



# **2013 YEARBOOK**

**THIRD GRADE  
PREMIERSHIP  
EDITION**

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# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

2013 has been a difficult year both on and off the field as well as continuing to be a steep learning curve for me. Pre-season was a little worrying as we did not have the numbers but all of the sudden we had 15 – 20 on the bench in thirds. Third grade was always going to be strong this year with a lot of “retired” players as well as 2012 first grade players wanting to play only 3rds. This was always going to be a bit issue with the other two grades who did struggle during the year. However I do support the view that many of these players have given over 10 years of first and second grade dedication to tech waratahs and wanted one more year with their mates in thirds. There is no doubt that Tech Waratahs are in the re building stages after over a decade at number 1. This was always going to be a difficult time for us without having an under 17 or 19's to draw players from to develop into third graders. I would encourage all young and old blokes to come back next year as the club will continue this re building phase and start to become stronger again. We also have had struggles off the field with reduced sponsorship and issues with the TAFE in relation to securing our ground for development and use. These are on going issues but issues that if faced together I am sure we can over come as a club, while showing the Illawarra Rugby community how strong our club is.

Firstly I would like to thank all of our sponsors for there continual support. Without them the club would not survive. So I thank you all for your support and hope this can continue in 2014 and beyond.

Secondly, to the committee, the committee has continued to support me this year and we have all contributed to the running of the club and I would personally like to thankyou all and hope you will also be around next year to help or play a part in the running of the club. Further thanks to following for organising our annual events:

Wayne Ireland – Old boy's day  
Wendy Mac and Tara – Ladies Day  
Barry McVicar – Sponsors Day

For those who missed Trivia night this year, we have decided to hold it in the off season as a way of getting together before the season starts.

To Rick Boyle, doing the job no one wants collecting fees. Fees are so important in this club. We need to collect fees to cover your insurance and the competition entry fee and that's all it does. Great job this year Rick, thanks.

I would like to thank a few individuals who have helped the club this year.

Thank you to the Managers. Without you the coaches cannot coach, you organise them and the team so they can concentrate on coaching and getting onto the field.

Thanks to Tara and Evelyn for their co-ordinating and running of the canteen respectively. They do a tireless job and I really appreciate it as it is a major source of revenue for the club. The purchasing/ordering of items for the canteen, stocking

fridges and food each game, collecting the cash, chasing the boys for monies owing and the list goes on. Thanks also to Lucy Rose Raymond as well, as we did not have Samuel this year because of work commitments so it was good to see another keen young face that was happy to help out in the canteen.

Rob Kelly – Mate, I said this last year but I will say it again, without you this club simply could not run. You are the first at the club on Saturday and the last to leave. On away games you sometimes do two trips to the ground to get all the gear there and that's after you pick up Cheeto the "mini bus" and drop him to the venue.

Kman – Thanks mate for your support this year and your advice. We have been together as players, player/coach and President/Vice president. It is fitting that we both finish our official roles with the club together. Thanks mate, it's been a blast.

Cheeto – Mate, it was a hard year and you suffered frustration on and off the field as many of us did. You always strived for the win both on the field and on the bowling green. I have enjoyed our games of bowls; probably more than the rugby this year mate. But we have done our best and your professionalism and dedication can never be questioned. Thanks for all the time and effort this year and all the years' previous mate.

Steve – It was no doubt a frustrating year this year. Issues with trying to get players who only wanted to play third grade to step up and play was a great issue for you and made it very difficult for you even to get a side on the field. Thanks for your professionalism and assistance with coaching all grades during pre season. It is good for a club to develop with new ideas and training methods and you brought that to the club. Thanks mate.

Robert (Potsy) – Thanks for stepping up this year when I needed a third grade coach. You took it with both hands and ran with it and kept running with it. Well done with the success and professionalism you showed the team this year as well as the fund raising. I hope you continue to have a roll within the club. Thanks mate.

Craig – As you did last year mate, your cool head kept me sane for the best part of the year and your advice was invaluable. Thanks mate. Added to this is the work you do for the club in relation to sponsorship and home loans. For those who don't already know, if you are looking for a home loan please go and see what Craig can offer you. A percentage of the amount that is loaned comes back to the club as a community sporting sponsorship. So see Craig and thanks mate.

