, straight running tight forward.

Billy Sanders was selected by the boys to captain the side this year and did so brilliantly displaying a rugby maturity beyond his years. Billy's value and contribution to the forward pack was very evident in the couple of games he missed through injury. A very tough second rower, just as happy in the front row or at number eight and a great exponent of the breakdown pinching up to half a dozen turnovers a game – another great season.

Jono Schuster is a veteran of our feared pack and had another great year in the engine room. Jono trains his heart out every Monday and consistently puts in 100% every week. Jono really stood up this year in a number of tightly fought games and genuinely made a difference with his commitment. A player who gives his all for the team and never takes a backward step.

Barnaby Bickmore-Hutt had another outstanding year at number eight and is a worthy recipient of this year's 'Best forward Award'. Barnaby plays his heart out every week and never leaves anything in the tank. He is consistently one of the best performers in the pack in both attack and defence and is one who leads by example. A tough, honest trainer and great team player – well done Barnaby.

Mac Jenkins ran the backline again this year and is quite simply the best half back in the competition. Mac's distribution from scrum, lineout and the breakdown is equally sharp from both sides of the field and enabled our backline to enjoy consistent front-foot ball every week. Mac's defence sees him punching well above his weight and in attack he was a constant treat around the fringes – another great season.

Ant Dettorre is another key member of our esteemed backline. After another great year at first receiver Ant is the winner of our 'Best Back Award' for this season. A fearless player in both defence and attack Ant may be one of the smallest members of the team but he is undoubtedly one of the toughest and hardest to bring down. One of the first players selected every week and

one who never gives less than his all. Jude Gibbs was once again our rock in the midfield, tackling hard and taking the ball up fearlessly every week. Jude is in his second season with the Blues and has quickly become one of the team's most consistent performers. Jude is a player who really rises to the physical challenge every week, the tougher it gets the more Jude likes it. A no nonsense player who gets the job done every week.

Charlie Longmire came into the side this year to have his first season playing rugby union. We played Charlie in the second row for the first half of the year until it be very clear that his skill set demanded that he play in the centres. A very gifted all-rounder, Charlie took to the backline like a fish to water and was consistently one of the best players each game. His pace, physicality and vision was second to none – a very good footy player in the making.

Jack Griffiths unfortunately missed the last five games of the season after breaking his arm but the ten games he played in highlighted the skill, determination and focus that Jack brings to the side. The sign of a great player is evident by how much they are missed when unable to play – we really missed Jack at the backend of the season. A great defender and fearless attacker, we all look forward to welcoming Jack back into the fold next season.

Mackenzie Leamon improved out of sight this year and is a worthy recipient of our 'Most Improved Player Award'. Something flicked the switch for Mackenzie part way into the season and he never looked back. Courageous in defence and determined in attack Mackenzie simply went out each week and did what was asked of him. A great year and one you should be very proud of – well done.

Ryan Xuereb really started to hit his straps this season after coming off a series of injuries and health setbacks a year or so back. Ryan has always shown great potential and this year he really started to deliver. A natural outside back, he was happy to move into the forwards when required and in fact picked up the MVP award playing in the second row. A very honest trainer and valuable member of the team.

Lukas Elfman is the elder statesman of the backline having played 70 matches for the Blues. A player that possess genuine speed and can step off both feet. Lukas was always a threat with the ball in hand and turned in some great defensive efforts throughout the

year. Another player that punches well above his weight, Lukas consistently performed well on the wing or at fullback. Always one of the first to arrive at training and amongst the last to leave.

Jack Yeates was our other new team member this year, coming across to union for the first time. Jack slotted into the fullback role and very quickly adapted to the game they play in heaven. A player with a good turn of speed and handy in defence, Jack really enjoyed the freedom he had chiming in at fullback or roving out on the wing. A player that showed plenty of potential to develop as he gets more experience under his belt.

Thank you again to all the players, parents and supporters that contributed to making season 2012 such an enjoyable one. I look forward to seeing you all again when we go around in 2013

#### U11 Blue Awards

Best Forward: Barnaby Bickmore-Hutt

Best Back: Anthony Dettorre

Most Improved: Mackenzie Leamon

#### Milestones

50 Games:

Ryan Xuereb

Mackenzie Leamon

Mac Jenkins

James Hession

## U11 Blue - Team Stats

Under 11					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Anthony D'Ettorre	15	9	0	45	40	15	0	75
Barnaby Bickmore Hutt	14	6	0	30	90	93	13	491
Billy Sanders	12	3	0	15	73	28	9	158
Charlie Longmire	15	6	0	30	15	6	0	30
Ed Benjamin	11	0	0	0	61	8	5	50
Hamzah Sadi	15	4	0	20	33	6	0	30
Jack Griffiths	10	6	0	30	22	13	2	69
Jack Yeates	14	3	0	15	14	3	0	15
James Hession	14	0	0	0	52	7	5	45
Jonathan Schuster	11	0	0	0	73	4	2	24
Jude Gibbs	15	7	39	113	29	19	42	179
Lukas Elfman	13	8	0	40	70	77	6	397
Mac Jenkins	15	2	2	14	62	38	20	230
Mackenzie Leamon	14	2	3	11	59	22	18	146
Ryan Xerub	15	2	0	10	58	56	4	288
Will Kearney	11	9	0	45	23	12	0	60

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
15	10	3	2	1	418	310

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Menai	W	66-0
2	Clovelly Reds	W	45-5
3	Maroubra Missiles	W	45-7
4	Clovelly Whites	D	26-26
5	Burraneer Dolphins	W	12_0
6	Coogee Whites	W	17_12
7	Rockdale	L	12_19
8	Coogee Greys	W/O	W/O
9	Burraneer Porpoises	W	45_7
10	Coogee Blacks	W	33_19
11	South Coogee	W	33_17
12	Burraneer Porpoises	W	31_12
13	Clovelly Whites	W	29-19
14	Rockdale	L	88-0
Semi Final	Coogee Blacks	D	19_19
Preliminary Final	Coogee Greys	L	60-5



# Junior Competition U11 - White

Coach: Michael Laing, Coach: Andrew Dyster | Manager: Nino d'Agostino



The 2012 season saw the mighty Whites move to the Friday night competition. This new experience for the boys included a change in surroundings from sunny Nagle Park to cold nights at Latham Park.

We farewelled Lachlan Debelak to the Gold Coast and welcomed to the team Will Davison from the Clovelly Reds. Club President, Andrew Dyster, joined the coaching team. Otherwise it was business as usual for 2012 hoping to build on what had been a very successful 2011 season.

The team was once again captained by Charles McGrath who led the team extremely well with the support of vice-captain, Stuart Swinburn.

The Whites played 15 matches for 6 wins, two draws and 7 losses. The results probably don't paint the full picture of the teams performance with a number of close games which could have gone either way. For some reason the SJRU decided to split

the competition after 10 rounds. With the Whites sitting 5th we participated in the Cup series. Despite not winning a match, the team were very competitive and played some excellent rugby at the tail end of the season.

Pressures from school rugby and other sporting commitments coupled with the usual injury and sickness absences made training difficult. Despite this the team performed reasonably well, often playing with no reserves and on occasions, with assistance from the other Clovelly teams.

The Whites continued our usual close tussles with the Clovelly Blue team completing a draw and a close loss.

