

# Woonona Shamrocks Rugby Union Club Inc. 2012 Annual Report



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## 2012 Annual General Meeting

### Ocean Park

Sunday 4 November 2012 at 1pm

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Attendance
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of 2011 Annual General Meeting
- 4 Business Arising
- 5 Presentation and Adoption of 2012 Annual Report
- 6 Presentation and Adoption of Audited 2012 Financial Report
- 7 Election of Officers for 2013
- 8 Setting of Club Fees for 2013
- 9 Supporters Clothing for 2013
- 10 General Business

# Office Bearers 2012

## Executive Committee

President	Tom Ellicott
Senior Vice President	Mark Dandridge
Vice President - Juniors	Andrew Cracknell
Hon Secretary	Larissa McKellar
Hon Treasurer	Mark Dandridge
Club Captain	Matt Bowen

## Management Committee

Match Day Chairperson	Vaughan Judd
Coaching & Development Chairperson	Position Vacant
Marketing and Promotions Chairperson	Position Vacant
Assistant Secretary	Kate Baz
Assistant Treasurer	Terry Nutt
Social Chairperson	Matt Bowen
Players Representative	Anthony Allport and Ben Greentree
Registrar	John Sutherland
Canteen Coordinator	Ken Phyllis
Ground Coordinator	Barry Cavanough

## Other Club Office Bearers

Licensee	Andrew Cracknell
Hon Solicitor	Tom Ellicott
Hon Auditor	Eon Chapman
Hall Convener	Marilyn Saywell

## Junior Sub Committee

Junior Chairperson	Andrew Cracknell
Junior Vice Chairperson	Nick Logan
Junior Secretary	Megan Cracknell
Junior Treasurer	Verlie Bridger
Junior Registrar	Dianne Robinson
Junior Competition Manager	Nick Logan

## **Senior Coaches and Managers**

First Grade Co-Coaches	Richard Thompson & Dion Miller
First Grade Manager	John Heath
Second Grade Coach	Scott McKellar
Second Grade Manager	Mark Stone
Third Grade Coach	Jayson Joerdans
Third Grade Manager	Kieran Smith

## **Junior Coaches**

U17's Coaches	Paul Ridgway & Nick Logan
U17's Manager	Nick Logan
U15's Coaches	Steve Arthers, Hynie Rasch, Dean Anese,
U15's Manager	Barry Aylett
U13's Coaches	Andrew Cracknell & Kieran Smith
U13's Manager	Mat Trevillion
U11's Coaches	Jayson Joerdens & Nick Logan
U11's Manager	Nick Logan
U10's Coach	Adam Large
U10's Manager	Nadine Egan-Scott
U9's Coaches	Stu Grimshaw & Dean Anese
U9's Asst. Coach	Apollo Fenukitau
U9's Managers	Kristy Grimshaw & Craig Hatfield
U7's Coach	Dylan Young
U7's Asst. Coach	Brayden West
U7's Managers	All the Parents

# President's Report

As the 2012 Season comes to a close I can report to the Club that we have finished the year in a very sound position with excellent results being achieved by the Club across the Junior and Senior Grades.

I would like to give thanks to the way that our playing group led by our coaches and team management have structured a positive and, committed program throughout what was definitely the most competitive Rugby season many people have seen for a long time. This year we all saw the players group mature to a new level and the leadership group has to be thanked for this.

The Club for the first time experienced being placed in a situation where none of the jumper sponsors have paid their sponsorship money. This is particularly disappointing however, although it seems a bit self-serving, I would like to thank my business partner, Graham Lancaster, for agreeing to allow Access Law Group to pick up the hole left by 24/7 Concreting withdrawing. We are continuing to talk with GNRE and, the Bellambi Hotel and hopefully will be able to see improved sponsorship packages come through for next year and hopefully some 2012 money. The Club now operates in a highly competitive environment where clubs transparently make arrangements for the payment of their players and, coaches. Shamrocks has survived for years without making player payments and, we have not paid a coach for a long time. The reality is however that in this changing environment we may need to compete in the market place for players and, this has caused us to take some fairly aggressive steps in relation to raising a stronger sponsorship dollar.

A number of packages have been issued to key stakeholders in the business community of the Illawarra and, with the new Committee I will be following up hopefully seeing better dollars in the door for the 2013 Season and onwards.

With a far more focused players group, we will be targeting local businesses for stronger sponsorship and following up on some of the great initiatives which were introduced this year, including individual player fee sponsorship, the shirts and so forth.

In effect, what the new Committee will need to do is to pull together all of the goodwill and effort and channel it in the one direction so that the Club has a consistent and strong approach. Matt Bowen is leading the charge in the right direction and with his ongoing commitment and with the support of all the Club we look in great shape.

I would like to congratulate Second Grade and First Grade for making the semi-final series this year. We had a tough time during the latter part of the Season with injuries but, a very strong spirit prevailed and, and I was always proud to see the boys performing strongly, particularly sticking it to the clubs like Avondale and, Tech who have so much talent.

I would also like to pay a special tribute to all of the Third Graders and their management team. Third Graders have a great time at the Club, and bring their families along to many games and create a very good family friendly atmosphere. It is always great to catch up with the Third Graders and, when I can, have a few beers. This year I gave my President's Award to Josh Woodford for his ongoing dedication

and service to the Club. Josh embodies the true *"Shamrock Spirit"* and, not only leads on the field but also has been a pivotal mentor for a lot of our Junior players and in particular, the forwards. The success and development of our Junior players coming through the ranks is due to a lot of people, but in particular Josh and, for his excellent service and support of the Club this year I thank him and wish him the best for 2013 – hopefully which will see him turn over 300 games.

That leaves me to thank the Committee and, the Executive of the Club in particular. This year we will see Larissa departing from her role as Secretary of the Club. I have worked with Larissa now for two years and she has been a fantastic Secretary and, has always been there to support other Members of the Committee and in particular, myself.