Tony G – Tony I thank you for the passion you have for the junior players and their families as well as initiatives such as winning a bid to hold Junior Semi finals at Saunders. Your contribution to this club should never be underestimated and you have made a great Junior President and I hope you continue in this role for 2014.

Barry and Shane, ground looked great again at the start of the season. Thanks for all the time and effort you have put in getting the ground ready each week. Thanks also for assisting around the club on game days and organising functions such as sponsor's day. Also thanks to Josh who was there to assist Shane in the line marking before every home game. Thanks Mate.

Tom Bevan – It was great to see you back in the club mate. It was good to get your input this year and assistance this year in the canteen on training nights. Thanks mate. Rowley it was good to get new blood and a new perspective on the committee this year. Also it was handy to have another BBQ cook. Thanks mate.

The Letham's, it was great to see you both become more involved in the committee this year and I hope this continues. Graham thanks for biting the bullet and going to IDRU meetings for me this year, it helped me keep my sanity.

Wayno, great to see you back on the committee, you always do a professional job and that's why I was glad you could take on the registrar's role. It is a complicated one I know as I have also filed this role. Old Boys day was a great hit again, well done mate, cant wait to come back next year as an old boy. Thanks for your help mate.

The failure I had this year is the same as last. My plea last year fell on deaf ears but it can't this year. It frustrates me when we go to other clubs and they have a heap of helpers but we struggle every home game. With a large amount of players especially from third grade who have played at this club for many years saying that they are retiring, I ask you to step up and get involved in this club that has given you so much. If you don't want to be on the committee or commit to every week that is fine but contact the Rugby Manager and tell them when you can help. Or if you can commit, consider being on the committee as it needs new blood and new ideas or if you still want to be involved in the rugby side, put your hand up to coach or manage a side, it can be very frustrating but can be very rewarding as well. This is a great Club but it needs volunteers. Even if it is for half an hour on the BBQ or in the canteen each week, that is a great help. You might also be able to help set up or clean up after the game or get involved during the week with the junior teams or work around the club house. We need people to run the line, or water and work as the match day controller, just for one game. I thank those who helped this year but as they say, many hands make light work.

Timmy O thanks for being Club Captain this year. You have been an inspiration both on and off the field. Thanks mate you are a great clubman.

The AGM is on this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, at Wiso's commencing at 2pm. Please come and listen to what is happening in relation to the future of the club and if you can put your hand up for a position on the committee that would be great. We have several challenges next year as a club and we need to secure our valued sponsors as well as promoting our club with other potential sponsors as the running costs of the club increases every year.

With Sadness I will not be able to stand for President next year. I have work commitments which will more than likely take me away from the Illawarra Region for a few years. I would like to thank everyone involved in Wollongong Tech Waratahs over the last 10 years that I have been a player, coach, manager, BBQ man, committee member, registrar and Club President. I have loved every minute of it and have great memories. My family, Tara, Corey, Samuel and Jacob have always felt a part of this great club and will continue to feel that way. That is what makes this club the best in the Illawarra. Lastly thanks to my children and wife for allowing me to be the

President and for being involved in the club, thanks for the support and being part of something I love so much.

Thank you

Paul Condon

‘El Presidente’  
The Mighty Wollongong Tech Waratahs.

# JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2013 season looked to be a promising start with a suggestion from players that we would have extra teams this year in a number of age groups. This did not come to fruition.

It was still a year of growth, U7's and U11's started the year slowly and short a couple of numbers which increased this year, and looking forward to next year. All our age groups continued to grow thanks to the efforts of the coaching staff. The U7's looked like folding but a renewed recruitment drive meant we could keep going.

U7's what to say here, I shall quote a long suffering Tech Waratahs supporter now grandmother "It's like herding cats", never a truer statement. It took a special person to coach this side; chief cat herder Paul Jeremijenko did a fantastic job with these kids, all of whom had fun playing the game and more importantly training. Training was an open session to all those kids who showed up to have fun from ages 2 – 10 (I think some of the parents had fun too). I have seen these kids' skills improve throughout the year, and look forward to seeing more next year.

U8's were coached by the "Dream Team", Daniel Tully and Adam "The Bald Flash" Sharman. This side has had their second season together and have improved out of sight. They have the makings of a great team, some real forward prospects as well as lightning speed, and individual brilliance. As with all junior teams, the occasions when the coach's instructions are followed, some great football was played and great tries scored. The player of the week award was a certainly a highlight (or was it the fight for the lollies???).