All of the Whites displayed great pride in the Club on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary of formation and demonstrated good sportsmanship. We hope that all players will return in 2013 for the under 12's and the Eagles tour of

New Zealand..

Thank you to Nino d'Agostino for all of his management work and the strong support of the parent group, in particular Paul Szabo for lining up each week as an Assistant Referee and Todd McGrath on match days.

It was wonderful to again be part of the Clovelly Eagles community.

Player Profiles:

Will Dyster: Now a veteran Eagle having played 90+ games, Will give his all this season playing loose head prop, regularly smashing the ball up centrefield.

Charles Laing: Again filled the important hooking role and quietly went about his work on the field, giving his best at all times continually encouraging his team mates.

Zach Szabo: In only his second season with the Eagles, Zach was an essential part of the forward pack. He played himself to a standstill in every match demonstrating strong scrummaging and technique at the breakdown. Deservedly awarded Best Forward for the season.

Archie Cogin: Is a very determined player who try's his best at both matches and training. Archie has greatly improved his defence and is one of the hardest hitters at the breakdown. Based on these efforts he has been awarded the Most Improved Player.

Daniel Lambert: Regularly featured in the weekly awards filling the second row and stand in prop positions. Daniel stood out at the contest for kick off possession and in defence. An excellent season.

Denver Clarke: Moved into the forwards this season where he made a great contribution at the breakdown and in defence. He was very involved and was an important member of the pack.

Tom Ball: Has great passion and enthusiasm for the game. Tom loves getting his hands on the ball but his defensive technique was there for all to see where he regularly made a big contribution from the second row/No. 8.

Daniel Cobbe: Again filling the half back position, Daniel improved his play this year and gives his all in every match. Without fear he will take the ball up and shows the ability to back up and defend at the front line.

Max d'Agostino: Despite being one of the smallest players on the field, Max is always

on the front foot taking on the opposition. He directed play from 5/8 extremely well showing great go forward at the breakdown and was relentless in defence. Max has been awarded Best Back and has now contributed over 500 career points.

Charles McGrath (C): Spent this season at the inside centre position where he demonstrated outstanding defence and direct attack. Again led the team very well by the example of his play scoring 10 tries for the season.

Thomas Tyson: Is an extremely determined player, certainly a gifted runner and tackler. After a great start in game 1, Tom suffered a serious foot injury, so he only participated in 8 matches this season. Tom alternated between wing, half back and full back.

Stuart Swinburn (VC): Whilst struggling with injury for much of the season, Stuart certainly showed his skill in the back line particularly with some memorable tries in the first Clovelly Blue match.

Will Davison: Improved over the season showing more confidence alternating between wing and half back. Will is a great team member.

Patrick Kite: Our ever reliable full back often showing great courage in defence. Whilst Pat would have liked to have scored more tries those opportunities were limited this year. Looking for a big 2013 season from Pat.

Go The Eagles!!

Michael & Andrew



## U11 White Awards

Best Forward: Zach Szabo  
Best Back: Max d'Agostino  
Most Improved: Archie Cogin

## Milestones

75 Games  
Denver Clark  
Daniel Cobbe  
Archie Cogin  
Max d'Agostino  
Patrick Kite  
Charles Laing

50 Games  
Will Davison  
Stuart Swinburn



# U11 White - Team Stats

Under 11					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Ball, Thomas	14	5	0	25	49	20	5	110
Clarke, Denver	14	0	0	0	80	3	5	25
Cobbe, Daniel	15	3	0	15	78	55	6	287
Cogin, Archie	15	5	0	25	79	43	4	223
D'Agostino, Max	15	6	19	68	76	92	30	520
Davison, William	15	1	0	5	62	6	0	30
Dyster, William	16	0	0	0	92	18	3	96
Kite, Patrick	13	4	1	22	80	88	10	461
Laing, Charles	15	0	0	0	77	3	0	15
Lambert, Daniel	15	1	0	5	31	1	0	5
McGrath, Charles	10	10	5	60	32	30	16	182
Swinburn, Stuart	13	2	3	16	54	39	25	245
Szabo, Zach	15	2	0	10	31	2	0	10
Tyson, Thomas	10	5	2	29	74	82	30	462

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
16	6	7	2	1	326	376

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Maroubra Missiles	Win	22 - 14
2	South Coogee	Win	28 - 5
3	Menai	Win	69 - 0
4	Clovelly blue	Draw	26 - 26
5	Coogee Blacks	Loss	7 - 24
6	Rockdale	Loss	5 - 48
7	Coogee Greys	Loss	7 - 44
8	Wash out		
9	Clovelly Red	Win	31-17
10	Burraneer Porpoises	Win	29 - 15
11	Burraneer Dolphins	Win	28 - 0
12	Coogee Greys	Loss	12 - 50
13	Clovelly Blue	Loss	19 - 29
14	Coogee Blacks	Draw	17 - 17
15	Burraneer Porpoises	Loss	19 - 24
16	Rockdale	Loss	7 - 40

# Junior Competition U11 - Red

Coach: Mark Johnson, Assistant Coach: Rob Bradley | Manager: Joy Santos



Despite some fabulous Rugby being played this season it really was a case of 'what might have been' for the Eagles Under 11 Reds. Having recruited strongly in the off-season injuries and illness to key players at crucial stages of the year effectively killed off our final's chances in 2012.

Despite the injury frustrations 2012 was most enjoyable with many team and individual highlights resulting in some great wins and close losses. Each member of the team improved their skills and knowledge of the game and the Reds were capable of troubling any team on their day. The team's record finished at 5 wins from 17 matches, finally being placed 2nd in the Plate competition.

Under coach Mark Johnson's drive and manager Joy Santos' enthusiasm and organisational efficiency the U11 Reds continued to develop as a close knit unit both on and off the field.

Most of the boys have played together for some years now and it was great to see the new players Cooper Donaldson, Carter Killigrew, Sebastian Mulet and Zac Mouille fit in so well and make some outstanding

contributions. Sebastian's size and strength was a big plus in the tight play and his lineout jumping and blockbusting running was excellent. Cooper showed blistering pace in the backs and ended up as our highest try scorer with 9. Carter playing his first year of rugby union developed quickly and he ran strongly in attack from fullback whenever given the chance. Also playing in his first season of rugby Zac proved to be 'Mr Versatile' slotting into the backline or back-row as needed and showing great commitment to the ball.

The team strategy concentrated on strong driving forward play, with ball quickly recycled from rucks and mauls and then taken forward across the advantage line by hard running inside backs.

This season the forwards were led strongly by Nicholas Black, Dimitri Falidis and Ethan Chalk who all had outstanding seasons. Nick was very effective securing the ball time and time again at the tackle and turned defence into attack with powerful runs through the opposition forwards. Sadly Nick missed the second half of the season after sustaining a broken hand.

Tight-head prop Dimitri Falidis deservedly won the Best Forward Award this year with a consistently dynamic display in every match. Dimitri has developed exceptionally well in the past three seasons and his strength and speed make him a real handful for opposition defences. Front-row partner Ethan Chalk had a great season adding strong running and mauling to his highly effective scrummaging skills.

The Red's set piece in scrums and lineout was again a strength with hooker William Wall regularly taking tight heads against larger opposition packs. Will's lineout combination with no 2 jumpers Seb Mulet and Jack Ippodimonte proved extremely effective and the blocking from Ethan Chalk in particular was outstanding. Congratulations to William for winning the Most Improved Player Award. Lock Sam Frazer's attack and defence improved enormously this year and he mastered the pick'n'drive to ensure our attack maintained the momentum.