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would also like to give special thanks to Kieran Smith, Andrew Cracknell and Vaughan Judd for their hard work on game days and, support of the players group in general. As always, the Club remains indebted to the hard working Canteen Staff who are led by Ken and, to the Function Centre Management which this year has been very capably managed by Marilyn Saywell.

Lastly I wish to thank two guys who have given me incredible support over the last two years, namely Mark Dandridge and Terry Nutt. Mark and Terry live breathe and will probably die with the *"Shamrock Spirit"*. Both Mark and Terry work tirelessly for the Club and in its best interest to perform what are probably the worst jobs one could imagine performing in a sporting club. That revolves not only around actually managing the finances but having to get out continually to chase people for money, follow up on management programs and, then turn up every Saturday at home games without fail to work all day on the BBQ.

Without Mark and Terry the Club would be a lot worse off and, they would leave an enormous hole if they were to go. Hopefully over the next year Mark and Terry will be properly acknowledged for their lifelong service to the Shamrock Club.

To all the Shamrocks thank you very much for your support over the last two years. It has been an absolute honour leading the Club.

Regards

Tom

# Junior Club Report

The 2012 season would have to be one of the years, in a very long time, that there have been no Junior Shamrock teams in the Grand finals. This is not to say that we haven't had a very good year on and off the paddock. On the field all teams accounted for themselves very well, taking the club song to heart and fighting to the final bell.

The U/13s and U/17s managed to go the furthest with U/17s making the minor semi-final and being knocked out in very controversial circumstances. The U/13s advancing to the final and losing by 2 points to miss out on a Grand final birth.

Although we didn't bring any trophies home this year we still managed to supply many players to Representative sides, including Illawarra and NSW Country. We also had players represent their respective representative school sides in PSSA, Catholic Diocese and NSWCHS.

Our NSW Country Reps for this season where

U/14s: Ryan Anderson, Sean Anese, Corey Aylett, Blake Schoupp

U/16s: Kieran Bonin

U/17s: Ryan Schoupp

It's great to see these boys achieve Representative honours as it reflects back to the guidance that they have received from the many Club Coaches that they have had and the dedication that they have exhibited during this time.

Off the field we have had a great season with many people pitching in to make everything run smoothly. To the Committee, Canteen ladies , all that helped on the BBQ, Coaches ,Managers, water runners, Supporters without you the Junior Club would struggle so no matter how small you think that your contribution was please keep on helping.

This year we have several long standing committee people stepping down. They are; Nick Logan, Vice President and Competition Manager. Nick now has the added task of his eldest son in the seniors next year. Di Robinson, Registrar. Di has done this thankless task for 5 years and now takes on a team managers roll. Verlie Bridger, Treasurer. Verlie has done an outstanding job of keeping the club finances in order, continuing in the roll this year without her son playing rugby in 2012. I would like to thank them on behalf of the Junior Club; their contribution to Shamrocks Junior Rugby has been outstanding.

As well as all these invaluable volunteers I would like to thank our sponsors for the year. It's a small but dedicated group. They are:-

Mountain View Meats

Bulli Fruit and Deli

McPhail Real-estate

Project Portfolio Management

Bulli Workers Club

See you all next season

Crackers

# Senior Vice President Report

2012 has been a challenging year for our club both on and off the field. On the field we probably didn't get the results consistently on the paddock we were hoping for, however we were again extremely competitive in all grades and we played a good style of Rugby. Our club continues to bring quite a few good quality younger players through the junior ranks and into the senior grades which is extremely pleasing and is the cornerstone of what the Shamrocks Club is all about.

Thanks to the Coaches, Richard and Dion in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Scott and Pebbles in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and to Jayson and Kieran in Thirsty's and to all Team managers and those that assisted the grades this year for their efforts during the year as there is a lot of work that goes into preparing sides for their games each week and at times this can be a thankless task, particularly when some results don't go the way you hope.

I think under the guidance of the coaching and management teams there was a good culture developing in the playing group and I hope that this continues to further develop in the future. Thanks to Matt Bowen as Club Captain for his efforts during the course of the year and to Anthony Allport and Ben Greentree as Player's Reps for their input in helping to ensure there was good communication between the playing group and the committee. We can never be too good at this and it will be important that we continue to have good and direct lines of communication and are open about how things are done in our club, from both a playing and management committee perspective.

A big thank you must go to JD, Hilly and the massage therapy team that turned up every week to help prepare our players for battle. They have been an integral part of the Shamrocks Saturday morning game preparation for many years now and their efforts quite often get taken for granted because they have been doing this on a voluntary basis, no questions asked for so long. I am sure that I speak for the whole playing group when I extend the club's sincere appreciation for their efforts again this year.

On the paddock this year the highlights for me was the victory over Avondale (the eventual Premiers), at their home ground in the first round. The style of rugby we played that day and the commitment to getting the job done was as good as I have seen from a Shamrocks 1st Grade side for a number of years. If we could have played this well every week we would have undoubtedly taken it out I am sure. Of course beating the Viqueens in both rounds in 1<sup>st</sup> grade was also very pleasing and well done to 2nds for making the final.

Once again this year we had a good and cohesive working committee there to ensure that the best possible facilities, equipment and environment was provided to make playing for the Rocks both enjoyable and rewarding. Special thanks to John Sutherland as registrar for all his efforts during the course of the year, Sutho again this year put in many hours of work in not only player registrations but fee collections as well.

Our Canteen and BBQ facilities were again the envy of the district. We really do a fantastic job here each home game and it is a credit to the efforts of Ken, Anne and the Canteen team and Nutty, Cav and the BBQ crew for making this possible each and every home game. A highlight this year for me was after several years apprenticeship in customer service I was this year handed a set of tongs and officially promoted to the front row of the BBQ (oh the joy I got when I could finally turn a snag on the BBQ)!! I have now officially made it in the club!!

The financial impact on the club of a well operating Canteen and BBQ is immense and without these facilities working well we would really struggle so again a big thank you to all those that worked in these areas during the year.