U9's have had a stellar year, winning a vast majority of their games and most by a significant margin. This side was coached by a great group of dads; Daniel Ward, Cameron McCrae and Kane Thowle with help from most of the other dads, a real team effort. The U9's have shown their rucking and mauling skills with some great work in these areas leading to tries. The highlight has been some of the defence from some of the smaller players putting the bodies on the line. A big congratulations to this team and going to full length field next year and contested scrums, look out IDJRU.

U11's had a slow start to the year but once the numbers improved the second half of the season was far more entertaining. This side had a late charge in the year and missed the semi finals by only a game or so. Had they been able to contest more scrums it may have been closer, I Can't recall a time they lost a loosehead, but won a lot of tighthead ball, even with a 1 metre push, great work from the forward pack. The hand skills from the back line were wonderful to see. I am looking forward to this side running around again next year, congratulations to coach Mick Merrick and his wonderful support staff.

I have to thank all those who helped out at the semi final we all hosted on fathers day, this was a huge success for the club.



Again Congratulations to all the players and coaching staff on how you have conducted yourselves.

Thanks for a great year and many more to come in the future of Tech Waratahs Rugby.

Tony Gorgijovski

Proud Junior Vice President

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you to **Wiseman Park Wollongong City Bowling Club** who were our major sponsors again this year. We really appreciate your ongoing support for our rugby club and appreciate the welcome you give us when we attend the bowling club. Your financial assistance enables the club to function in a climate where sponsorships are very difficult to come by.

We thank all our other sponsors this year for your support and hope we can continue our association for the coming season. Our other valued sponsors were:

- BaiMed Physiotherapy
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- ACB Temporary Fencing

Financially, the club operated well during the season and finished in an overall positive position. Special mention goes to Rick Boyle who did a fantastic job collecting fees from the players. This is a time consuming and often thankless role which Rick takes on, and we thank you for your time and persistence.

The club invested in improving the size and physical appearance of our Canteen. The finishing product is fantastic and cost the club very little thanks to the efforts of a number of volunteers. Congratulations to Tony, Rick, Barry and all involved for a job well done.

As always, a lot of work goes into stocking and running the canteen. This is an integral part of raising funds for the club and it was managed very well this year by the seniors and the juniors. Thank you to Tara, Evelyn, Tom and all those who put their hand up to work in the canteen this year.

I would like to finish by congratulating the whole committee on a great job this year which has left the club in a healthy financial position for the next season.

Yours Sincerely,

Craig Franklin

Treasurer

# RUGBY MANAGERS REPORT

To all players, congratulations on a wonderful effort throughout the year under trying conditions

To the three coaches:

Tony Cheetham – Thanks mate, you gave it your all. Every Tuesday, Thursday night and Saturday, like your team, you never gave up and your attitude was always positive all year. The round table at Wiso's will not be the same without you on Saturday Nights.

Steven Tresidder – Thanks Steve, a great effort under very trying conditions. You remained positive all year and improved the playing ability of certain players. Steve, thank you.

Robert Potts [Pottsy] – Pottsy, what can I say that has not already been said? A great effort Pottsy, you had that determination from day one that you were going to give the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade competition one heel of a shake and you did. On the big day when it mattered, your team performed at their very best and won a very entertaining grand final. To you and your team on behalf of the committee, I say, thank you on a very successful season and the brand of rugby they produced was extremely entertaining.

To the boys from Baimed – In particular, Scotty, thank you for your care towards our players and your sense of humour. Thanks Scotty.

To the managers of each grade:

Luke and Red, in third grade, thank you

To Grayso, in second grade, thanks mate, great effort

To Dr. Graham, in first grade, thank you for all your concern towards all the players, stitching them up as required, in order to keep their good looks [hahaha].

Canteen - Thank you Evelyn for your wonderful effort. You picked up pies and bread on Saturdays and were always there. Thanks Evelyn.

Club Captain Tim Olsen - Once again Tim you led the club with your usual confidence and enthusiasm. I would like to congratulate you on your wonderful achievement of being awarded as Illawarra Player of the Year for 2013, a wonderful effort by you Tim and well deserved. Tech Waratahs are fortunate to have a player like you in the club. You have always shown a very positive and confident way about you and great leadership as Club Captain.

To all committee members – Thank you for all your total support throughout the year.