The Reds backline displayed a much more skilful and successful combination this year but struggled a bit against bigger, faster opposition, particularly out wide. Pacy





newcomers Cooper Donaldson and Carter Killigrew had excellent seasons scoring tries and cutting down opposition breaks. Halfback Max Johnson had another wonderful season with darting blind-side runs, excellent linking with the outside men and showing lion-hearted defence.

Our inside backs combination proved a revelation this year with fly-half Joshua Bell, and centres Byron Howe and Ben Boyle successfully keeping the attack in tight or spinning it wide to the pacemen as needed. Josh was our highest points scorer with 49 from 7 tries and 7 goals and he was a deserved winner of the Best Back Award this year. Byron who chimed in with 48 points for the year and Ben regularly

topped the backline tackle count with strong defensive displays. Effervescent Jackson Fredericks greatly improved in attack and defence and his livewire running displays were always highly effective and entertaining to watch.

While the improvement in individual and team performance was extremely pleasing it is the attitude to the game that is the highlight for the parents. The Clovelly Eagles motto of "play to win – learn to lose" is an important life lesson and this has been a wonderful team to be a part of. Congratulations to all the boys! (and thank you to the very supportive parents!)

### U11 Red Awards

Best Forward: Dimitri Falidis  
 Best Back: Joshua Bell  
 Most Improved: William Wall

### Milestones

75 Games  
 Byron Howe  
 Max Johnson

50 Games  
 William Wall



## U11 Red - Team Stats

Under 12					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Josh Bell	12	7	7	49	70	45	22	269
Nicholas Black	8	7	0	35	72	71	42	544
Ben Boyle	9	1	0	5	67	21	2	109
Dimitri Falidis	9	5	0	25	47	26	6	142
Sam Frazer	11	1	0	5	22	1	0	5
Jackson Fredericks	11	2	0	10	22	4	0	20
Byron Howe	12	4	14	48	75	107	55	645
Jack Ippodimonte	2	0	0	0	13	2	0	10
Max Johnson	11	2	0	10	75	96	5	490
Ethan Chalk	12	1	0	5	22	1	0	5
William Wall	11	0	0	0	54	3	0	15
Cooper Donaldson	12	9	0	45	12	9	0	45
Sebastian Mulet	9	0	2	4	9	0	2	4
Carter Killigrew	12	1	1	7	12	1	1	7
Zacharie Mouille	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
17	5	11	0	1	242	361

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Burraneer Dolphins	L	12 - 10
2	Clovelly Blue	L	45 - 5
3	Coogee White	W	12 to 28
4	Coogee Greys	L	15 - 51
5	Menai	W	55- 5
6	South Coogee	L	31 to 12
7	Coogee Blacks	L	19 to 12
8	Maroubra Missiles	Washed	
9	Clovelly White	L	17 to 31
10	Rockdale	L	Forfeit
11	Burraneer Porpoises	L	31 to 19
12	Burraneer Dolphins	Bye	0 -0
13	Menai	W	35 - 0
14	South Coogee	W	Forfeit
15	Coogee White	L	59-7
16	Maroubra Missiles	W	12 to 27
Plate Final	Coogee White	L	53-0



# Junior Competition U12

Coaches: Pat Collins, Rino Tomaseillo and Keiran Wallington, Manager: Lee Hubber



2012 saw a few changes for the Mighty Whites, and this my final year, saw a few boys leave the team and a few boys joining from the legendary Clovelly Blues teams of years previous. There were also some coaching changes as well. All this made for some new friendships and some great fun. It was a great year all round.

The season kicked off with the Randwick 7s where we won the B comp and lost to eventual winners Coogee in the A comp.

Our Friday night competition pool may have not been the best as we only had five teams in the comp, but this didn't stop us seeing some great footy being played.

In the forwards our front row consisted of one of our new recruits and welcome addition to the team. This epitomised the good nature of the boys when Richie Tahaafe joined us. Not really knowing anyone, he slotted in as if he had been in the team since the U6s. He bolstered the front row as prop alongside Leo Li, Kieran Donohoe as hooker and Archie Fox our tight head. The back row was made up of Chester Collins (Flanker) Duncan Evans and Max Cranfield (2nd row) Tadgh Murphy (2nd row / lock who missed our first 8 rounds due to injury in the 7s – a big loss), James “JB” Bodkin (flanker), Joe Beale and Liam Wood as our roving forwards. Our No 8 and captain was Harry “Hubs” Hubber. The pillar of the forward pack whom had an unfortunate skateboard accident and broke his foot with two rounds to play.

In the backs, our half/ fly half combo

was AJ Wallington and Max Tate. A great combination with AJ one of the great improvers of the year. The centre pair was the ever reliable Dan Andrews our first choice kicker, who also backed up as fullback, and Finn “the jumping bean” Wright who topped the scoring with 11 tries. On the wings we had the rotation of Jake Tomaseillo, John Soden, James Doherty and our flyer Will Scribner. Mid-season we toured to the Coffs Coast Challenge (see separate report). This event cemented our spirit as a team and saw us win three of our next four games leading into the finals including a good win over eventual champions Canterbury 35 – 24.

In conclusion, our final game eclipsed the nature of Under 12 Whites. After a beating by Coogee the week before, we entered the semis to find ourselves again playing Canterbury, a team with every player literally twice the size of our boys. The spirit of our boys shone during this game, every boy played their heart out and even though we came away with a loss for our final game as a team, there were smiles all round. As I said to the boys before that game, we are not a team of superstars, but a superstar team! Some great friendships have been made that I'm sure will last a lifetime.

In my final year as coach, I must say it has been very rewarding experience. All the boys are great kids and not only will become great footballers, but mature into fine young men. It has been a pleasure coaching them. Also a big thank you to Rino and Keiran for

their help in coaching, and also to Lee for his excellent job as manager.

Pat Collins

### U12 Awards

Best Forward: James Bodkin  
Best Back: AJ Wallington  
Most Improved: Duncan Evans

### Milestones

100 Games  
John Soden  
Max Tate

75 Games  
Duncan Evans  
Archie Fox  
Harry Hubber  
Joe Beale

## U12 - Team Stats

Under 12					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Daniel Andrews	13	2	17	44	91	82	32	474
Joe Beale	12	0	0	0	85	23	7	129
James Bodkin	11	1	0	5	92	22	7	124
Chester Collins	11	0	0	0	87	46	1	232
Max Cranfield	12	0	0	0	14	1	0	5
James Doherty	10	3	0	15	10	3	0	15
Kieran Donohoe	12	2	3	16	22	2	3	16
Duncan Evans	13	1	0	5	87	58	11	312
Archie Fox	12	0	0	0	86	24	12	144
Harry Hubber	10	4	0	20	84	80	12	424
Leo Li	13	0	0	0	28	0	0	0
Tadgh Murphy	5	9	1	47	57	59	22	339
Will Scribner	12	4	0	20	27	6	0	20
Joe Shanahan	1	0	0	0	72	53	4	273
John Soden	11	0	0	0	106	20	9	118
Richmond Tahaafe	8	5	0	25	12	5	0	25
Max Tate	11	2	6	22	100	94	65	600
Jacob Tomasiello	11	5	0	25	26	23	0	115
Alexander Wallington	11	0	0	0	24	2	0	10
Liam Wood	8	1	0	5	84	18	5	100
Finley Wright	12	11	0	55	98	101	24	553