To the Thursday Morning crew who in between coffee, scones and muffin breaks do a tremendous amount of work in ground preparation and building maintenance to ensure our facilities are always top class. So to Captain Cav and crew thank you for another years effort to make our facility the best in the Illawarra.

The club has been really lucky to have had Tom as President over the last couple of years. Tom has brought a real level of professionalism to the way our club has been managed. His leadership and communication skills have been evident throughout the year and his dedication and ability to think in "big picture" terms has meant that the club is positioned well for the future. I have certainly enjoyed my time as VP with Tom as president. So thanks very much for a job well done Tom.

As Tom has decided not to stand for another term our club really has a challenge to find a replacement president of the calibre of Tom.

Looking forward to another year of challenges and enjoyment with the Rocks in 2013.

*Mark Dandridge*

*Senior Vice- President*

## **Treasurers Report**

2012 has provided some real financial challenges for our Club. After a couple of years where we really went ahead financially unfortunately 2012 has been a year where we have had to be very careful with our finances and cash flow management.

As with all organisations costs will inevitably go up year on year however this year we have had the added cost of paid physio each week on top of our general costs to operate on a daily basis increasing and costs to put 3 sides on the paddock increasing. This additional physio cost is significant to the club but is however a necessary one to comply with our legal and moral responsibilities here.

To add to our additional cost burdens we have experienced an unprecedented drop off of our major sponsors all in the one year i.e NRE, Bellambi Hotel and 24/7 not providing sponsorship monies to us this year with only 24/7 indicating their intention not to continue with us at the start of the year. Obviously this has made it extremely difficult to manage our financial cash flows without this income to the club and our playing jumpers where all renewed on the understanding we had these sponsors on board.

Another drop in revenue this year was the Sports luncheon, which while being another successful day which raised a considerable amount for the club this amount was still about \$4,000 down on the past couple of years contributions to the club. A big thank you to Grahame, Terry, Ken and Tom for their work in organising another great day here, which is one of the annual highlights on the Shamrocks calendar.

Once again our Canteen and BBQ operations were a great source of revenue for the club and we would really struggle financially without the contribution made through these, as sponsorships are becoming harder to obtain and maintain.

Thanks to Ken, Anne and the canteen team and to the BBQ crew for all their hard work. The performance of these facilities really does underpin our financial viability year in year out.

As in previous years a big thank you goes to Terry Nutt our Assistant Treasurer. With Nutty's hard work with the day to day activities and Ken's great financial management skills with the Canteen/BBQ revenues they make my job as Treasurer a lot easier than it could be. So thanks guys your efforts are really appreciated.

In summary our financial highlights this year where the Sports Luncheon, the Canteen and BBQ revenues and a successful weekend in February with hosting the dog show. These areas were where our most significant revenues came from.

The challenges ahead for our club are addressing the increased cost burdens being placed on us, securing new major and hopefully long term sponsors as well as exploring more avenues where we can raise additional revenues to ensure we have a strong and viable club well into the future.

My concern when looking at these challenges is so much seems to fall on so few within our club. So I would ask every club member to think about how they can contribute to the club in some way.

While as at the end of 2012 our club is still in reasonable shape financially I feel there will be some real challenges facing us in 2013 to ensure we remain that way.

*Mark Dandridge*  
*Honorary Treasurer*

## **WOONONA SHAMROCKS RUGBY CLUB INC**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### **Accounting Policy**

The attached Income and Expenditure Statement has been prepared on a cash basis. Income is recorded only when received and expenses are recorded only when paid. These accounting policies are consistent with that of previous years.

#### **Outstanding Liabilities**

At the time of preparing this report all accounts received by me have been paid.

#### **Assets**

All payments for capital assets are expensed in the year in which the amounts are paid.

Honorary Treasurer

Mark Dandridge



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**WOONONA SHAMROCKS RUGBY CLUB INC  
INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

I have audited the attached statement of income and expenditure of the Woonona Shamrocks Rugby Club Inc for the period 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the statement and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of this statement in order to express an opinion on the statement to the members.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the statement is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the statement. These procedures have been undertaken for form an opinion as to whether or not, in all material respects, the statement is presented fairly in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards so as to present a view of the Club that is consistent with my understanding of its financial position and cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

**Audit Opinion**

It is not practicable for the club to establish accounting control over all sources of income prior to receipt by the club and accordingly it is not possible for my audit examination to include audit procedures to extend beyond the amounts of income recorded by the club.

In, my opinion, subject to the limitations imposed by the foregoing, the attached statement of income and expenditure presents fairly in accordance with the applicable Accounting Standards the financial position of the Woonona Shamrocks Rugby Club Inc as at 30 September 2012, and the cash flows for the period then ended.

Eon Chapman  
**Chartered Accountant**



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# Canteen Report

2012 has been another busy and successful year. Our tireless and hardworking team provided delicious, fresh food and icy cold drinks throughout the year.

The season kicked off with the "Fridge to Fridge" bike ride which was an outstanding success (hopefully this will become an annual event) and the "Illawarra Dog Show".

The opening home game was followed by the "Centurion Night". This event is developing into a major occasion for this club and will only get bigger and better, the season culminated with the Major Semi Finals.

This has been my third and final year as Canteen Manager and I could not have done it without the full support of the following people, a big thanks to you all.

Anne Phillis, Marilyn Saywell, Cheryl & Terry Nutt, Pauline Tressider, Julie Heycott, Lorrel Dandridge, Gina Crick, Vaughan Judd, John Sutherland, Janette Traynor and the Cracknells.

Anne and myself will remain on the Canteen team and will give our full support to the elected Canteen Manager for 2013.

Also thanks to the BBQ crew who are an integral part of the Canteen operations. Barry Cavanough, Terry Nutt, Steve Saywell, Mick Walsh, Mark Dandridge and Rowan Allnutt all provided service and quality of food second to none in the Illawarra district.

Finally and most importantly, thanks to all players and supporters for patronizing the Canteen and bar. We sell the cheapest refreshments and food in the district and we look forward to your continued support in 2013 for the running of this great club.