President Paul Condon – Thank you for your leadership throughout 2013 which was a very trying year. Paul you always lead with confidence and determination to get the job done. Mate, Condo, thank you.

To all the supporters of this great club, Tech Waratahs, thank you. We look forward to seeing all of you back again next year.

Best always,

Rob Kelly

Club Manager

# **CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT**

It was always going to be tough to back up the year we had as a club in 2012, it makes you realize how special it is to earn the right to play in a grand final yet alone all 3 grades. 2006 and 2012 were two truly great moments in history for our club but yet we won only one game out of six from both grand final days, don't let those losses be for nothing and strive to turn the ledger if fate ever smiles again, like the victorious 3rd graders of 2013.

Like 2012 we had a slow start to the year, pre-season wasn't as strong as years in the past something I hope we address in the near future. A lot was gained from our trial game v's Vikings, but we still started the year behind most of the other clubs and results showed in the early rounds as we took time to gel as teams. 2013 was always going to be a tough and challenging year for players and coaches after half of the 1st grade team that played in the grand final of 2012 not returning. Everyone was asked to step up and fill a position; we just didn't handle it but will be better for the experience in the future. All 3 teams had new coaches and long term injuries early in the season to key personnel hindered out progress.

To Cheeto and Graham thank you for all your efforts this year. More than a dozen guys debuted in first grade this year and half of that was probably the first game we struggled to have the same 15 every week all year. You never both gave in and it takes a lot of character to set a standard like that and I salute you both as men.

Cheeto if this is your last year as a coach we will all miss your humour and coaching skill. Not only did you entertain the group in the sheds but you changed people's lives. You are a club legend and a great man I'm proud to have been associated with. I'm sorry we couldn't win you the premiership you deserve.

Steve and Grayso thanks for all your efforts this year you guys never gave up and showed true club spirit when a lot of things didn't go your way with all the player movements within the club you did a remarkable job getting 15 on the paddock each week. Even if a few boys had to dig deep and double up we always put a team on the field and played with pride. Thanks to you Steve for bringing some old club spirit back in this year you did your best with a very young side of mostly colts players and in the future those guys will be better off even though they did it tough this year.

Congratulations Pottsy, Bobbus, Red and all the 3rd grade team members, you really brought a lot of joy to all members of the club this year. Although you had a slow start to the year once you hit your stride you never looked like losing and the rugby you played was great to watch. Pottsy, the "Crimmins Cup" is a great idea and something I will look forward to supporting each year, getting Gary Ella to attend training was a big surprise to all I hope he can come back again.

To Scotty and Gaino from Baimed, thanks for putting us on the paddock each week. Your efforts midweek in your clinics and on Saturday does not go unnoticed. I'm sure it's no coincidence that our tape bill went down a couple of \$1000 dollars on the back of some older men's retirements at the end of 2012 and with the youth in the club, it might drop again in 2014!

It's always an honour to hold the position of Club Captain for this club, it has given me so much and I will do anything to repay the favour. I always try to pass on some of my love for rugby to all those around so next year strive for success, believe in your ability and work hard on your game on and off the field.

I sign off for 2013 with a challenge for all club members to build a stronger club for the future not only for 2014 but beyond. We have had no substantial injection of youth from a colt's team in too long. We **MUST** grow our club; everyone has a role to promote Tech-Tahs rugby encouraging kids to play in our juniors. All of our premierships are built on our juniors growing into men so let's get this sorted.

I love this club and want to see it rise back to where it belongs competing in finals in all grades like we all want to **BUT** reward only comes for hard work and that starts on the training paddock early in the year so see you all out there!

Tim Olsen.

Club Captain.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE COACH'S REPORT

It gives me pleasure to present the 2013 first grade coach's report. This season was always going to be a tough one with the loss of so many first graders from the previous year.

As always the team that took the field represented our club with great pride and commitment that we have come to expect. Although we didn't win many games throughout the year, we were always competitive.

Once again our forwards laid the platform with many strong performances in games, led by our inspirational captain, Tim Olsen, Aaron Kelly and Sam Buckthought.

Unfortunately our backs are an area in which we must improve if we are once again going to be a force next season, at times this year we were not up to first grade standard.

To Graham Letham, thank you for your help and assistance throughout the season as first grade manager.

I would like to thank Steven Tresidder for his assistance throughout the year, particularly, he help at training and on game days. I thought he did a great job in sometimes difficult circumstances and would also like to thank the committee for their support, it was much appreciated.