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
13	6	7	0	0	304	373

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Maroubra	L	19 - 22
2	Canterbury	L	0 - 65
3	Bye	B	
4	Petersham	W	67 - 0
5	Coogee	L	0 - 29
6	Maroubra	W	39 - 22
7	Canterbury	L	0 - 45
8	Bye	B	
9	Petersham	W	58 - 5
10	Coogee	L	21 - 50
11	Maroubra	W	41 - 7
12	Canterbury	W	35 - 24
13	Bye	B	
14	Petersham	WOF	
15	Coogee	L	5 - 54
Semi Final	Canterbury	L	19 - 50



# Junior Competition U13

**Coach: Craig Bell/Stuart Donaldson Assistant Coach: Brett McCormick | Manager: Craig Baker**



For years Stuey Donaldson and I weren't happy with the way Rugby was heading. From junior rugby to Super 15, players, particularly forwards, were constantly going to ground with the ball. We were sick of it! Drawing on memories of years gone by, we knew there was another way to play: stay on your feet, pass and support. Some pundits call it old fashioned, some call it the Beautiful Game. We prefer the latter.

Anyway, this year we were lucky enough to coach a committed, skillful and competitive group of boys who totally embraced the Beautiful Game. The result was a very enjoyable undefeated season during which the boys played outstanding rugby and formed strong friendships.

Planning for this season started late last year and, as only 14 players decided to return from the previous year, some serious recruiting was required. Thankfully, the word spread quickly and we formed a squad of 23. The extra nine players included two who had never played rugby

before, two who were coming back into the Eagles nest, and four from another Randwick village team, which unfortunately had folded. Our squad turned into a well-rounded team, which could understand and execute different game plans depending on the opposition. For the record, 12 forwards and 11 backs.

After consulting widely, including with the pundits referred to above, we decided to register in B Division, Sunday competition. This brought its own challenges, particularly for some boys playing League and for some bleary eyed parents looking for their next Sunday morning latte. But the boys loved playing different teams in faraway lands such as Beecroft, Sylvania and Narrabeen.

As it turned out, the team came out of the blocks firing and so, after the fourth round, the question on everyone's lips was: were we in the right Division? Considering the diverse group and the small size of some of our players, particularly the backs, we resisted re-grading. Our concern

for the year was to give the boys a positive rugby experience rather than pursue unrealistic chest beating.

A major focus this year was attendance at training. It seemed pretty logical to us that the more you train the better chance you have of playing successful rugby. The boys and the parents on the whole responded positively to this and, guess what? We kept scoring tries and winning, which had the effect that, the more you win, the more you feel like training! Amazing.

It was not all plain sailing though, as two of our leading players (Will H and Matt, captain) suffered significant injuries playing another sport. However, by that stage all the team had played extensive game time (consistent with the Club's Fair Go Policy) and so the team possessed the skills to continue playing successful rugby.

During the year, in attack, Stuey dusted off some old Randwick backline moves such as "Wagga",

"Parallel" and "Waxy" which worked a treat, while the forwards perfected the driving maul off No 2 in the lineout, a move known as "Burrows". In defence, the boys pillar and posted all the way to the premiership, resulting in zero line breaks to Lane Cove in the Grand Final.

The Grand Final was a celebration by a wonderful group of very good rugby players who played quick, skillful and tough rugby to run in six tries.

Given the size of the squad, of course there needed to be a strong team management and a strong parent group and so I'd like to thank all the parents and extended families, and in particular, Stuey (co-coach/backs coach and fitness guru), Brett "Smuggler" McCormick (asst forwards coach, lineout coach and team physio), Craig Baker (manager and asst backs coach), Steve "Jumper" Kelly (Ground Marshall), Paul "the Boss" Szabo (touchie), Brett Stein and Dave Smith (trainers), Stuart "Noddy" Wright for his involvement with the Referees' Association, Mark "Hector" Harrison for his tireless work as Randwick Juniors President and Silvia Bell and Sue Donaldson (Team Social Committee) who put on legendary post match afternoon teas.

Congratulations to all the boys for a splendid season of running rugby. Some of the passing and support play was breath taking and at times, during games, I stopped being a coach, became a spectator and just applauded.

Michael Antoniadis – unsung hero until his Man of the Match performance against Blue Mts. I've been singing his praises ever since. Uncompromising breakaway who loves the tough stuff.

Ben Baker – unselfish player who was happy to play 10, 12 or 13 when required. Zip zip man whose turn of speed makes him an exceptional hole runner. Will tackle anyone.

Charlie Baker – Prodigious sidestepper

who loves to counter attack. Charlie had a field day with the old Randwick moves. Magnificent year at fullback.

Marco Bell – advanced passing and organizational skills makes him a quality halfback. Good at giving orders to much bigger humans on the field (and at home...).

Lukian Burak – game time is Lukian's time to shine. Gives 100% on the field and is one of the best tight head props going around. Showed he'd lost none of his pace in his 60 metre sideline dash against Hunters Hill.

Ben Donaldson – Gifted player with all the skills you want from a top notch five-eighth. Add outstanding goal kicking and you have a very special team member. Stood up mid-season when injuries threatened to de-rail the team

Fionn Geraghty – New to rugby. Phenomenal tackler who took on anyone, big or small. If I could bottle what he has, I'd be a millionaire. Keen trainer and quick learner. Excellent season as breakaway.

Lachlan Good – Best stand-up comedian in the Club who keeps the boys laughing and the coaches "entertained". Versatile player who can play prop or second row. Loves playing rugby and gives all on the field.

Jimmy Gordon – after 3 days at the State Swimming Championships and finishing his last event early afternoon, he raced across town to be at rugby training. Says it all really. Committed sportsman and winger who loves playing rugby with his mates.

Tom Griffin – A copy book tackler with advanced ball skills, Griff is a multi talented player who focused on halfback in an impressive year. Unlucky to miss out on Rep footy.

Will Harrison – An elite no 10/12 who can step, pass, kick and tackle to the highest standard. Just as important is his positive attitude, which gives the team a bucket load of confidence. One

to watch.

Ethan Howe – An absolute revelation this year. One of the first to adopt our style of play. Started on the wing but found a solid home at no 13 running straight and linking well.

Jack Kelly – very loyal club man who attended every training and played every game. Formed a good second row partnership with Daniel Szabo and ended up with 2 meat pies for the season.

Will McCormick – Outstanding breakaway with glorious technique and heaps of ticker. One of our fittest who puts in at training and on the field. Hopefully will play Rep next year.

Tommy Scribner – Very smart footballer who always takes the right option. Fine finisher who can also play fullback. Excellent defender. Much deserved debut year in Rep.

Harrison Smith – Pace, height, vision, strength, fitness, anticipation and exceptional passing skills. Perfect No 8 for the Beautiful Game. One of our leaders.

Matt Stead – Rugby was invented for boys like Matt. Absolute natural. First full season at No 7 cut short by injury. Frustrating year for him and no doubt he will be raring to go next year. Watch out!

Harrison Stein – Tough, dynamic and talented hooker, who takes his rugby very seriously, and so he should. Pleasure to coach. One to watch for the future.

