# Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby Club



Year Book 2007

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**BRIAN BAIRD** 

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2007

"Success – can be defined as the achievement of something desired, planned or attempted" – <a href="http://www.thefreedictionary.com">http://www.thefreedictionary.com</a>

This season's achievements will not be measured by the number of games won or the number of premierships won during the 2007 Season, but rather by the strategic decisions made that will set the direction that Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby Club will take in the short, medium and long term, to ensure it's viability and future as a community rugby club within the Illawarra District.

The 2007 season has been (for me) frustrating, heart-breaking, enjoyable, and rewarding; in other words a bag of mixed emotions. The one thing that has ensured that I view the season as a success, is the "people" associated with this great club and their commitment to achieve success.

The 2007 season committee contained a core group of committed people, with the vision necessary to ensure that the path to future success is well defined and more importantly, achievable.

Some of the major achievements of the current committee were:

- The development of a Draft Strategic Plan,
- The development of an Annual Operating Plan,
- The planned restructure of the committee framework to ensure efficient and effective management of overall club activities (Senior & Junior) for the 2008 Season,
- The planned restructure of the coaching, management and support framework to ensure efficient and effective management of all rugby activities,
- Installation of the additional lighting at Saunders Oval.

Also, it should be acknowledged that individual committee members and the committee as a whole were responsible for the following highly successful events, namely:

- The Sponsors Day,
- · The Ladies Day, and
- The Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby Ball.

In outlining the abovementioned issues it should be noted that whilst a great deal was achieved, the club faces several challenges that will require strong leadership and sound management to ensure that we build on the solid foundation established during 2007.

We need to ensure that the planned restructure (of the Senior & Junior clubs) delivers the desired short, medium and long term outcomes.

Of vital strategic importance (during the next 12months) will be the development of partnerships with our major sponsor – Wiseman Park Wollongong City Bowling Club and the owners of our major infrastructure (Saunders Oval) – Wollongong TAFE. These alliances are essential to our

long term future, and will present a major challenge to the incoming committee.

I would expressly like to acknowledge the contributions of the coaching, management and support staff during a long and arduous season. The game results did not reflect the enormous contribution and effort of all concerned.

As well, I would like to acknowledge the players who represented our club at District (Senior & U/19 Illawarriors), 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade levels and trust that you enjoyed the experience of being part of the Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby community.

On a personal note, I would especially like to acknowledge the entire committee, club membership and my wife for their unwaving support, during my role as President for the 2007 season. This commitment and support has been instrumental in my decision to seek re-election for the 2008 season.

Michael Hurley AFSM President

#### TREASURER'S REPORT 2007

Sponsorship is an integral part of keeping the club financial. Wiseman Park Wollongong City Bowling Club, were again our major sponsors this year. On behalf of the club, I would like to extend our appreciation for their support during the year.

Our appreciation also extends to the other sponsors associated with our club this season. These being:

- TLE Electrical
- Ziedler Automotive
- South Coast Wholesale Meats
- Bulli Fruit & Veg
- Gwynneville Bakery

The canteen is a critical source of revenue for the club. Rob Kelly took on the role of Canteen manager for this season, and did a fantastic job. The canteen made a strong profit this season, and comes as a direct result of the huge effort Rob put in this year. This isn't a one man job, and there are many people that have given a lot of time to help stock, and run the canteen. Thanks to Rob, Tom Bevan and everyone involved.

Functions and activities around fundraising, was one area that the club didn't do as well in this year, as we have in the past. Although the Annual Tech- Waratahs Ball was a great sucess this year, we missed a few events that we might normally hold, and will need to keep this in mind for the coming season.

The club would like to recognise the following people for their efforts in this area:

- Mick Hurley Annual Tech-Waratahs Ball.
- Rick Boyle Organising game day raffles.
- Barry McVicar Sponsors Day.
- Wendy McVicar Ladies Day

The junior club was well administered again this season. The junior committee must be commended for the excellent job they do looking after our junior ranks, who are the future of Tech Waratahs.