Finally to Pottsy and his men, congratulations on winning us a premiership, it was a goal they set out to achieve at the star of the year and delivered. It was great to see a lot of our older playing members back doing their bit for the club. To the younger players in the group, I think it is time to fulfil your potential and you must strive to play at the highest grade possible and let's once again be strong from the top down.

Thanks all for the year, it was most enjoyable.

Cheeto

First grade coach

# 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE COACH'S REPORT

I would like to start off my thanking all the boys who strapped on boots and wore the Red, White, and Black with pride and honour this year well done.

Congratulations to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team on their win and good to see some of Tech-Tah stalwarts pick up a grand final win.

This season was not our best season to date; however, we as a team, club and individuals achieved great milestones:

100<sup>th</sup> Game:

- Sam Buckthought
- Sean Filan
- Andrew Murphy
- Sam Patrinos
- Ben Shortus
- Greg Thomas

200<sup>th</sup> Game

- Michael Bruton

300<sup>th</sup> Game

- Wayne Bruton

First Grade debut:

- Thomas Deane
- Justin Lenane
- Pat Logan
- Richard Pollard
- Josh Tresidder
- Rhys Tubaro

First try:

- Steve "Ox" Rendell's at Bowral

I would also like to take note of Daniel Reid's spectacular try which consisted of a dummy pass, chip chase sidestep, palming off 9 players and ending with a swan dive, as recounted by Bull. (Authenticity of the recount remains questionable) but well done.

I send my thanks to John, Tony and Robert for their assistance and guidance throughout the year.

To Mick Bruton, captain courageous, thank you for your assistance and versatility to be placed on the paddock wherever you were needed and for your encouragement and direction in helping less experienced players play to their best. You are not only a great leader but also an outstanding clubman.



It would be remittent of me not to mention and thank the hard work and effort put in by all those on the committee. I would like to say a special thanks to Tom, Rob and all the helpers who volunteered their time and effort on game day and at training.

Congratulations to all the award winners, and after reviewing the nominees, the awards were well deserved. However there are not enough awards in my opinion to go around to all the boys who put in the hard yards when things and the scoreboard did not swing our way. Throughout the year you all played tremendous rugby, however, the scoreboard almost always failed to show the true workmanship, consistent hard work and the commitment from the players out on the field.

To quote self (Timmy Olsen) “we might not have always got the chocolates, but the ones we did were the sweetest.”

Thank you all for an outstanding year of rugby and I hope to see you all back again in 2014, the year of the Tech-Tahs!

Yours in Rugby,

Steven Tresidder.

# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE COACH'S REPORT

With great pleasure on behalf of myself, Rodney Horan and Luke Mayberry that I am able to give the annual report for 2013.

I would first like to thank Mr Paul Condon and the rest of the Tech-Tahs Committee for their assistance and guidance through out the year. Club Registrar, Wayne Ireland and special mention to Mr Rob Kelly a man that with out his thoughtless time and energy a club like ours would be so much harder to run. He is a gentleman and a man that I classify as a great mate and one for life. Thank you Rob.

I next would like to thank RED and BOBBUS. Red put his hand up as it looked at the start of the season I may have a season with out a manager. When Red decided to take on the role, I could not be more pleased. Many of the old players like Ross Dummett said, "Pottsy, you could not have a better manager". I saw what it brought to the team, having things organised each week, a firm channel of advice as I needed it and an extra pair of eyes, it's helped me take on the role of coach with more ease. Thank you Red.

Luke Mayberry, "BOBBUS", a Tech-Tah player and a club person through and through. After 3 or 4 games this year and the return of many players, Bobbus came to me and said, "I've had enough Pottsy, can I help you with your coaching?" I recall having this conversation with Bobbus and I said, "Absolutely, you may not like the way I do it, but one thing I will teach you is leadership, how to challenge players on and off the field and this is something that you will have as a skills for life". Bobbus loved the idea and slowly became another pair of eyes to assist me with decisions. Being a player coach is hard enough and to have Bobbus assisting me it became an easy task. I thank you Bobbus.

What can I say about my team of players, "pump up boys, or let it sing", well it's probably the later that was the message towards the end of the season as the team did "LET IT SING". Text messages was the order of the day, I worked out, average 2 sometimes 3 a week, 30-40 players, over the season I worked out I may have sent close to 2000 text messages to players, "Holy Shit"..... Thank god for the unlimited phone plan I say!