Daniel Szabo – Massive motor, tough and quick. He is just everywhere on the pitch. Second rower who was a leader on and off the field. Future looks very bright for Daniel.

Max Torsellini – recruited from a passionate Randwick Rugby family to bolster our front row stocks. Very good body height and loves to pick and drive. First player to score from "Burrows" and didn't he love it!





Nathan Vougdis – New to rugby. Came out of the blue through the Club website looking for a game. It was clear early that not only was he an exceptional tackler, but he was quick, like, really, really quick. Winger, who was fast tracked to the Rep team

Lachie Wallace – winger who is the complete rugby player: quick, strong, good tackler and magnificent technique at the break down. Clovelly stalwart who enjoyed an impressive season.

Finn Wright – a prop who turned up fitter and more focused this year. Very good timing in hitting the defensive line and very physical in defence. Loves the rough and tumble of rugby. Great year for Finn.

Regards  
Craig Bell

**Awards**  
Best Forward: Daniel Szabo  
Best Back: Will Harrison  
Most Improved: Ethan Howe

**Milestones**  
75 games  
Jack Kelly  
Eathan Howe  
Jimmy Gordon  
Marco Bell  
50 Games  
Matt Stead  
Daniel Szabo

## U13 - Team Stats

Under 12				Progressive				
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Michael Antoniadis	14				14			
Ben Baker	15	2		10	115	151	63	876
Charlie Baker	15	5		25	115	176	17	914
Marco Bell	13				80	5	4	32
Lukian Burak	12	4		20	89	52	8	276
Ben Donaldson	15	3	30	75	46	14	109	288
Fionn Geraghty	14				14			
Lachlan Good	13				74	4	5	30
Jimmy Gordon	13	1		5	79	15	4	83
Tom Griffin	14				38	4	1	22
Will Harrison	10	12	15	90	10	12	15	90
Eathan Howe	15	4	1	22	77	52	10	280
Jack Kelly	15	2		10	82	32	1	162
Will McCormick	15	2		10	71	19	2	99
Tommy Scribner	10	7		35	31	28	0	140
Harrison Smith	15	15	1	77	15	15	1	77
Harrison Stein	13	4		20	13	4		20
Mathew Stead	8	4		20	54	61	0	305
Daniel Szabo	15	2		10	59	8	3	46
Max Torsellini	12	3		15	12	3		15
Nathan Vougdis	12	18		90	12	18		90
Lachlan Wallace	11	5		25	31	10	0	50
Finn Wright	15	3		15	96	35	4	183

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
15	15				574	134

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Collaroy	Win	33-5
2	Beecroft	Win	43-5
3	Lane Cove	Win	15-5.
4	Narrabeen	Win	26-21
5	Lane Cove	Win	17_10
6	Collaroy	Win	29_5
7	Easts	Win	51-0
8	Beecroft	Washout	
9	Narrabeen	Win	77-7
10	North Rocks	Win	62-5
11	Sylvania	Win	38-24
12	Blue Mountains	Win	19_12
13	Hunters Hill	Win	49-0
14	Beecroft	Win	36-5
Semi Final	Blue Mountains	Win	43-20
Preliminary Final			
Grand Final	Lane Cove	Win	36-10





# Junior Competition U15

Coaches: John McDonald, Michael Tate | Managers: Lara & Michael Laing



In its 50th year, the Clovelly Rugby Club should be extremely proud of its U15 team. Here we had a cobbled together group of 14 and 15 year olds mostly of very little rugby experience who shared only their willingness to have some fun with their friends. What happened next was one of the most enjoyable journeys in my 16 years of coaching rugby.

John McDonald's determination to give a bunch of lads an experience in the thrill of rugby, it's important team ethic, and the simple goal of extinguishing some levels of teenage energy was a master stroke from a genuinely caring and committed Clovelly club man. His own health issues meant I had to step in and help out. Together, and with the unyielding support of Lara and Michael Laing as our management team, we successfully oversaw this little group of Beach Rats from a ruinous beginning to Grand Finalists on 2nd September.

They say that September footy is different to all other. Many, many champions have never had the joy of donning the boots at this time of year. To play in a Grand Final is a privilege reserved for a special few. Our inexperienced, almost hopelessly oversized young Eagles earned this

privilege and came within a meager point of being crowned Premiers. Everyone loves a Cinderella story and this team were all but a minute from completing the script.

But therein lies the great life lesson for young men in their developing years. Just because you may deserve your success, it doesn't necessarily translate to its achievement. Life, like sport, ain't that simple. Nor is it always fair.

In truth, the real achievement of these young men is in the personal growth they found together. To a man they grew in character whilst all along genuinely enjoying the ride. Some of the rugby played by these boys was sublime. This may seem prone to hyperbole but as an experienced rugby person, I can assure you it was very much the case. Anyone who witnessed the Grand Final, had the great fortune to see a clearly under-manned team stand up with courage and self belief and even apply the blow torch to the competition's clear favourites. The disciplined pursuit of a fairly structured game plan was an example to any sports team that once there is common agreement and the self belief to succeed in a clearly hostile and previous unencountered

environment, almost anything can be achieved. It is a testament to the courage and discipline of these young men.

The parent group, all of whom were enormously supportive, along with John and myself are in little doubt that this cobbled together bunch of boys have now grown into young men and outstanding representatives of this mighty little club.

#### U15 Awards

Best & Fairest: Ben McDonald  
Best Forward: Charlie Bodkin  
Best Back: Jack Fox  
Most Improved: Matthew Blowes

#### Milestones

100 Games  
Ben Gordon  
Ben McDonald  
Clayton Cantarella  
Harry Tate

75 Games  
Sam Wood  
Tom O'Donovan  
Ben O'Sullivan

50 Games  
Adam Docos  
Gus Laing

## U15 - Team Stats

Under 12					Progressive			
Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Total Points
BLOWES, Matthew	15	2	0	10	15	2	0	10
BODKIN, Charles	10	2	7	26	94	36	28	238
CANTARELLA, Clayton	16	0	0	0	119	1	0	5
COLLINS, Louis	11	1	0	5	126	153	7	779
DOCOS, Adam	7	0	5	10	52	2	28	66
FAGAN, Thomas	16	11	1	57	16	11	1	58
FOX, Jack	13	6	1	32	13	6	1	32
GORDON, Benjamin	13	2	3	16	107	40	17	234
HARRIS, Sam	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
HINCHEY, William	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
KITE, Benjamin	14	6	0	30	14	6	0	30
LA ROSA, Anthony	13	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
LAING, Angus	11	0	0	0	50	0	0	0
MC DONALD, Ben	16	8	0	40	106	30	1	152
MORGAN, Samuel	16	1	2	9	94	39	21	237
O'DONOVAN, Thomas	16	0	0	0	75	0	0	0
O'SULLIVAN, Benjamin	15	1	2	9	83	18	53	196
SCULLION, Tom	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
TATE, Harry	14	0	0	0	103	11	0	55
WEEKES, Peter	15	2	0	10	15	2	0	11
HAY, Michael	6	1	0	5	6	1	0	5
SPOONER, Nicholas	9	6	0	30	9	6	0	30
WOOD, Sam	6	4	10	40	75	60	71	442

Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	W/outs	For	Against
16	8	8	0	1	329	390