Yours in Rugby

Ken Phillis  
Canteen Manager

## Match Day Programme

The 2012 Match Day programme was a great group effort with Stephen Saywell and Mick Traynor sharing the load in the production of our home game chronicle. Thanks Zguys.

Kisane De Jonge did a great job with her contribution of action shots on the field and her efforts were justifiably recognized with her being awarded the Shamrock 'Supporter of the Year'.

Lauren Saywell (Kiss the Sky) and Brad Smith (Bulli Printing) deserve a hearty congratulation for their efforts with the Match Day Programme.

And we must not forget our valuable Match day programme sponsors:

- Woonona Fruit Basket
- Mountain View Meats
- Leisure Coast Auto Electrics
- Black Diamond Bakery – (the best pies in Australia)
- Kotez Chickens
- Ruby's at Bulli Beach
- Black Diamond Hair Design

- Woonona Newsagency
- Laundry maids

Thank you all for your continued support.

Marilyn Saywell

## Hall and Ground Hire

It has been a very busy year for our clubhouse and grounds as the following brief summary will attest to:

Many thanks to the 'Final Fifteen' for always having the grounds presented in the best condition possible with the buildings and surrounds always immaculate. Their efforts this year were a tribute to their dedication to the Shamrocks. Anyone who hires our facility is always complimentary on the amenities and how it is presented. Also, a big thank you to Lorelle (Lovvvvvv) Dandridge for standing-in as the 'Hall Hire Coordinator' in my absence. She did a great job.

Hall and Ground usage 2012 –

November 2011	Bellambi Hotel (sponsor)	no financial contribution
March 2012	Illawarra Kennel Club – (dog show)	
Seven Private Functions throughout the year		
Daytime Functions:		
○	North Illawarra	
○	Probus Club	
○	Woonona Baptist Church	
○	Holy Spirit College	

The following functions were Rugby related and were at done with no financial contribution to the club:

- Nine Shamrock Senior home games
- IDRU Major Semi Final
- 2012 Bike to Bar
- Shamrock Centurion Night
- Nine Shamrock Junior home games
- Smart rugby course
- Shamrock Junior Trivia Night
- Shamrock Junior Presentation
- Numerous Illawarra Junior training days
- Hosting of the Illawarra U13 v New Zealand Touring Team
- Illawarra Catholic Schools Rugby Trials

We also have bookings for a few private functions in the coming months along with the permanent bi-monthly booking of the hall by Probus.

Our venue is most appreciated by all those who use it and our popularity is increasing as we approach maximum hiring capacity that our license allows. In summary a good year for the Shamrocks, with room for improvement.

Marilyn Saywell  
Hall Hire Coordinator

# **Ground and Club Maintenance Report**

(No report Provided)

## **Sponsorship and Fund Raising Report**

(Vacant Position in 2012)

## **Players Representative**

(No report provided)

## **Club Captain's Report**

What another great season we have had together with the players, members and supporters working as a family. So much so are we a family unit within the Shamrocks that we often bicker among each other like sisters. We occasionally end up wrestling each other to the ground like a couple of brothers battling with their testosterone. Sometimes we're guilty of sticking out our bottom lip and sulking when we can't get our way, like our mother has taken away our favourite toy. And we quite regularly enjoy stirring up the opposition like we would our competitive cousins. But through it all, we support one another, we lift each other up, and push each other to improve.

The supporters make each home game feel like home. Thank you all for your ongoing support of the players raffle and never say never attitude. The volunteers provide excellent food and beverage service with a smile, and the grounds boys keep our place in mint condition.

I would like to congratulate and thank a few distinct club members for putting time aside, making personal and family sacrifices, taking on strong leadership roles and committing to volunteering their skills to the players over the season.

The coaches, managers and captains have made this season the best they could with the boy's best interest at heart, so I thank them deeply their ongoing support and motivation. In particular I would like to thank Rich and Dion for their first season together as head coaches for the club. They have worked very well together with myself, and the other grade coaches and team captains to formulate a well-oiled team. They have introduced a new, fun and fresh approach to the Shamrocks game, which has also been reflected in the training sessions over the past season. These guys have pushed us all and kept our spirits high when we weren't achieving the expected game results, which demonstrated their great respect of the boys. This was noted by all of the players and we were very appreciative of their approach.

They also developed a new initiative for the 2012 season where an Most Valuable Player was to be selected from each of the grades to be presented with a financial gift to celebrate their success. The coaches planned fundraising drives to raise this money over the course of the season and the club committee also contributed to the funds. This initiative proved to be a highlight of the season, with the cash prize being a great reward to those deserving players. The MVP initiative created a healthy rivalry among players, which become a great buzz, encouraging strong camaraderie and inter-team competition. I hope to see it continue to become a tradition where the players who are the most devoted throughout the season are rewarded for their training commitments, their leadership within their team and the club and for their on-field efforts.

The Shamrocks had three players represent the club in Illawarra and NSW Country Rugby teams this year. They were Ant Allport, Tristram Storm and Ben Greentree who all played for the Illawarriors, with Ben also being selected for the Country Cockatoos.

In terms of future recommendations, I would like to see the club put local funding and resources to better use, keeping in mind that our players and coaches are playing for love, not money and the sacrifices made need to be noted. There is room to improve our player retention program also, as I feel we have under achieved in this area, losing our junior and senior talent to other clubs and work commitments. The idea of collaborative partnerships needs to be further developed alongside sponsors to create traineeships and career paths for the Shammies boys. We want to keep them employed in the area and playing for the Rocks for our results to be truly awarded as the number one club in 2013.

Cheers guys and all the best for 2013,  
Yours in rugby  
Matty Bowen

## **First Grade Coaching Report**

As the 2012 season rolled around the challenge of preparing a serious contender for the crown of Illawarra Rugby Champion was becoming more apparent.

Our initial focus was on recruitment ,we made this our priority, with the committee`s support our first initiative was to provide training shirts for the pre-season squad, this encouraged many to attend trainings and our numbers started to swell noticeably. Along with other incentives we were able to secure the commitment of many more players in time for Round 1.