As my wife said many times, "Is that Tech-Tahs again, you're always on the bloody phone with Tech-Tahs!!" Patience was tested many times and it's at this point I would like to thank my gorgeous wife, her support was important and she is the light that keeps my heart shining. She understands and knows how much I love my rugby and that I have many great mates here at the club. Love you babe.

I took the role serious, yet balanced by a few words that my great mate Gary Ella said to me;

**"Forwards that win games, backs decide by how much! However it's all the players together who win these games, and it's a team who win premierships"**

It is mentality like that where I found guidance and yet feel it's not only that 15 players looking to the next rather 30-40 players, as many times this year we had 10-15 players sitting on the bench. I tried my best to get each person a run, yet in the finals we ended up with 31 players qualified and it was a task each week to select the players who were the best for each position, they earned their spots, yet, do the right thing in giving as many players a go, and ultimately having one objective: "TO WIN".

We started the season with only about 18 players actually taking on Camden in round one, and how could you forget this game, struggling for outside backs, Bobbus in the centres with Sean Filan then not to forget Pistol Pete on the wing. A tough first round match however we walked away with direction, a bonus point and we were unlucky at the end of the match to not come away with the win. Round two come and so did the SOS for some old boys to come and give the 3rd grade team a platform for success.

Success it was with the following statistics: 12 bonus points, 12 rounds, 445 points scored, 145 against, 1st place on the ladder at the end, until the IDRU rules come into play. 300 + points scored, and next competitor was 224 + yet we were ranked 2 on the end of season and equal points! 52 comp points is an amazing result and one that will take some matching!

At the start of the season I spent many hours texting, meeting people and trying to build a side that would "LET IT SING" and have some fun around some old hard heads that were part of the team of the decade, and or took part in the 2006 win. What we ended up with was a team built on the following; I demanded right from the start and to the boy's credit they took up the challenge and excelled throughout the season, I could not be prouder.

The challenge was, show respect, dignity, virtue of a winner and be there for each other. Few of the older players are leaders, not only of the team, but leaders of tomorrow for yourself, the clubs future on and off the field.

This respect started with a simple request, "wear a club polo shirt, jeans and covered shoes to ALL games before the match. It set the tone, along with that come "FINES". Wear a club shirt or be fined, weekly team meetings, I'm the last one into the shed for our chats, come in late, FINE. Do something stupid throughout the season FINE and the list goes on. It built a great team spirit and yes it showed the boys being proud to wear the club shirt, and proud to be a Tech-Tah.

The team developed from week to week, having lost the first two rounds; we then started to build to where we ended up. A back line that boasted some great talent, Lee Martin needs a special mention as he is simply a gifted footballer; one who yes gets on the wrong side of a referee yet has ability something that many players just wish they had.

Myself at five eighth, Lee inside, Jimmy at outside, then a great ex Kiama lad, named Eliot O'Donnell into the fray, we have a very strong combination and a selection nightmare for myself. Sharmo what a player out wide, it took the coach getting angry to have him finally run around people. Result after this firm discussion, many try's and not uncommon to get 4 try's for a match. Richard Pollard at fullback, a position he did not know how to play, after some coaching and words of advice, by the end of

the season, loved the freedom of space and hitting the holes that the inside back created for him.

Special mention also for another winger Mark “Mooney” Easton, he is a club man, and a person who it is a pleasure to coach, no matter where he played, what ever I asked he did it, and often in the matches this year his support play was unreal, backing up and often not on his wing but the opposite wing and took the final pass to score, well done mate.

I could go on and on about the backs, but without clean ball and the effort the forwards showed we would not have even gone close. Harry Hawksworth, Stephen “Ox” Rendell, Mark “Biccus” Bye and Matt “Crimmo” Crimmins in the middle, what a front row. AWESOME. These boys with the help of many back row players dominated scrums, line outs and with a few more old players coming back to have a run, like Khaled and Jenko, mixing it with Greg McAndrew and Dapto Dave, Josh Holman and Dave Fanning, we had the dimension to give clean ball and the backs were able to show skill, and put on some great displays of running rugby.

There is many other players whom I could mention, especially players who did make last years grand final and had left that sour taste in theirs mouths to get a premiership. They stuck through it as did I and well done boys for hanging in there and bringing home the shield to the Tech-Tahs. After getting a call from Condo, asking if I would think about coaching and playing, I thought I could bring something to the club and the results speak for themselves.