Finally, I wish to commend the committee for the efforts in administering the club this year.

Craig Franklin Treasurer

#### **CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2007**

Season 2007, a year that could have been.

Third grade had a hard year, with injuries hitting them the hardest. Condo, worked hard not sending out the same side twice in the season. The depth that the club has developed over the last few years helped the top two grades stay competitive but really hurt the 'thirsty thirds'. However their effort could never be questioned and the support of these guys backing up sometimes to play a couple of games was a sign of strong club spirit which still exists within the club. Managing third grade is sure to age anyone, and no better conditioning then running Berkley pub! Thanks Grayso.

Second grade had success for much of the season, built on Bobbis' planned fitness sessions for the entire club, developing a game plan, which had to adjust to different personnel from week to week. They were the standout side for the club in 2007. The second grade competition was exceptionally strong, and again Tech Waratahs were one of the top sides. I believe this side could have gone all the way if not for a crippling injury toll in first grade. Red assisted with management of the side, supervising many of Bobbis bonding sessions held, when ever possible.

First grade scraped into the finals, playing some good patches of rugby. The two strong performances against Shoalhaven late in the season showed our ability. However things don't just happen, as we know premierships' come about from hard work throughout the entire season. Cheeto again put in a tireless effort, entertaining the players with his unique style of coaching/motivation...my personal favourite was "Liam, I have coached Ross and Marbo, for years. You're not going to break me!" Rick as always had everything organised, which allowed the team to concentrate on playing rugby.

These two guys have put so much into this club, without them we probably wouldn't have a club. I would like to thank them both and congratulate Cheeto on his well deserved life membership. I encourage everyone in the club to step up and do there bit, even if it is just helping out on game day or marking the field. Two clubmen that did step up were Tom Bevan and Rob Kelly, doing a fantastic job in the canteen and registrar.

The club was again ably assisted by Julie with her massage and strapping on game day. For a short period while Julie was overseas, Trish assisted us and I would like to thank them both.

To Paul Darby, for driving the craziest bus trip I have been on for years. I was as surprised as anyone when Dick was finding it difficult to finish his five litres of bourbon and coke. Mitch (Beer bong enforcer), I will take a knee any time with you. Condo, if you could organise some riot squad members for next year that would be appreciated!

I would also like to thank the entire committee, lead by Mick Hurley. They again allowed the players to concentrate on playing rugby. Liaising with the nightmare which is Illawarra Rugby, they deserve our thanks!

2008 a season in which I believe that a core of young players, are ready to explode. These players include: Bart Hill, Nonga Fangupo, Liam O'Dwyer, Steve Povey, Dick Hoffman, Ricky Gleis, Mitch Bevan, Chad, Aaron Kelly, Alex Matulick, Dave McConnell, Sam Buckthought and Stuart Pearson.

Let's support these guys and again prove to be the strongest club in the competition.

Tim Filan Club Captain

#### **FIRST GRADE 2007**

The 2007 season was always going to be a hard one for the first grade side, with the departure of so many top players from the previous year and to add to this, the loss of Harry, Brendan and Craig Franklin throughout the year, only made matters worse.

With the return of our rep players, it brought about a new attitude which was missing in the early part of the season.

Some strong performances from our rookies, Aaron Kelly, Bart Hill, Liam O'Dwyer and Kaufononga Fangupo were very encouraging and along with Alex, Dave and Chad allowed us to be competitive in most games.

For most of the year, attendance and commitment to training was far below the acceptable standard of a first grade side and this would often show by the way in which we performed in matches. This is an area in which we must improve or we will rapidly slip back to the bad old days of the club. We have some players with great ability, but must look to improve their commitment to training.

I would like to thank Rick for once again being manager and doing his usual great job throughout the year. I would like to thank the entire committee for the way the club was run, their efforts this year were unfortunately let down by the efforts of the players.