Anthony Allport and Ben Greentree were chosen as our captains, unfortunately, “Ant“ missed most of the season with a foot injury, and Ben missed a handful of games early on whilst representing NSW Country. Congratulations to both Ben and Rhys Peters, who represented NSW Country Colts.

At the completion of Round 1, we were positioned very well on the competition table with one loss and one draw. We started Round 2 poorly with two losses which rattled our confidence. Hard work at trainings got us back on track with three wins, and comfortably into the top five. The game of the season for us was the match against Avondale at home, although we suffered a narrow loss this was a game where we took the heavyweights head-on and almost got them, another narrow loss to Tech-Tahs the following week, was followed by the news we were to lose points for failing to secure the clearance of two new arrivals to the club. This put us in a dangerous position, where we may miss the finals cut. As things played out, the final match of the round against Vikings was a real humdinger, where we scored in the last minute of play to win and earn fifth spot in the finals.

Sadly for us our season was over in the first week of finals where Shoalhaven triumphed in extra time, a huge disappointment for the side who had fought back to be 18- 15 up with 3 mins to play, the rest is history. A point I would like noted is that this match should never have gone into extra time, and the officiating that we got dished up on that Sunday was not up to the standard expected of a finals series.

Although our ultimate goal wasn`t achieved this year, many goals were, with several initiatives proposed to the club committee by the coaching staff, it was the provision of dress shirts and training shirts that appeared to enhance the player harmony across all grades, as well as club spirit. To hear comments about our smart appearance was very pleasing and this made our players feel proud. Many thanks goes out to our team and player sponsors who made this all possible.

There are many that I wish to thank for their contribution to our team, firstly to Dion for sharing his craft with myself and the team as well as believing in the squad approach when preparing.

Congratulations to Skip McKellar and Mark Stone for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to the Finals, and Jayson Jordeans for the commitment he had in guiding the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through the season. Thanks to Jason our physio who quickly became part of the team and gained the confidence of the players, Vic Thickness, Andrew Adams, John Sutherland for their assistance on game day, and our manager John Heath for handling all the logistical matters and more. A special mention to Darren Peters who offered his help to the teams in the way of speed work, this was an awesome catch, with Darren bringing a professional approach, with new innovative training drills.

A big thank you to Matt Bowen who worked tirelessly for the club and team, when he wasn't playing and or captaining the side, he was there to run water and sell the raffle at home games as well as being the conduit between the players and the committee.

On behalf of Dion and myself I would like to thank, President Tom Ellicott for his support and direction on all things rugby, to Barry Cavanough and his Thursday crew for the up keep of Ocean Park, and to Kenny Phillis, his canteen staff and the boys on the barbecue a big thank you very much.

Lastly I would like to thank all the players for their commitment and belief in the approach Dion and I chose, when preparing the team, a little different, maybe even unorthodox, but before long good results came from this approach and the players showed confidence in the way we wanted them to tackle the opposition.

In closing, success is measured in many ways, we may not have scored any silverware, but things like player harmony, player commitment, and club spirit was growing every week, these things are the corner stones of any successful team. With these forming the foundation of this team, I can confidently see players enjoying the summer in the sun knowing that come the 2013 season the standards are in place, their expectations are real and we start the new season on the bounce.

Yours in Rugby

Richard Thompson

## **Second Grade Coaching Report**

Well what a year it was for our club's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade side. We started out the year with a combined approach to training linking in with the first and third grade sides throughout the pre-season and then into the first part of the competition.

This allowed the players with lower skill levels to mix with higher skilled players on drills which in turn developed them into better players and greatly assisted the team on its journey through the 2012 competition.

After a minor setback in round 2 against Shoalhaven, we soon built a great team dynamic from the mixture of older experienced players with the keen as mustard young guys.



We were in clear second place at the halfway mark in the competition and would hold onto that position going into the finals series.

To only lose four matches in the regular season is a wonderful effort and one that our club should be proud of. We set ourselves a goal as a team to finish in the top three of the minor premiership competition and we achieved this.

Into the finals, we suffered an immediate setback in losing the major preliminary semi-final, something that was frustrating more than disappointing as we knew we were a much better team than how we had played.

We had earned ourselves another chance though through finishing in the top three and then went into a sudden death minor semi-final against Shoalhaven, a match that we would dominate in and take ourselves to a Grand Final qualifying final against minor premiers Avondale.

We prepared very well for this match and were quietly confident we could cause an upset and make the grand final. Unfortunately this wasn't to be the case though with all the luck on the day going the way of the opposition.

This concluded our season one match short of where we wanted to be but as the team got together for one last chat on the field in 2012, all of us said that we had fun and that we had a great year together.

I think in summing up our year as a second grade playing group I could put it down to three main things:

1. We were successful
2. We learnt a lot from each other and bonded well together.
3. We had fun

A couple of thankyou's. Firstly I would like to thank our team manager and assistant coach Mark Stone. We wouldn't have got to where we did without you Pebbs so thank you. Also our support people this year in Marc Joy and Luke McKellar (Water Runners) as well as John Delaney, Hilly Corris and Jason Wearne (Medical), a huge thankyou to all of you.

To all of the player's wives, girlfriends, partners and families a big thankyou as well for allowing the guys to train and play rugby this year. And my final thankyou goes to the most important people of all in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this year, the players. Without you guys the experiences we had and all shared would not have occurred. Thank you for making this such an enjoyable year for me as a coach.

In closing this report I advise that this will be my last year of coaching with the club for some time. This decision has unfortunately been made as a result of competing business and personal commitments with the time required to successfully coach at grade level. The decision has not been easy but one that I believe is in the best interests of both the club and myself moving forward. Thank you for the wonderful opportunity I have been given this year in coaching our club's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade side and I look forward to seeing the club continue its success in the coming years.

*Scott McKellar*  
*2nd Grade Coach – 2012*  
*Woonona Shamrocks Rugby Club*

# Third Grade Coaching Report

Preparations for the 2012 season commenced with plenty of optimism, this was attributed to the numbers of players attending training and the skill level shown across all grades.