Here it is boys, 2013 PREMIERS, be proud of what we have achieved as a team. On reflection I feel one special vent is clear, our display of team spirit, generosity and it was this year that I decided to do something epic, given the issue that hits most families and the heart strings, we decided to do a fund raising event titled,

**“Thirsty Thirds Go PINK”  
“Crimmins Cup”**

The lads decided we would have a bonding sessions and raise funds for breast cancer and together we hired a bus, dressed up in pink and we travelled as a group to Kiama and supported 2nd and 1st grade. Either go on the trip or be FINED was the rule.

The 3rd grade PINK crew were in fine voice for the day, many drinks downed, many stories told and as a collective group raised over \$2000 for breast cancer and tonight it gives me great pleasure to donate this money to “Glam for a day” during the presentations. I have asked the Tech-Tahs Club to support this event annually, and already this has the support of Kiama President Richard Payne. A trophy cup titled “The Crimmins Cup” has been kindly donated by my wife and me and will be available once the two clubs approve the event. I ask this please be arranged as it’s a great cause and a chance to make a fun event each year at a great location like Kiama. It is an aggregate event, all teams points scored go together, the team on top wins the cup. Both the Tech-Tahs Committee and Kiama Committee just need to liaise and the event will be annual.

Thank you to Red and Bobbus helping in organising the day, and the bus company who gave a great rate to allow more funds going to the cause.

Finally I hope that all the players enjoyed the year as much as I did. I am very proud of the team and on behalf of the player's thank you to all the wives, girlfriends and partners who helped support my boys through out the season. "Happy home life means happy rugby life"

I think of it that we together have shared something special, and an event that will take a life time to forget:

**"Rugby players sometimes are not the most bright people and often forget, especially when it comes to mistakes on the field, but its lasting memories like this years 2013, 3rd grade side that many will remember for life, special times".**

To those who are retiring I wish you all the best.

Yours in rugby.  
POTTSY  
3rd Grade  
Captain/Coach



**BACK ROW:** Luke Mayberry [Manager], Paul Buttel, Andrew Murphy, Paul Brace, Richard Pollard, Greg McAndrew, Mark Easton, Dave Fanning, Harry Hawksworth, Matt Crimmins, Mark Bye, Greg Thomas, Aaron Meizer, Scott Muttdon [Physio]

**MIDDLE ROW:** Sean Filan, Dave McConnell, Khaled Matar, Peter Winston, Stephen Rendell

**FRONT ROW:** Mark Mazzini, Adam Sharman, Eliot O'Donnell, Tyson McEvoy, Nigel Darby, Justin Lenane, Robert Potts [Captain/Coach], Lee Martin, Ross Dummett, Paul Jeremijenko

**ABSENT:** Rodney Horan [Manager]

# PLAYING STATISTICS

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	PREVIOUS SENIOR GAMES PLAYED	TOTAL 3RDS	TOTAL 2NDS	TOTAL 1STS	TOTAL SENIOR GAMES 2013	TOTAL SENIOR GAMES PLAYED
James	Bartlett	18	0	3	4	7	25
Mitchell	Bevan	91	1	5	2	8	99
Owen	Brace	21	9	11	0	20	41
Michael	Bruton	198	0	14	6	20	218
Wayne	Bruton	297	0	3	13	16	313
George	Buckthought	54	0	1	12	13	67
Samuel	Buckthought	89	0	2	13	15	104
Paul	Buttel	16	12	0	0	12	28
Mark	Bye	204	15	5	0	20	224
Kai	Chishiro-Dennelly	22	0	14	1	15	37
Corey	Condon	156	1	2	12	15	171
Mathew	Crimmins	174	9	0	0	9	183
Joshua	Darby	185	1	0	0	1	186
Luke	Darby	156	2	0	0	2	158
Nigel	Darby	136	10	0	0	10	146
Jake	Davey	60	0	4	14	18	78
Joshua	Davey	112	0	2	14	16	128
Thomas	Deane	0	0	10	2	12	12
Ross	Dummett	114	11	1	0	12	126
Mark	Easton	27	11	7	0	18	45
Jack	Evans-Brooks	0	2	12	1	15	15
David	Fanning	33	8	2	0	10	43
Sean	Filan	91	14	1	0	15	104
Craig	Franklin	270	0	4	13	17	287
Cody	Grayson	106	0	4	9	13	119
Tarik	Hadaya	0	1	0	0	1	1
Harry	Hawksworth	243	13	4	1	18	261
Patrick	Heffernan	0	2	7	1	10	10
Christopher	Hendry	112	0	5	5	5	117
Joshua	Holman	32	9	5	0	14	36
Trent	James	22	0	3	10	13	35
Thomas	Jenkins	20	0	5	1	6	26
Paul	Jeremijenko	36	13	5	0	18	54
Aaron	Kelly	122	0	1	14	15	137
Jordan	Knight	22	3	11	0	14	36