Finally, I would like to wish the club all the best for next season and hope the club can get back on track to become once again the top club in the district.

Tony Cheetham

1st Grade Coach

#### **SECOND GRADE 2007**

2007 was a season that dawned with hope and promise. We got out of the blocks quick with the side in the top three all season, eventually bowing out to Vikings in the first round of the finals series.

Not losing a game for a long stretch early on set our season up but a mid year slump brought about by an horrendous injury toll through the whole club made life a little difficult as the season progressed. We look back on the season as one of missed opportunities but the experience gained by all will certainly stand the club in good stead for the future.

The future of our club rests in the hands of the young up and comers with James Letham, Matthew Cameron & Cody Grayson, among others, stepping up to second grade and acquitting themselves admirably.

The young men were beautifully complimented by the, shall we say, more seasoned players including Zlatko Manovski, Tony Gorgijovski & Daniel Tully.

Finally there were the diamonds in the rough. Players that somehow came to the surface and when we cleaned them off we discovered a glimmering gem. Kritsian Evans, Glen Gibson and Paul Buttel all came as mature footballers with relatively limited experience but proved that enthusiasm and raw ability are major factors for success on the rugby field.

In fact to all players that pulled on a second grade jumper this year it was an honour and a privilege to be able to coach you.

I would like to thank Tony Cheetham and Paul Condon for there help and support during season 2007. It wasn't always easy and we didn't always see eye to eye but we had an enjoyable 12 months together and I could always rely on your help and assistance during those occasional difficult times.

To the committee of Tech Waratahs Rugby Club I thank you for the opportunity to coach second grade this year. Your assistance and ability to get all those little (and big) jobs done that enable the players to enjoy their rugby is greatly appreciated.

Luke Mayberry 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Coach

#### **THIRD GRADE 2007**

2006 premiers what a year and what a time to retire after 30 years of footy. Then came the fateful phone call and emails. "Just come to the committee meeting and stay involved with the club". One meeting and 4 hours later I walked out Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade player coach. What a meeting.!! But then the next step, home to tell my wife!!!!.

Now for the year and what a year it was. I was guietly confident in the first 5 or so rounds as we were only being beaten by less than 5 points. I like many others thought that as soon as the Illawarriors returned I would get the depth I needed and the players at training I needed and the wins However through injury and other reasons that never would follow. eventuated and I struggled to get players to training and to games all year. It was obvious that we always had the makings of a good side but unfortunately good players can only take you so far without training and playing with the same blokes all the time and developing a game pattern and player combinations. Unfortunately I had to introduce the run on team to each other every game which resulted in a lot of dropped ball and errors. I think the best game of the season was the Vincentia game where we really hung in there considering everything that was against us and stayed competitive with a side that was undefeated. I thank the blokes that did turn up, they gave me 100% all the time and I could not have asked for much more.

I would like to thank the Fox for sharing the roll as coach this year and his guest appearance on the wing. It is a hard and thankless job as third grade coach and we were both very frustrated at times but were able to help each other get over it and keep going.

To our manager and my mate Grayso. Thanks mate; I would have struggled a lot more than I did without you helping me with all the little things on game day before and after the game. Mind you I could have done with out the comments that you yelled out to me when I found myself playing. I don't think "Get off the paddock you old man, you're a pretender" was the inspiration I was looking for.

I would like to thank the core of players who regularity turned up for training. I did attempt to make it interesting however it is hard to do ball work with 6-8 players and then loose 2 or 3 to second grade. Those players included Stew Pearson, the OX, Cody Grayson, James Letham, Andrew Murphy, Cameron Peace , the Cameron brothers inc, and the Davey brothers inc. Thanks guys I really wish we got a few more there but you always turned up and were always positive about training so thanks again. These were also the main group who got to the ground to help Bobus and Red set up on home ground games, thanks guys.

