

# 2017 Woy Woy Rugby League Club Annual Report



# **President's Report**

It gives me great pleasure to present my report on behalf of the members of Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club for season 2017.

It was a privilege and an honour to serve this great Club as your president. What an amazing journey I have been on with each and every one of you during the 2017 season.

We as a Club fielded four teams this season, our 90<sup>th</sup> season in the Central Coast Division Rugby League competition, First Grade, Proudly Sponsored by Versatile Homes, Reserve Grade, proudly sponsored by Stuart Concreting, Under 19's, proudly sponsored by Phil's Car Repairs and Ladies League Tag, proudly sponsored by B&J Asphaltting.

Whilst we didn't taste premiership success this season, we as a group had a successful season, achievements of note are

- Greg Wisham being selected in the under 23's side representing the Central Coast in the Country Championships. Well done Greg.
- Three under 19 players debuting in the First Grade competition in their first year up in the Seniors, Kyle MacLean, Miguel Acevedo Moreno and Toby Marks
- Daniel Markham playing 200 Senior Games for the Woy Woy Roosters.
- Brent Bovis, Tim Bovis and Justin McDermott playing 150 Senior Games for the Woy Woy Roosters.
- Nathan Bawden, Sam Bovis and Wade Hannell playing 50 games for the Woy Woy Roosters.

I would like to take a minute to briefly reflect on the achievements you have all contributed to during the year:

## **The Club Culture:**

Our motto of strong family values amongst the membership, our community spirit, on-field success and our continued efforts to make us proud of who we are and the facilities we offer both to the footballers and the wider community. This is a large focus point from the executive and expect to see significant gains in this area

## **The Players:**

Without the players the Club doesn't exist, and a fine group of men and women pulled on the red and white strip this year to represent you all and the wider Woy Woy community. The season was disjointed, due to training disruptions forced upon us by Council, training at Umina Oval was far from ideal and the players attended the sessions and worked hard with a positive attitude despite the setbacks.

It is rewarding to see a fine group of people come together and enjoy both each other's company, and also the passion they display when representing the mighty Woy Woy Roosters. We showed our true grit when the chips were down and were gracious both in defeat and victory. Well done people, you are a credit to yourselves for the manner in which you represent our Community.

I would also like to thank Club Captain, Justin McDermott for his leadership and commitment to the Club during this season. Your attitude is infectious and we thank you for leading by example during the season. Well done mate.

### **The Coaching Staff:**

We had on staff a terrific team of dedicated and hardworking members who all contributed to our success both on and off the field this season. The calibre of Coaching, training and first aid staff was first rate this season and their enthusiasm showed in their team's performances.

We salute First grade Coach, Mack Fawcett and his team Chris James, Mitch Finnigan and Shane Turner, Reserve grade Coach Scott Wilesmith and his team Adrian Overton, Pete Lee and Clint Israel, Under 19's Coaches Bob Gordon, who unfortunately couldn't continue this season and his more than capable replacement Shane Ward and this team, Steve Overton and Bruce Kissick, Our Ladies League Tag Coach Darren Saley and his team, Scott Markham, Paul Haime, Tim Sleeman and Roger Best. Well done to all and thanks for your contributions

A big thank you to Mick Markham, Scott Markham, Grant Marsh, Lee Slattery and all our first aid officers for giving their time to assist our injured players both home and away, also during training sessions on cold winters' nights, well done..

### **The Volunteers:**

Without the significant contribution from club volunteers the club would fail to maintain the success that is highly sought after by opposing clubs. We acknowledge and thank the many volunteers, parents, coaches and players who contribute time to assist in the running of this mighty Club. We are always looking for more helpers so please don't hesitate to jump in and assist.

One of our main areas to assist our club financially is through our great canteen and with that I would like to say a very big thank you to Brett and Sally Gilbert for all their hard work and organisation as well as their band of volunteers, David Ross, Michelle James, Sam James, Steve James, Geoffrey, Mackenzie Ross and Terri Foley. If I've forgotten anyone I apologise unreservedly

Home game days are an early start so thank you to David Ross, Mark Bartley, Brett Gilbert, Tim Sleeman, Clint Israel, Mick Bovis, Mitch Davidson, all the Markham Boys, Chris James, Rob Wolfe and all who help set up, pack up and maintain the fields.

The Beer Can boys have probably the toughest job on game day, with hands unmoving and blue by the full time siren in first Grade. A big thank you to Clint Israel and his team of merry assistants, Hayden Fuller, Brendan Marks, Sam Bovis, DJ Markham, Pat Thompson and David Ross. If I've forgotten anyone I apologise.

Another very important job is registrar so to Melissa Moore we thank you for doing such an excellent job at registering all our players.

We also like to thank Christian Acevedo-Moreno, Nathan Robinson and their assistants for their efforts videoing and photographing all our teams on game day.

I would be remiss not to celebrate our remarkable doubles seller, the stalwart Bruce Richardson. Thanks for being there every week to support the teams and for your infectious enthusiasm towards all things Woy Woy.