Third grade saw the return of many of the regular elder statesmen and a number of outstanding young players, who had moved up from our junior ranks. This was complimented with a number of new fresh faces to the rocks that showed great skill during pre-season training.

On the paddock, we showed great promise and commitment. Grinding out games with some close wins, as well as some dominant performances during the first half of the season, we even took to task eventual premiers Avondale, narrowly going down by one converted try.

The way we trained and played during the first half of the season, I was extremely confident of reaching our goals of making the finals. We were a bit shy in a couple of positions across the field, which I thought we had fixed, ready for the second half of the season.

Unfortunately we met with a number of injuries that stopped our momentum. We lost some of the fellas to work and some just disappeared.

We continued to show great determination and commitment on the field, however with dwindling numbers at training and games, our position of third at half way, slowly slipped away and at the end we were not successful in fulfilling our goals. With the promise we showed, it was a shame that we slipped out of contention.

To the players who stuck it out and showed commitment not only to me but their fellow team mates and the club, I thank you and wish you all the best in your future rugby careers. I hope your dedication continues and you are yet again an asset to your fellow team mates in the future.

To the award winners for 2012, you have been an inspiration to our team and across the grades and they have been well deserved.

I thank the support and commitment of thiristies manager and co-coach during the year Kieran Smith. He is a genuine bloke who cares for the club and people involved. I thank you for your help and wisdom over the past two seasons, it is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Adam Potter and Adam Large, who assisted with coaching the team and playing when required.

Thanks Dion, Richard and Scott for your support this year as well as the development of young players and building club camaraderie and culture. Congratulations in making the finals.

Lastly thanks to the committee for your support for me with coaching thirds over the past two years. Unfortunately we were not successful on the field, however we have developed the skills of some great young Shamrocks and have come a long way in continuing the great culture of our club.

Jayson Joerdans

# Senior Club Award Winners

Club Person of the Year		Jayson Joerdens
President's Award		Josh Woodford
John Higgins Award		Michael Walsh
Supporter of the Year		Kisane De Jong
Highest Points Scorer		Jamie Pigram
Most Promising Player		Luke Tonegato
Most Consistent Player		Kyle Heycott
1st Grade	Most Valuable Player	Luke Rosa
	Best and Fairest	Daniel Porra
	Best Forward	Heath Mercer
	Best Back	Luke Rosa
	Most Improved	Andrew Webb
2nd Grade	Most Valuable Player	Rick Lindsley
	Best and Fairest	Todd Sarten
	Best Forward	Will Gutler
	Best Back	Scott Russell
	Most Improved	Dylan Mowbray
3rd Grade	Most Valuable Player	Nick Shillings
	Best and Fairest	Kurt Davis
	Best Forward	Kyle Heycott
	Best Back	Mark Patterson
	Most Improved	David Smith
Games Awards	100 Grade Games	Michael Arnold, Peter Campbell, Shane Gelovan, Jamie Pigram, Todd Sarten
NSW Country Cockatoo's Representative		Ben Greentree
NSW Country Cockatoo Colts Representative		Rhys Peters

## Life Members

Gilmour	Roderick	Filan	Chris	McKellar	Scott	Robey	Bruce
Ryan	Patrick	Tresidder	Grahame	Wylie	Raymond		

## Life Subscription Members

Cooney	Brian	Filan	Sean	Filan	Tim	Horne	Jeff
Peterson	Frank	Ryan	Patrick	Tresidder	Grahame	Wylie	Raymond

## Non Playing Members

Baz	Kate	Morris	Scott
Cavanough	Barry	Nutt	Terry
Cracknell	Megan	Nutt	Cheryl
Cracknell	Andrew	Phillis	Anne
Clissold	Ian	Phillis	Ken
Dandridge	Mark	Potter	Alan
Day	Robert	Saywell	Marilyn
Ellicott	Tom	Saywell	Stephen
Herbert	Greg	Smith	Clair
Judd	Vaughan	Smith	Kieran
Mayor	Dave	Sutherland	John
McAndrew	Peter	Thompson	Richard
McKellar	Larissa		
Miller	Dion		

## Playing Members

ALLPORT	Anthony	OWEN	Emrys
AH TONG	Joshua	OWEN	Ethan
ARNOLD	Michael	PARKER	Andrew
ASHFORD	William	PARKER	Tim
BARNES	Jacob	PATTERSON	Mark
BOWEN	Dylan	PETERS	Rhys
BOWEN	Matthew	PIGRAM	Jamie
BURNS	Austin	PORRA	Daniel
BUTTON	James	POTTER	Adam
CAMPBELL	Peter	PRITCHARD	Simon
CASSAR	Mitchell	ROJAS	Raul
CASSAR	Nathan	ROBINSON	
CLISSOLD	Samuel	ROODENRYS	Stuart
DAVIS	Kurt	ROSA	Luke
DELLA VEDOVA	Ryan	ROWLING	Peter
DENNINH	Stephen	RUSSELL	Scott
FAIRBROTHER	Craig	SARTEN	Todd
GAUNA	Matt	SHILLING	Nick
GELOVEN	Shane	SHAW	Craig
GREENTREE	Ben	SIMPOSON	Cameron
GUTTLE	William	SMITH	Ben
HAMILL	Chris	SMITH	David
HAMILTON	Andrew	SMITH	Jonathon
HEYCOTT	Kyle	STALKER	Jordan
JEFFREY	Matt	STONE	Mark
JOERDENS	Jayson	STORM	Tristram
JOHNSTON	Andrew	STRONG	Brett
JOHNSTON	Jarryd	SUTHERLAND	Todd
KELLY	Jake	THOMPSON	Cameron
KINRED	Jacob	TONEGATO	Luke
LARGE	Adam	TRESIDDER	Travis
LINDSLEY	Rick	TULLOCH	Wade
LOWE	Ben	TURNER	Ben
LUPENA	Iese	VINEN	Robert
MACHIN	Chris	WALLACE	David
MERCER	Heath	WATERS	Michael
MEUSBURGER	Kurt	WEARNE	Danny
MILLEN	John	WEBB	Andrew
MILLER	Chris	WHITELEY	Kai
MORGAN	Ben	WHITEHEAD	Jordan
MOWBRAY	Dylan	WOODFORD	Joshua
NORRIS	Chris		
O'REILLY	Ben		