I would like to thank my family as well, not only for this year but for all the years. I have been playing league or union every year since I meet my wife and it is all my boys know. I was very proud this year especially as it was definitely my last and it was a real Condo family affair. Everyone knows how proud and fortunate I feel to play with my oldest son Corey and this year was no different. I have a special thanks to him as I played him

in every position except front row but he will get there one day. My littlest boy just loved coming to footy to play with the other kids, the family atmosphere at Tech is the backbone of the club. My boy Samuel took over the Tech-Tah, Condon BBQ this year as I got a bit busy coaching. I was very proud that he stuck with it as well as with the comments I received from others about him and how good he was at the art of a good BBQ. (the apprentice became the master) Finally I want to thank Tara, I did promise to retire last year and did not get the best of receptions when I told her I was coaching and playing this year but like always she supported me and was heavily involved in the club herself organising the Ball. Thanks Babe, I promise I have given up "full time playing".

Finally I wish to thank Luke (Bobus) and Tony (Chetto). On many occasions especially at the start of the season I had to look to Luke for advice and sometimes for him to play. He was always supportive and often played both grades to ensure we got a team on the paddock. It was a common occurrence for Bobus to ring me from a mystery drinking hole on a Friday night asking how many players I needed. Then on the Saturday I would get a call, not to worry about it as he has found me more players. So to both of you thanks for the support this year. Also thanks to the committee and especially to Rodney Horan (Red) who constantly assisted me in many ways this year.

Finally again, it would not be right unless I spoke about the forfeit in our last game. I still have regrets about making the call but, we could not make the finals by then and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade needed the support which they had shown to us during the year. I think the finger can be squarely pointed at the Illawarra rugby. It is obvious to me that they are killing the larger clubs and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade comp. How they can support 3 small clubs having only third grade I will never understand. Especially when 2 of those clubs sucked the resources of neighbouring foundation clubs and forced these clubs to withdraw their third grade sides from the competition. There is no doubt we suffered severely by not playing with our other grades and at one stage not playing a game for 7 weeks. The third grade competition was a joke this year this rest solely on the head of Illawarra Rugby. And as forest gump says "that's all I have to say about that!"

That said, foxy and I have enjoyed the challenge and wish to thank everyone involved in third grade in 2007.

Paul Condon 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Coach

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	TOTAL 1STS	TOTAL 2NDS	TOTAL 3RDS	TOTAL GAMES PLAYED 2007	GAMES PLAYED PRIOR to 2007	TOTAL GAMESPLA at END of 2
Graeme	Ashfield	0	0	1	1	1	2
Kim	August	0	3	0	3	25	28
Paul	Barnett	0	0	0	0	9	9
Paul	Beaumont	0	0	0	0	24	24
Laurence	Barlow	0	0	1	1		1
Glenn	Berridge	0	0	1	1		1
Mitchell	Bevan	6	7	3	16	59	75
JOSHUA	BOUGHTON	0	0	0	0	1	1
DARREN	BOURKE	0	0	0	0	55	55
Terry	Brain	0	0	1	1		1
Michael	Bruton	0	1	0	1	89	90
Wayne	Bruton	2	1	1	4	192	196
Samuel	Buckthought	6	0	0	6	38	44
SCOTT	BURGESS	0	0	0	0	46	46
Paul	Buttel	0	10	6	16		16
Mark	Bye	10	7	0	17	135	152
AARON	CARNEY	0	0	0	0	14	14
ETHAN	CHARLESTON	0	0	0	0	2	2
JOHN	COLLIER	0	0	0	0	36	36
Matthew	Cameron	0	7	7	14		14
Todd	Cameron	0	0	8	8		8
Paul	Chambers	0	0	11	1		1
Corey	Condon	0	2	12	14	28	42
Paul	Condon	2	1	5	8	74	82
Wayne	Cooney	1	12	2	15	100	115
Robert	Corbett	0	0	0	0	35	35
BEN	COUGHLIN	0	0	0	0	44	44
Mark	Coughlin	0	0	1	1	13	14
JASON	CRIMMINS	0	0	0	0	104	104
Mathew	Crimmins	6	7	1	14	137	151
Josh	Darby	0	4	0	4	108	112
Luke	Darby	13	0	0	13	122	135
NIGEL	DARBY	0	0	0	0	136	136
Joshua	Davey	0	2	7	9		9
Nathan	Davey	2	11	6	19	17	36
John	Davies	0	0	2	2		2
Paul	Davis	0	4	7	11	327	338
BEN	DOULIS	0	0	0	0	20	20
WARREN	DAY	0	0	0	0	1	1
KIAIWA	DUFFIN	0	0	0	0	2	2