Round	Opposition	Result	Score
1	Lindfield	win	24 to 22
2	Newport	loss	0 to 48
3	Drummoyne	loss	14 to 71
4	forfeit	-	-
5	Norwest	loss	17 to 42
6	Wakehurst	loss	7 to 50
7	Newport Sharks	win	5 to 0
8	washout		
9	Mosman Dolphins	win	24 to 5
10	St. Ives Blue	win	54 to 12
11	Forest White	win	36 to 12
12	Norwest	loss	7 to 57
13	Wakehurst	loss	12 to 26
14	Newport Sharks	win	65 to 5
Semi Final	Mosman	win	24 to 7
Preliminary Final	Wakehurst	win	23 to 5
Grand Final	Norwest	loss	17 to 18





# Hall of Fame

Australian Wallabies	Career	Caps
Gary Ella	1982 - 1988	6
Chris Whitaker	1998 - 2006	31
Morgan Turinui	2003 - 2005	20
Australian Sevens	Career	Caps
Shawn Mackay	2004 - 2008	
Morgan Turinui	2002	
Tim Clark	2004	
Shaun Foley	2009	
NSW Waratahs	Career	Caps
Gary Ella	1981 - 1988	27
Eddie Jones	1984 - 1990	12
Chris Whitaker	1997 - 2006	118
Jason Jones Hughes	1997 - 1999	27
Tim Clark	2001 - 2003	12
Morgan Turinui	2002 - 2010	65
Shawn Mackay	2006	6
ACT Brumbies	Career	Caps
Shawn Mackay	2009	2
QLD Reds	Career	Caps
Morgan Turinui	2008 - 2010	18
Wales	Career	Caps
Jason Jones-Hughes	1999-2000	3
Australian Coaches		
Eddie Jones (Wallabies)	2001-2005	
Shawn Mackay (Women's 7s)	2008	
Commonwealth Games		
Shawn Mackay (Sevens)	2006	
Australian Captains		
Chris Whitaker (Wallabies)	2003	
Shawn Mackay (Sevens)	2005 - 2008	
Shawn Mackay (C'wlth Games)	2006	
Morgan Turinui (Aust. Schools)	2000	
Tim Clark (Sevens)	2004	

# Record Performances

\* Indicates current player

Most Tries in a Season	# of Tries	Year
Andre Bachelet	88	1997
Connor O'Shea	84	2002
Tom Wright	69	2005
Connor O'Shea	66	2004
Max Tanner	64	2012
Keiran Tyler	61	1978
Todd McGrath	61	1972
*Latham James	58	2004
Matthew Pendleton	57	1988
Sasha Juric	55	1995
*Victor Radley	55	2005
Dale Pendleton	53	1985
James Toomalatai	53	1996
Most Tries in a career	# of Tries	Year
Connor O'Shea	272	2000-2009
Tom Wright	244	2002-2009
Sasha Juric	212	1992-1997
Brett Dooley	205	1970-1978
Morgan Turinui	201	1987-1995
Grant Mould	179	1965-1973
*Charlie Baker	176	2004-2012
*Connor McMullen	175	2007-2012
Michael Rooney	166	1974-1982
Billy Wright	160	2000-2005
* Louis Collins	153	2003-2012
*Ben Baker	151	2004-2012
Kordell Payne	149	2004-2008
James Toomalatai	148	1994-2001
Keiran Knight	146	2001-2007
Latham James	146	2003-2010
Tim Clark	144	1985-1992
Jason Boone	142	1975-1980
Most Points in a Season	# of Points	Year
Connor O'Shea	460	2002
Andre Bachelet	418	1977
Tom Wright	383	2005
Connor O'Shea	364	2004
Keiran Tyler	322	1978
Max Tanner	320	2012
James Toomalatai	307	1996
Latham James	290	2004
Sasah Juric	277	1997
Victor Radley	275	2005
Tom Wright	270	2003
Connor O'Shea	266	2005
*Connor McMullen	245	2009
Todd McGrath	244	1972
Matthew Pendleton	238	1988
Ben O'Donnell	236	2004
Tom Wright	235	2004
David Whitely	234	1997
*Nicholas Black	232	2009
Connor O'Shea	232	2003
Dale Pendleton	228	1985





Lewis Mayberry	226	2005
Oliver de Lorenzo	226	2002
James Treloar	225	1993
*Byron Howe	225	2007
Oliver George Simon	220	2009
*Louis Collins	220	2004
Billy Wright	219	2001
Keiran Tate	217	2004
Nathan Cargill	215	1993
Keiran Knight	213	2002
Keiran Tate	207	2005
Latham James	210	2005
Kordell Payne	210	2005
David Whitely	209	1996
Lachlan Anderson	209	2004
*Domenic Abruzzese	206	2009
Kordell Payne	205	2006
Sasha Juric	205	1993
Laurence Kiely	205	2012
*Connor McMullen	200	2012

Most Points in a Career	# of Points	Year
Connor O'Shea	1554	2000-2009
Tom Wright	1336	2002-2009
Sasha Juric	1174	1992-1997
*Connor McMullen	917	2007-2012
*Charlie Baker	914	2004-2012
Billy Wright	905	2000-2006
Morgan Turinui	879	1987-1995
*Ben Baker	876	2004-2012
Keiran Knight	850	2001-2007
Victor Radley	848	2003-2010
James Toomalatai	840	1994-2002
Brett Dooley	807	1970-1978
Kieran Tate	798	2002-2007
Latham James	781	2002-2010
*Louis Collins	779	2003-2012
Kordell Payne	777	2004-2008
*Liam Andrews	765	2006-2012
Michael Rooney	753	1974-1982
Ben O'Donnell	672	2004-2007
Tim Clark	657	1985-1992
Lydan Maitua	656	1990-1996
*Byron Howe	645	2007-2012
Jack Whitaker	640	2001-2007
Grant Mould	632	1965-1973
Andrew Williams	625	1994-2002
Ben Whitaker	624	1980-1987
Douglas Joseph	603	1997-2003
*Max Tate	600	2005-2012
*Toby Alker	597	2008-2012
David Wynyard	591	1993-2002
Darcy Wright	577	2001-2009
*Lachlan Smith	575	2009-2012
*Dane Towns	570	2009-2012
Alex Thomas	567	2002-2006
Oliver Delorenzo	564	2001-2007
Connor Boon	556	2001-2009
*Finley Wright	553	2005-2012

Evander Cummins	547	2000-2005
Dylan Woods	547	2003-2009
*Nicholas Black	544	2007-2012
Lachlan Anderson	536	2002-2007
*Max d'Agostino	520	2008-2012
Tom O'Connor	515	2001-2007
*Max Tanner	510	2010-2012
*Patrick Gooley	500	2008-2012

## 2012 Milestones

### 100 Games

Ben Gordon  
Ben McDonald  
Harry Tate  
John Soden  
Max Tate  
Clayton Cantarella

### 75 Games

Thomas O'Donovan  
Benjamin O'Sullivan  
Sam Wood  
Marco Bell  
Jimmy Gordon  
Eathan Howe  
Jack Kelly  
Joe Beale  
Duncan Evans  
Archie Fox  
Harry Hubber  
Byron Howe  
Max Johnson  
Denver Clarke  
Daniel Cobbe  
Max d'Agostino  
Archie Cogin  
Patrick Kite  
Charles Laing  
Liam Andrews  
Connor McMullen