## Shamrock Players Milestones

### 400 Grade Games

Wylie Raymond	431
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### 300 Grade Games

Joy Marc	379	Filan Sean	311
Mark Stone	334	Aylett Richard	304
Geary Phillip	315	Chinn Bryson	302
Wylie Dave	315	Tresidder Grahame	300
Cracknell Andrew	312		

### 200 Grade Games

Dokter John	287	Gilmour Rod	257	Pilcher Peter	223
Potter Adam	280	Lynch Daniel	250	McQuiggin Phillip	218
Schoupp Brendon	275	Woodford Jushua	249	Horrell Barry	216
Horne Jeff	272	Lunney Scott	242	Owens Dale	214
Whitehead Jordan	270	Love Kieren	241	Smith Kieran	214
Cooney Brian	269	Ferguson Bruce	240	Beattie Ross	210
Murphy Peter	266	Duffy Laurie	238	Stone Stephen	210
Mercer Rod	263	Hyndes Anthony	230	Harriman Ian	202
McKellar Scott	261	Turner Kaine	230	Crewe Tony	201
Hutton Glenn	259	Reid Chris	228		

## 100 Grade Games

Paterson	193	Aylett David	136	Tolhurst	110
Davis Ron	192	Roodenrys Mathew	133	Sarten Todd	110
Osadczyk George	185	Nutt Anthony	132	Campbell Peter	109
Large Adam	183	Clissold Sam	131	Corbett Peter	109
Doyle Chris	175	Bradshaw Chris	131	Bowen Matt	108
Bottin Jason	173	Cutafuni Mark	129	Bradshaw Chris	108
Blanch William	172	Biondick Mark	128	Graig Peter	108
Filan Chris	172	Harper Andrew	127	George William	107
Roodenrys Stuart	171	Hopkinson Dean	127	Morris Robert	107
Davis Anthony	170	Tarasenko Mark	126	Pigram Jamie	106
Hutton Brian	167	Dandridge Mark	126	Denning Steve	106
Barnett Jeremy	161	Magee Gerard	125	Cleghorn Chris	106
Whittacker Cliff	161	Archer Tony	124	Melrose Rowan	106
Westwood Ian	158	Kersten Harry	124	Ronald Dave	106
Nutt Terry	156	Meijer Robbie	124	Arnold Mick	105
Filan Tim	154	Nicholls Rick	122	Grindley Jason	105
McCormack Paul	153	Luck Shayne	121	Kersten Frank	104
Aylett Barry	150	McConnell Mark	121	Lowe Barry	104
Hutton Phillip	150	Charlesworth Jeff	120	Pickthall Jeff	104
Rostirolla Adam	150	Smith Mick	116	Hammersley Mitch	102
Gamble Col	149	Storm Tristram	115	Thickness Victor	102
Pymont Garry	149	Rowling Peter	115	Geloven Shane	101
Judd Vaughan	148	Harvey Peter	114	Mounter Paul	101
Saywell Nathan	148	Tresidder Travis	114	Griffiths Ryan	100
Jones Ian	143	Mayor Dave	114	Ryan Greg	100
Nutt Brian	143	Lowe Ben	114	Sargeson John	100
Baulch Steven	138	Crick Kevin	111		

## **IDRU Club Awards**

### **Club Championship**

1986      1993      1994      1995      2001      2004      2007

	<b>Premiers</b>				<b>Minor Premiers</b>			
1st Grade	1979 1994	1980 1996	1992 2007	1993	1986 1996	1993 2004	1994 2007	1995
2nd Grade	1972 1997 2007	1986 1998	1994 2000	1995 2001	1978 2001	1993 2004	1995 2007	1998
3rd Grade	1978 2009	1994	1995	2002	1978	1995	2002	2009
4th Grade	1983							
Under 19's	2000	2001	2005		2005			
Under 18's	1981 2009	2006	2007	2008	1981 2010	2006	2008	2009
Under 17's	1992	1999	2002		1992	1999		
Under 16's	2006	2010			1983	1986	2010	
Under 15's	1997				1997			
Under 14's	2007	2008	2009		2008	2009		
Under 13's				2011	1999	2010		
Under 12's	2006	2010			2006	2010		
Under 11's	2006	2008	2010	2011	1999	2001	2008	2010
Under 10's	2004							