Malcolm	Duffin	0	5	0	5	31	36
Ross	Dummett	11	2	1	14	100	114
JASON	DUNN	0	0	0	0	2	2
Adam	Edmonds	2	6	2	10	197	207
Anthony	Etherington	0	1	0	1		1
Peter	Ernst	0	0	0	0		0
Kristian	Evans	1	14	3	18		18
Kaufononga	Fangupo	12	5	0	17		17
Peter	Fangupo	4	5	0	9	5	14
STEVEN	FEDERICI	0	0	0	0	112	112
Sean	Filan	0	1	0	1	38	39
Tim	Filan	15	0	0	15	18	33
CHRISTOPHER	FOYE	0	0	0	0	139	139
Mark	Fox	0	0	2	2		2
Craig	Franklin	8	0	1	9	173	182
MATT	FRANKLIN	0	0	0	0	36	36
Nathan	Gainsford	6	1	0	7	45	52
Glen	Gibson	0	6	6	12		12
Ricky	Gleis	7	7	0	14	12	26
BRADLEY	GOLLEDGE	0	0	0	0	1	1
Tony	Gorgijovski	1	12	4	17	143	160
Phil	GOULD	0	0	1	1		1
SAM	GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	53	53
Cody	Grayson	0	13	9	22	5	27
MICHAEL	GREER	0	0	0	0	19	19
LUKE	HAINSWORTH	0	0	0	0	2	2
Greg	Hale	3	9	2	14	29	43
Thomas	Hall	0	0	1	1	3	4
BRYDON	HALLOWAY	0	0	0	0	1	1
Harry	Hawksworth	3	0	0	3	157	160
ASHLEY	HAZELL	0	0	0	0	1	1
Trent	Head	0	0	1	1	1	2
PETER	HENDERSON	0	0	0	0	15	15
Christopher	Hendry	0	0	0	0		0
Aaron	Hickson	0	1	1	2		2
Luke	Higgins	0	0	0	0		0
Bart	Hill	8	8	0	16	1	17
ROBERT	HILL	0	0	0	0	5	5
ZACHARY	HILL	0	0	0	0	37	37
Richard	Hoffman	6	8	2	16		16
DANIEL	HOUWELLING	0	0	0	0	42	42
Brendan	Hurley	6	0	0	6	78	84
Peter	lddir	0	0	2	2		2
TIMOTHY	JACKSON	0	0	0	0	2	2
Sam	Jauncey	0	0	6	6	1	7
Paul	Jeremijenko	0	0	1	1	35	36