### 50 Games

Adam Docos  
Angus Laing  
Matthew Stead  
Daniel Szabo  
William Wall  
Will Davison  
Stuart Swinburn  
Ryan Xuereb  
Mackenzie Leamon  
Mac Jenkins  
James Hession  
Thomas Westall  
Jacob Fadel  
Luke Fadel  
Riley Finnane  
Noah Gardiner  
Tom Lefebvre  
Jonathan Shiel-Dick  
Nicholas Hole  
Dylan Clarke  
Jack Kearney  
Finlay Scade  
Spencer Benjamin  
Sam Connolly  
Toby Connolly  
Jamie Roche  
Daniel McSweeney  
Harvey Kenny  
Callum Heathwood  
Cooper Corban



# Roll of Honour



2012	# of games
Louis Collins	126
Clayton Cantarella	119
Ben Baker	115
Charlie Baker	115
Benjamin Gordon	107
Ben McDonald	106
John Soden	106
Harry Tate	103
Max Tate	100
2011	# of games
Liam Smith	108
Liam Connolly	106
Morgan Penry	105
Angus Chadwick	103
Charlie Baker	100
Ben Baker	100
2010	# of games
Latham James	122
2009	# of games
Connor O'Shea	158
Darcy Wright	137
Eamon Wright	132
Tom Wright	132
Angus Cocks	131
Connor Boon	121
Louis Collins	115
Latham James	122
2007	# of games
Lachlan Wright	137
Tom O'Connor	128
Billy Wright	126
David Andrews	116
Alex Laycock	116
Nicholas Barko	113
Ethan Thomas	107
Jethro James	106
Oliver Delorenzo	104
Jack Whitaker	103
Kieran Knight	100

2006	# of games
Chris Andrews	151
Billy Wright	123
Ben Haire	101
2005	# of games
Greg Brincat	155
John Haire	111
Andrew Blomberg	108
Luke Henry	107
Louis Street	106
2002	# of games
Cameron Conway	134
David Wynyard	129
Andrew Williams	117
Daniel Hristova	109
Rory O'Connell	103
James Toomalati	102
Michael Andrews	100
2001	# of games
Matthew Mackay	125
John De Navi	102
2000	# of games
Alastair Nash	100
1999	# of games
Francisco Shaw	112
Blake Derby	111
Thomas Jenkins	109
Nathan Cargill	107
1998	# of games
Martin Darby	120
James Miller	115
Will Hargreaves	114
Lee Morgan	112
Anthony Hatfield	100
Brad Preston	107
1997	# of games
Peter Geering	106
Liam Stewart	102
Adam Codner	100
1996	# of games

Ryan Clark	138
Aaron Cowper	104
Lydan Matua	102
1995	# of games
Mark Thompson	155
Morgan Turinui	140
Keiran Lanham	139
Michael Geering	125
Shawn Mackay	123
Daniel Fagg	113
James Miles	106
Stephen Irwon	102
Nathan Lowe	100
1994	# of games
Michael Hamilton	108
1992	# of games
Martin Hegarty	129
Tim Clark	126
Canicron Swan	121
Shannon Lee	117
1991	# of games
Kendall Robinson	100
Tom Whitaker	100
1990	# of games
Iain Byrne	106
Say Pendleton	105
Hayden Robinson	101
1988	# of games
Michael Zirps	104
1987	# of games
Chris Whitaker	106
1986	# of games
Stephen Dunn	104
1985	# of games
Jaysen Thompson	101
Justin Philip	100
1984	# of games
Wayne McMahon	113
1982	# of games
Andrew Wilson	105
Jason Hale	104
Michael O'Sullivan	100
1981	# of games
Scott Merriman	120

Stuart Ball	114
Peter Fisher	104
1980	# of games
Michael Rooney	134
Ken Morris	133
1979	# of games
Jeffrey Jones	111
1978	# of games
Robert Webster	138
Mark Perica	105
Mark Philip	105
1977	# of games
Rohan Booth	126
Dean Morrow	112
1976	# of games
Rick McGrath	102
1975	# of games
John Lambert	151
Brett Dooley	145
Craig Coventry	112
Robert Sang	111
David Beer	100
Adam Mackie	108
1974	# of games
Jason Symes	100
1973	# of games
Terence McQuillan	103
1972	# of games
Mark Plamer	118
Mark Pullin	118
Matt Cruickshank	117
1971	# of games
Richard Marrott	136
Grant Mould	133
Michael Johnson	120
Robert Irwon	103
Colin Stephenson	101
1970	# of games
Barry Havenstein	122
Barry Blanchard	120
Stewart Dunn	119
John Wreathall	102
1969	# of games
John Cook	150



1967	# of games
Brent Booth	170
Bruce Clift	163
Bradley Burke	138
Peter Wilson	129
Anthony Brookman	100



## Under 12 Coffs Harbour Tour July 2012

On July 1 of this year half of the U12 Whites team set off to the Coffs Coast Challenge at the BCU International Stadium in Coffs Harbour. Coffs had been deluged for a week prior and this coast had exhausted its potential for rain, timing for the tournament organisers was perfect.

Our home base for the tournament was Opal Cove resort just north of Coffs. In a previous life Opal Cove had been an idyllic Aussie caravan park. Nick Wood remembered its glorious first year as a 5 star resort destination some 20 years ago, and little has changed, just a little worn. Our requirements were a bar, restaurant and plenty of stuff to divert our team and their few siblings, Opal Cove gave it all. The first night started with a bonfire and marshmallows on the beach, a rare treat for July. What is it about boys and fires (and in this case Mums, Dads and fires)?

The BCU International Stadium near Coffs airport is the pre-season 'home' of the Rabbitohs where their first grade side play multiple games. The stadium is impressive surrounded by an embankment with a good stadium for 1,000. Match commitments were staggered to allow plenty of downtime. Our games were on Monday morning, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, 8 games in all. Recovery sessions consisted of plenty of spa pool time at Opal Cove, a swim at the local beach and excellent 1m to 1.5m surf on the beach break at Diggers. The team of AJ Wallington, Richie Tahaafe, Liam Wood, Dan Andrews, Will Scribner, Harry Hubber, John Soden, Max Tate, Duncan Evans, Joe Beale, Archie Fox, and

Leo Li was excellently coached by Michael Tate and Kieran Wallington.

Why was this a great tournament for our boys mid-season? This is a 'spirit of rugby' comp, with success measured by the way the games are played, not who the winners were. Everyone plays to win their games, but the grand prize in each age is for the 'spirit' of the team, not the top points scorers or the inevitable unbeaten 'champs'. This is enhanced with fairplay rules require a dominant team to pull up to 3 of their 5 backs off the field to even up the contest.

Cloey were the southern most team in the U12 comp. Our wins were against Woy Woy Terrigal, Coffs Harbour, Dorrigo, Hunter Baa Baas B and St Augustines with tight tough losses to Hunter Baa Baa A, Hunters Hill and Green Point. Such is the nature of the 10s tournament that every player on our team scored at least one try and players even joined in other games to help out teams that were short. Our official 'Spirit of Rugby' award winner was Liam Wood and our own player of the tournament Dan Andrews.

The second night was well anticipated, we woke up that morning to another bon fire, this time a professional arrangement above a pit that was to be filled with railway iron, pork, beef, chicken, stuffing, sweet potato, and cabbage. This was our dinner for that night, a traditional New Zealand Maori Hangi and the local Wh nau (extended family) lead by Brett and Rani were to cook all day. That night we all gathered in the Ibis Room for a cultural performance of

poi dancing, Pokarekare Ana (NZs answer to Waltzing Matilda) and an intimidating haka. If we didn't think the haka a display of toughness, we were impressed by the courageous performance in traditional costume offering little protection from the night's near freezing temperature.