# 2012 Senior Club Playing Season

Round	Played	1st grade			Played	2nd grade			Played	3rd grade		
		For	Against	W/D/L		For	Against	W/D/L		For	Against	W/D/L
1	University	17	14	<b>W</b>	University	27	10	<b>W</b>	University	29	17	<b>W</b>
2	Shoalhaven	18	15	<b>W</b>	Shoalhaven	12	27	<b>L</b>	Vincintia	3	21	<b>L</b>
3	Kiama	53	0	<b>W</b>	Kiama	24	0	<b>W</b>	Kiama	43	7	<b>W</b>
4	BYE				Engadine	41	0	<b>W</b>	Engadine	16	14	<b>W</b>
5	Camden	22	22	<b>D</b>	Camden	13	5	<b>W</b>	Camden	7	23	<b>L</b>
6	Bowral	69	0	<b>W</b>	Bowral	60	0	<b>W</b>	Wollondilly	8	15	<b>L</b>
7	Avondale	15	8	<b>W</b>	Avondale	7	40	<b>L</b>	Avondale	10	17	<b>L</b>
8	Tech Tahs	0	33	<b>L</b>	Tech Tahs	27	14	<b>W</b>	Tech Tahs	14	13	<b>W</b>
9	Vikings		P/P		Vikings		P/P		Vikings		P/P	
10	University	17	38	<b>L</b>	University	62	12	<b>W</b>	University	26	15	<b>W</b>
11	Shoalhaven	26	27	<b>L</b>	Shoalhaven	24	9	<b>W</b>	Vincintia	7	38	<b>L</b>
12	Kiama	48	11	<b>W</b>	Kiama	53	5	<b>W</b>	Kiama	12	26	<b>L</b>
13	BYE				Engadine	48	15	<b>W</b>	Engadine	21	10	<b>W</b>
14	Camden	17	11	<b>W</b>	Camden	17	6	<b>W</b>	Camden	12	40	<b>L</b>
15	Bowral	31	7	<b>W</b>	Bowral	48	5	<b>W</b>	Wollondilly	14	35	<b>L</b>
9	Vikings	14	26	<b>W</b>	Vikings	39	7	<b>W</b>	Vikings	24	26	<b>L</b>
16	Avondale	34	40	<b>L</b>	Avondale	17	31	<b>L</b>	Avondale	20	22	<b>L</b>
17	Tech Tahs	15	5	<b>L</b>	Tech Tahs	5	20	<b>L</b>	Tech Tahs	5	31	<b>L</b>
18	Vikings	32	31	<b>W</b>	Vikings	39	19	<b>W</b>	Vikings	5	22	<b>L</b>
<b>Prelim Minor</b>					<b>Prelim Major</b>							
	Shoalhaven	18	33	<b>L</b>		Tech Tahs	6	25	<b>L</b>			
						<b>Minor Semi</b>						
						Shoalhaven	29	20	<b>W</b>			
						<b>Final</b>						
						Avondale	0	17	<b>L</b>			

		Trys	Conversions	Penalties	Field Goals	Total Points	games 2012	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	games 2011	Total Games
ALLPORT	Anthony	1				5	7	6	1		53	60
AH TONG	Joshua	1				5	9		6	3	0	9
ARNOLD	Michael	4				20	21	13	8		84	105
ASHFORD	William						9			9	0	9
BARNES	Jacob	3				15	20		2	18	0	20
BOWEN	Dylan						5#	3	2	1	33	33
BOWEN	Matthew						5	5			103	108
BURNS	Austin	2	1			12	4	1		3	36	40
BUTTON	James	6				30	23	4	19		63	86
CAMPBELL	Peter	2	1			12	10		4	6	99	109
CLISSOLD	Samuel	1				5	23		21	2	108	131
DAVIS	Kurt	4				20	19	2	5	12	7	26
FAIRBROTHER	Craig	2				10	21		16	5	0	21
GAUNA	Matt	3				15	7	6		1	0	7
GELOVEN	Shane	1				5	17		6	11	84	101
GREENTREE	Ben	3	11	3		46	11	11			18	29
GUTTLE	William	4				20	20	2	18		0	20
HAMILL	Chris	14	4	2		84	13		10	3	31	44
HAMILTON	Andrew						12		2	10	10	22
HEYCOTT	Kyle	1				5	19		4	15	0	19
JEFFREY	Matt						10		5	5	84	94
JOERDENS	Jayson	5				25	21		7	14	44	65
JOHNSTON	Andrew	1				5	17			17	37	54
JOHNSTON	Jarryd	3				15	11	9	2		49	60
KELLY	Jake	2				10	12		6	6	0	12
KINRED	Jacob	3				15	16	16			22	38
LARGE	Adam						8			8	175	183
LINDSLEY	Rick	3				15	24	8	16		28	52
LOWE	Ben	1				5	13	13			101	114
LUPENA	Iese	4				20	6	6			0	6
MACHIN	Chris	13				65	19	4	13	2	0	19
MERCER	Heath	9				45	16	15	1		34	50
MEUSBURGER	Kurt	2				10	15		12	3	0	15
MILLEN	John	3				15	6#	5	1		85	85
MILLER	Chris	3				15	7	7			0	7
MOWBRAY	Dylan	10				50	21	1	20		14	35
NORRIS	Chris	6	8	1		49	15			15	30	45
O'REILLY	Ben	1				5	8	8			0	8
PARKER	Andrew	4	2			24	25	7	17	1	23	48

PARKER	Tim	1				5	7	2	5		50	57
PATTERSON	Mark						18		3	15	175	193
PETERS	Rhys	5				25	15	13	2		14	29
PIGRAM	Jamie	7	29	3		102	24	5	15	4	82	106
PORRA	Daniel	3				15	16	15	1		51	67
POTTER	Adam						4			4	276	280
PRITCHARD	Simon	1	5			15	20#	13	7		90	90
ROJAS	Raul						21	3	16	2	21	42
ROODENRYS	Stuart	3				15	20	11	5	4	151	171
ROSA	Luke	4	24	6		86	17	16	1		37	54
ROWLING	Peter	2				10	8	3	5		107	115
RUSSELL	Scott	2	2	1		17	20				0	20
SARTEN	Todd	6				30	20		20		90	110
SHILLING	Nick	1				5	20		3	17	0	20
SMITH	Ben						5			5	0	5
SMITH	David						20		2	18	68	88
SMITH	Jonathon	1				5	14		1	13	0	14
STONE	Mark						3				331	334
STORM	Tristram	5				25	14	14			101	115
STRONG	Brett						13		4	9	0	13
SUTHERLAND	Todd						15			15	52	67
THOMPSON	Cameron	10				50	12	12			68	80
TONEGATO	Luke	8	8			56	14	1	13		0	14
TRESIDDER	Travis	1				5	4			4	110	114
TURNER	Ben						16			16	30	46
VINEN	Robert						3			3	26	29
WALLACE	David	2				10	16	1	15		0	16
WATERS	Michael	3				15	20	7	12	1	0	20
WEARNE	Danny						23		16	7	22	45
WEBB	Andrew						19	16	2	1	42	61
WHITELEY	Kai						10			10	0	10
WHITEHEAD	Jordan	2				10	20	16	3	1	250	270
WOODFORD	Joshua	1				5	20	14		6	278	298