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Aaron	Kelly	13	0	0	13	35	48
DAVID	KERR	0	0	0	0	49	49
MOANA	KINIKINI	0	0	0	0	67	67
DALE	LAIDLAW	0	0	0	0	1	1
PATRICK	LANGER	0	0	0	0	12	12
James	Letham	0	11	10	21		21
Trevor	Longbottom	13	1	1	15	40	55
Clint	Magro	0	1	4	5		5
Zlatko	Manovski	0	9	0	9	232	241
Dave	Marshall	0	0	1	1		1
LEE	MARTIN	0	0	0	0	192	192
Khaled	Matar	0	0	1	1	185	186
Alex	Matulick	16	0	0	16	75	91
JOHN	MAUGHAN	0	0	0	0	282	282
Luke	Mayberry	2	15	2	19	163	182
Gregory	McAndrew	1	8	3	12	143	155
David	McConnell	14	2	2	18	83	101
RICHARD	McLEAN	0	0	0	0	136	136
BENJAMIN	McNAMARA	0	0	0	0	1	1
Chad	McPhee	12	5	0	17	53	70
Shane	McVicar	1	4	3	8	159	167
Aita	Meafou	11	0	0	11	24	35
Michael	Merrick	0	3	7	10	153	163
JAMES	MITCHELL	0	0	0	0	13	13
Joel	Morgan	0	1	1	2	10	2
Andrew	Murphy	0	4	12	16	1	17
Christopher	Nanasi	0	0	0	0		0
Trent	Napthali	0	0	2	2		2
Emanuel	Nayagodamu	12	3	1	16	28	44
DEAN	NEALON	0	0	0	0	15	15
BRADLEY	NEWTON	0	0	0	0	12	
SASHA	NESER	0	0	0	0	30	12 30
Brad	Norton	1	9	5	15		
Liam	O'Brien	0	0	0	0	25 3	40
Liam	O'Dwyer	6	3	0	9	17	3
Mitchell	O'Dwyer	0	0	1	1		26
DANIEL	NUGENT	0	0	0	0	84 13	85
Cameron	Ogden	0	0	0	0		13
BENJAMIN	OLSEN	0			0	101	101
Timothy	Olsen	9	0	0	9	203	203
NANAUWI	OPO		0	0	0	163	172
		0	0	0		1	1
James	Parker	0	0	0	0		0
Cameron	Peace	0	8	7	15	87	102
Stuart	Pearson	1		13	15	207	222
Rod	Petty	0	1	1	2	103	105
Aaron	Pickett	2	3	1	6	24	30
Adam	Piper	0	0	2	2		2

Matthew	Piper	0	0	2	2		2
WOSTER	PLAZINSK	0	0	0	0	6	6
Kodi	Povey	0	0	1	1		1
Stevie	Povey	0	3	5	8		8
Marty	Power	1	2	6	9		9
Ben	Prior	0	0	1	1		1
Stephen	Rendell	0	2	10	12	39	51
Keith	Richards	0	0	2	2		2
NATHAN	ROACHE	0	0	0	0	1	1
Glen	Robertson	2	15	0	17	91	108
RAUL	ROJAS	0	0	0	0	3	3
Robert	Rossit	0	0	1	1	62	63
TIMOTHY	RYDER	0	0	0	0	52	52
Adam	Sharman	0	1	1	2	113	115
Bradley	Sharman	0	1	2	3	93	96
RICHARD	SKINNER	0	0	0	0	6	6
Benjamin	Shortus	1	12	5	18	28	46
Brad	Smith	0	0	1	1		1
Peter	Smith	4	2	0	6	48	54
Pete	Smith	0	0	0	0	1	1
Nicholas	Stefanidakis	0	0	1	1		1
DAVID	STRETTON	0	0	0	0	74	74
JUDD	STROM	0	0	0	0	6	6
Jaime	Taingahue	3	11	11	5	37	42
NICHOLAS	TATAFU	0	0	0	0	40	40
Gregory	Thomas	6	0	0	6	90	96
Christopher	Thompson	0	0	0	0	17	17
MURRAY	TOLHOPF	0	0	0	0	84	84
Daniel	Tully	2	14	3	19	187	206
Simon	Tweedie	0	0	1	1	113	114
Bradley	Veigal	3	3	0	6	49	55
David	Vincent	1	9	2	12	93	105
LUKE	VLANDYS	0	0	0	0	61	61
Christopher	Wallace	1	0	0	1	61	62
M	Watts	0	11	0	1		11
Steven	Wiaczek	0	0	3	3	12	15