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Peter	Leaupepe	52	0	1	11	12	64
Justin	Lenane	18	10	15	2	27	45
James	Letham	139	0	12	6	18	157
Patrick	Logan	0	0	5	12	17	17
Lee	Martin	267	14	0	1	15	282
Khaled	Matar	222	10	1	0	11	233
Mohammad	Matar	0	0	1	0	1	1
Alex	Matulick	148	0	2	10	12	160
Luke	Mayberry	253	3	0	0	3	256
Mark	Mazzini	105	13	2	0	15	120
Gregory	McAndrew	238	10	11	0	21	259
David	McConnell	139	8	5	3	16	155
Tyson	McEvoy	0	7	6	0	13	13
Aaron	Meizer	0	12	6	0	18	18
Michael	Merrick	185	5	2	0	7	192
Stephen	Mitchell	0	2	9	1	12	12
Andrew	Murphy	96	12	3	0	15	111
Emanuel	Nayagodamu	126	0	2	9	11	137
James	Needham	17	1	3	0	4	21
Eliot	O'Donnell	0	9	5	0	14	14
Timothy	Olsen	261	0	2	14	16	276
Sam	Patrinos	98	1	11	3	15	113
Alexander	Peetz	0	1	1	0	2	2
Richard	Pollard	49	11	5	2	18	67
Aiden	Potts	2	1	0	0	1	3
Robert	Potts	40	15	0	0	15	55
Simon	Pulbrook	6	0	1	0	1	7
Daniel	Read	215	0	14	1	15	230
Caleb	Reedy	14	0	0	3	3	17
Stephen	Rendell	153	14	9	0	23	176
Glen	Robertson	182	3	6	0	9	191
Nathan	Robson	0	6	0	0	6	6
Muhamed	Sawan	0	3	1	0	4	4
Adam	Sharman	132	12	1	0	13	145
Bradley	Sharman	103	1	2	0	3	106
Benjamin	Shortus	99	4	14	0	18	117
David	Silveri	0	1	1	0	2	2
Jeremy	Simpson	21	0	1	0	1	22
Mathew	Simpson	51	0	2	4	6	57
Jason	Slade	0	1	0	2	3	3

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Andrew	Stevens	0	1	1	0	2	2
Jaime	Taingahue	119	11	1	0	12	131
Gregory	Thomas	96	8	2	0	10	106
Harrison	Thorpe	0	0	15	0	15	15
Seth	Topia	0	2	1	0	3	3
Joshua	Tresidder	11	0	12	6	18	29
Rhyce	Tubaro	69	0	11	7	18	87
Bradley	Veigel	106	0	1	0	1	107
Peter	Winston	49	14	4	0	18	67
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# AWARD RECIPIENTS 2013

**3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE PLAYERS PLAYER.....**

**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE MOST IMPROVED.....**

**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE COACHES AWARD.....**

**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BEST & FAIREST.....**

**2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE PLAYERS PLAYER.....**

**2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE MOST IMPROVED.....**

**2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE COACHES AWARD.....**

**2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE BEST & FAIREST.....**

**1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE PLAYERS PLAYER.....**

**1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE BEST BACK.....**

**1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE BEST FORWARD.....**

**1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR.....**

**CROOKY OF THE YEAR.....**

**STRIRRER OF THE YEAR.....**

**POINTSCORER OF THE YEAR.....**

**TRYSCORER OF THE YEAR.....**

**100 GAMES AWARDS.....**

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**200 GAMES AWARDS.....**

**300 GAMES AWARDS.....**

**BEST TRAINER.....**

**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER.....**

**MOST CONSISTANT PLAYER.....**

**MOST OUTSTANDING PROSPECT.....**

**RICK BOYLE TROPHY.....**

**CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR.....**