The tournament finished with a golf challenge at the punishing Novotel 9 hole golf course between coaches, boys and parents. The team manager provided the highlight of the round with a spectacular birdie on the 5th, holing in with a chip 30 (or was it 60?) metres from the green.

The Coffs Coast Challenge format is a fantastic way to start the winter school holidays with many siblings joining in. It also cemented the team spirit of the Clovelly U12s as well as the parent group. The performance of the team lifted through the tournament and especially in the games that followed the tour. The U12s had toured to New Zealand the previous year, however without 15 players available to tour – the 10s format of Coffs suited us perfectly. It was relatively inexpensive and easy to organise. The organisers have proposed a move to be a 7s format for 2013, but their survey of participants found that 92% want the 10s retained. I commend this tournament to all Clovelly junior teams.

Lee Hubber  
Manager U12s







## Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club - Under 8 & 9's Gala Day



The Harbord gala day is specifically for U8 and U9 Min's teams and is a round-robin of shorter games. Clovelly sent composite teams in the u8s and U9s, with players coming together from each of the Blue/White & Red teams in the age group with the aim of meeting other players from their usual Saturday teams and having some fun.

### Under 8's

Coaches Adam Walsh & Michael Corben bought together a mix of boys who had never played together before for an early morning start, with players introducing themselves to each other as they played and won their first game against Lindfield. Hopes were up after this spirited display, only to go down 15:25 in their second game to eventual winners of the day, North Rocks. Not to be dismayed, the boys played their final game with an exciting display of running rugby and a final round win again Seaforth. A very enjoyable Sunday morning, with the Under 8's coming away knowing some of their Club mates!

### Under 9's

Clovelly entered one team in the 16 team Harbord Harlequins Cup Gala day on Sunday 5 August. The team comprised 11 players from across the three teams. This provided a great mix of skills, flair and determination.

We were drawn in Pool A and played against Collaroy, Lane Cove and Seaforth. We won the first two games handsomely, with excellent passing, support play and clean out at the breakdown key features. The third pool game against Seaforth was always going to be a tough encounter. The previous year we lost the semi-final to Seaforth in extra time, and two weeks prior to this tournament they won the U9s Hills Gala day. The match was terrific – great defence and attack from both teams and was very exciting. We were under a great deal of pressure early and Seaforth scored the first try, which they converted to lead 7-0. We hit back with a converted try to level 7-7. Tries were then traded again, however Clovelly lead 14-12 with just a

few minutes left thanks to our second successful conversion. We tackled everything that moved and on the sound of the siren we thought we had it won only for Seaforth to score and win. Seaforth then went onto to win the Final by 5 tries to 1, so our team was certainly right up to the contest.

The players and supported were disappointed with the loss as the match was ours only to have it taken from us at the death. The boys all played really well, gave it everything and did the Clovelly Club proud.



Players/Coaches (from left to right):  
Back row: Ian Alker (Co-Coach), Will Frazer, Adam Beer, Toby Connolly, Jack Kearney, Toby Alker, Kye Xuereb, Jamie Roche, Drew Beer (Co-Coach).

Front row: Ben Shortt, Alfie Ashton, Klayton Thorn, Will Ries.





## Randwick Representatives Summary 2012

Clovelly Eagles is a long-standing and proud village Club within the Randwick District RFC. Over the years, many Eagles players have been selected to represent the Randwick District Club in the State Championships held annually over the June long weekend, and season 2012 was no different. The following Clovelly players represented Randwick in season 2012:

Under 10: Patrick Gooley, Rex Runow, Liam Andrews, Axel Runow, Nicholas Dart, Hugh McSweeney, Noah Gardiner

Under 11: Charles McGrath, Billy Sanders, Pat Kite, Nicholas Black, Barnaby Bickmore-Hutt, Dimitri Falidis, Mac Jenkins, Cooper Donaldson, Jude Gibbs

Under 12: Ben Baker, Charlie Baker, Harry Hubber, AJ Wallington, Archie Fox, Max Cranfield, Will Scribner

Harrison Smith, Marco Bell, Will Harrison, Ben Donaldson, Nathan Vaugdis, Tom Scribner

Under 14: Guy Beynon, Zac Carr, Cameron Horne, Max Munro, Liam Smith, Tom Serhon (Captain)

The age championships were played at various venues around Sydney & country areas over the June long-weekend. The weekend was at some venues played in particularly wet and cold conditions and the players and their parents at various venues deserved a lot of praise for their commitment and dedication in supporting the teams. From the feedback that was received, everyone had a very enjoyable and positive experience, both through the pre-carnival training and during the weekend itself.

Thanks to the Clovelly coaches & managers who supported the Randwick

District:  
Under 10: John Andrews & Mark Gooley  
Under 11: Andrew Dyster  
Under 13: Stu Donaldson

The Clovelly boys made lots of new friends and very much instilled in the other participants what a great Club they came from. Well done all!



## Canberra 7's Tournament

A traditional finale to the Clovelly Eagles rugby season each September sees a number of Clovelly teams enter the ever popular and fast Rugby Sevens format for the Canberra Sevens. This season saw teams from our U9, U10, U11, U12 and U13's travel to Canberra to compete against rival teams from Canberra, NSW country and other visiting Sydney clubs. Some Saturday activities around Canberra, including dinner amongst the entire Club contingent on the Saturday night at the Kingston Hotel, were enjoyed by all before an early start to Sevens Rugby on Sunday.

In what was a fitting way to finish our 50th year, all the teams bar the 11s made the semis and the U9s came away with a victory (see report below) continuing our strong showing in this age group over the last couple of years. The Sevens Rugby played by the Clovelly Eagles lads was without doubt the best team rugby on display, with none of our squads

being dominated by one star player and some spirited performances often against some bigger & faster teams. Congratulations to all of the boys for representing this great Club with such pride.

Under 9's –Champions:

Clovelly Under 9s entered one team of 10 players from across the three teams. We were drawn in Pool A along with five other teams, while Pool B also had six teams. Although playing in the 7-a-side format and only 10 minutes per game, the boys adapted well from the outset with good defence, support play and running rugby providing an exciting days rugby for the team and the supportive family members who made the journey south.

A good first up win against Canberra Grammar 35-0 set us up for the rest of the Pool games as we went through undefeated amassing 26 tries for and two tries against with further victories over Hills (Sydney) 25-0, Uni-Norths (Canberra) 20-0, Yass 25-10 and Easts

(Canberra) 25-0.

Having won the Pool we were matched against Tuggeranong Vikings in the semi-final and won comfortably 45-0. Now in the Final the boys got nervous and excited, and while it was a quite a tough match against South Coogee, we ran out winners 40-5 and collected the trophy as U9 Champions.

Well done to all players who all contributed enormously to the team's success – it was truly a great team effort to achieve the results across seven games. The players were a credit to the Clovelly Club and were recognised by an official after the Final who commended the boys (and supporters) for their conduct on the day. Finally thank you to Ian Alker, Drew Beer & Kevin Roche (coaches), the parents and families for making the effort to travel to Canberra and provide such a great rugby experience for the boys.