## **Financial:**

The Club was able to meet its financial commitments during the year and we increased our revenue to the point that next year will see the club start in a much healthier financial position than previously. Many thanks must go to the Committee and mostly the hard work and diligence provided by our current Treasurer, Mrs Joanne Bovis. Take a bow Jo, well done.

## **Sponsors:**

The Club cannot exist without the continued support of a group of community minded organisations who provide financial assistance to us. This enables the Club to buy equipment, jerseys and provide pathways to young men and women in the Community.

Special thanks to our sponsors;

- Easts Group
- Woy Woy Leagues Club
- Versatile Homes
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## **Communications:**

Our website is continuing to provide the information to players, other members and supporters. Those logged on continue to receive weekly news updates, Thanks to Chris James for maintaining the Website.

We are seeking to create a member database so we can bulk email members with important news, dates and upcoming events.

### **The Leagues Club:**

Is a place where we can all meet to share our love of Rugby League and enjoy social interaction with like-minded people. We have a facility at Woy Woy Leagues that can provide that haven for us to gather and talk through the games just played, of glories past, or just to support the team after the big home game.

I can't encourage you enough to become involved, get back after a game and celebrate or commiserate with our teams after each weekend's games. The Boys and Girls love seeing the supporters come back to cheer them on. It is imperative that we develop this to increase Club Spirit and support the Club that is investing so much in our young men and women.

The Easts' Group have committed a long term investment in our great Club by undertaking to build a brand new Leagues Club to be built on the Woy Woy Site, expected to be complete within three years. We need to all become members of the Leagues Club and support them as they undergo this transformation. I promise you, the finished product will be outstanding and a central point for our Community.

### **The Committee:**

Lastly, it takes dedication, commitment and a lot of blood, sweat and tears to successfully run a football Club. The 2017 committee had all that in spades. Without their drive, passion and integrity we would not be where we are today. My eternal thanks go out to my fellow committee members Mick Bovis, Tim McParlane, Brett Gilbert, Chris James, Jo Bovis, Melissa Moore, David Ross, Clint Israel, Scott Wilesmith, Michael Stralow, Steve James, Richard Smithers and Scott Towner.

People, take a bow, you're all stars in my books

In closing, let me state that I am proud of our Club and our achievements for season 2017. We took great strides towards our goals this year and as an executive, next year we hope to consult with the members and develop a 5 year plan to strengthen and improve the Club. I look forward to seeing a stronger and more confident Roosters squad, supporter base and committee for season 2018.

"Up the Roosters"

Dean Slattery

President

## **Treasurer's report**

I would like to present the Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club Incorporated Accounts for the Football year ending 31 October 2017. The accounts have been audited by Player Hall and their Report is available to those who wish to peruse it.

Against the backdrop of a number of very difficult years where the finances were depleted, I am pleased to report that we have ended the year with a positive balance.

As most of you are aware from my Treasurers Report for the Football Year ending 2016, we had a substantial debt in the sum of \$80,130.36 which appears to have built up over several years. During the 2016 Football year we were able to reduce this debt to a loan from Easts Leagues Club in the sum \$40,000.00.

During the 2017 Football Season, we have been able to pay back \$20,000.00 to Easts Leagues Club.

We have an agreement with Easts Leagues Club that, the balance of \$20,000.00 due to them will be paid off at \$5,000.00 per year starting in 2018.

The 2017 September Qtr BAS in the sum of \$2,061.00 is due to be paid on 27 November 2017 and we have set up the payment of this from our Bendigo Account on such date. All other invoices received have been paid. All players and coaching Staff have been paid.

On top of the Grant from Easts, thanks to the hard work of Mick and Brett Gilbert, for the 2017 Football Year, we received a total of \$80,850.00 in Sponsorship in comparison with the previous Football year of \$45,105.00 in Sponsorship. We also received a Sponsorship from Bakers Delight in kind and because of this Sponsorship, we have not had to pay for Bread or bread rolls for the entire year.

It is because of this Sponsorship that we were able to reinstate paying players in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade for a win.

Also, this year we have received \$8,860.00 in Player Sponsorship in comparison with the previous year of \$5,880.00 in Player Sponsorship.

Attached is a copy of the following:-

- Profit & Loss Report for the period 01.11.16 to 31.10.17
- Balance Sheet as at 31.10.16
- Bank Statements for each Account showing the balance as at 31st October 2017.

Thank you

Jo Bovis  
Treasurer

## **Secretary's Report**

I would like to commence by thanking our 2017 Committee Members. Our Club President Dean Slattery, Club Vice Presidents Mick Bovis and Tim McParlane – Club Treasurer Jo Bovis, Club Secretary Brett Gilbert, Club Register Melissa Moore. And our other very active committee members David Ross, Clint Israel, Scott Wilesmith, Michael Stralow, Steve James, Richard Smithers and Scott Towner. You have all stepped up and done above and beyond what is required of your roles, and your support for our club is unparalleled.

This year we had 14 Committee Members, We had 8 Committee Meetings. The attendance of the Executive Dean Slattery 8, Mick Bovis 6, Tim McParland 8, Jo Bovis 7, Brett Gilbert 4, Chris James 7, Melissa Moore 7,

Also a big Thank You to all our Volunteers for all their hard work this year, Sally Gilbert, Michelle James, Sam James, Geoffrey, Mackenzie, Terri, Mark Bartley, Tim Sleeman, Rob Wolfe, Bruce Richardson.

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Chris James  
Secretary

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

With a few setbacks before the season had started, 2017 wasn't destined to be a premiership winning season. That said there were some real good signs at the start of the season with some good wins. Unfortunately consistency was our biggest killer with some great results mixed in with some pathetic results.

A young squad that was headlined by 8 debutants and over 10 blokes that were 19 or younger, the club should be in good shape in the coming seasons.

The 1st grade playing group are a top bunch of blokes who I had a pleasure coaching. Some great personalities and some weird ones too that meant we had a good mix of characters. I would like to make special mention to Mitch Finnigan who helped throughout the year and was great value for me. Shane Turner is one of the best strength & conditioners going around and a top bloke to boot, so cheers Turner. Chris James is about as solid team manager as you could hope for, bloke doesn't miss a beat and puts the team first in whatever he does, very unheralded part of our 1st grade squad. Last but not least thank you to all the players, talent aside, you would be hard pressed to find a better bunch of blokes to be around. Enjoyed everyone's company and look forward to being around you boys again next year!

While results are generally an indication of a successful season, I personally am pleased with how things turned out. From all reports the players had enjoyed themselves and I know as coaching staff our biggest goal was to get players there for the long haul and blokes not dropping off training towards the back end of the year. Scott and his players did a terrific job of rallying some new players mid-season and our club would not be anywhere near this enviable position had it not been for the under 19s. Those blokes and coaching staff are to be commended and there will no doubt be some quality youngsters making their 1st grade debuts in the near future.

Mack Fawcett  
Head Coach

## **Reserve Grade Report**

The 2017 reserve grade just missed out on a finals birth this season finishing in equal 5th spot. Unfortunately the team's poor For and Against ruled us out of contention.

The season started out with a bang defeating arch rivals the Wyong Roos in front of a huge crowd filled with Roosters old boys.

The effort was backed up the following week with a hard fought loss too eventual Grand Finalist the Terrigal Sharks. Whilst it was a loss the boys could hold their heads very high as there was a huge injury toll throughout the game and a few key players would be out for long periods of time after this game. The guys played the majority of the 2nd half with 13 fit men.

Round 3 we took on defending premiers the Kincumber Colts and came away with an emphatic away victory.

Unfortunately things started to fall apart a bit after the Colts victory. With our injury toll mounting and several key players being rewarded with 1st grade jerseys our depth was tested. This would coincide with heavy defeats to Erina and The Entrance and an ugly draw with Ourimbah.

The boys managed to recover after a few disappointing efforts to get the job done over Berkley Vale, Northern Lakes and Toukley Hawks to finish the first half of the season in 3rd position.

The start of the back end of the season didn't go to plan at all. Several players not showing up and injuries to our U/19's saw us scramble 15 players together but unfortunately we were no match for the Wyong Roos this time around.

By this stage of the season it was becoming clear that the club was pretty short in playing stocks. With injuries mounting in 1st grade reserve grade had to rely heavily on our U/19's to which the majority of stepped up for the challenge which myself and the players were very grateful of.

After the loss to Wyong we travelled to Terrigal and suffered another heavy loss. With our confidence down a team meeting was called which really came as a positive for the team. The team regrouped the coming weekend to put in our best performance of the year and put the sword to the defending premiers the Kincumber Colts.

The following weeks would result in losses to Erina and The Entrance before finishing the season strong with wins over Berkley Vale, Northern Lakes, Ourimbah and Toukley to finish the regular season in equal 5th spot.

Coming into the final around against Toukley a finals birth looked imminent but unfortunately one result didn't go our way and Kincumber secured a finals birth with an unlikely victory over Minor premiers and eventual premiers The Entrance Tigers.

All in all with all the setbacks the injuries the lack of players I believe this season was a successful one for reserve grade.

I'd really like to thank all the U/19's who filled the gaps throughout the year in particular Jacko Manuel, Toby Marks, Max Bovis, Campbell Shepherd Jake Wadey and Bailey Coombs if it wasn't for you guys to put it simply we wouldn't have fielded a team.

I'd like to thank my players who gave me everything they had particularly when times were tough. Guys like Jamie Taylor, Jay Kissick, Loughie Kirwan, Mitch Davidson, DJ Markham, Ryan McGrath and Jarrod Lynch who very rarely missed training sessions and turned up week in week out and gave me there all.

Also thank you to my coaching staff and trainers Adrian Overton, Clint Israel and Peter Lee. At times I had to rely heavily on you guys due to work commitments so your advice and commitment to the guys was much appreciated.

Thank you to Mack and the committee for allowing me to pursue this path. Also a massive thank you to Shannon and Lacey Stuart from Stuart Concreting for sponsoring the side.

Good luck to the Roosters in 2018. I hope it's another successful year.

Cheers

Scott Wilesmith

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