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President's Report . . .

The season that has just past has possibly been the hardest that the club has had to face. The loss at the start of the season of some 20 players through work transfers and extended holidays depleted the club's playing strength greatly. This put added burden on the remaining players of fulfilling the club's commitment to the I.R.D.U. of fielding three teams. This was fulfilled at all times and to the players who packed two seasons of football into one year you have my personal thanks as well as that of the committee for a job well done.

Jim Pettit accepted the position of Secretary after the resignation of John Cotter and has been a great acquisition to the club both off the field as secretary, and on the field as the club's flag waver in the capacity of linesman.

To the coaches Paul Murray and Mick Greenhalgh I believe that everybody within the club owes their thanks for the time and effort they both spent in training the sides and the tact they showed (especially Paul) in assembling a Second Grade side after the Third Grade game.

The Social Committee once again provided the club members with all the usual functions — the Ball, Pre-Season Dinner, B'Ques and Farewells at which everyone that attended enjoyed themselves. At home games they stocked the canteen with all the essentials necessary to keep the spectators happy and also provided the snack at the pub after games. Thank you Neil, Pat, Geoff, Jim and the many others that assisted.

The club had some great moments on the field where the players put it all together and played the football they were all capable of playing. Amongst these were the Three Grade win against Camden, the 1st Grade wins against both Teachers College and Bowral and not forgetting the games against grand finalists Shamrocks and Vikings. Although losing both games we extended them in their hardest competition games. Waratahs were to the fore in representative football with Mark Hotchkiss and Paul Murray playing eight matches each, and Martin Fraser and Brian Warnock one match each for Illawarra. Mark also played with Country 2nd's. Gavin Marshall represented Illawarra Under 18.

Again the club extends its appreciation to Registrar Ian Keny, Gear Steward Tony Johnstone, and 1st Grade Team Manager Roger Zimmerman for the excellent way that they carried out their respective duties. To Wayne Collard, Mick Wilkins and Helen Chapman for the effort they put into the Tahiti Raffle which proved a successful venture not only in raising funds for the club, but also in discovering the hidden talent of the players who formed the "Red Petal Quartet!"

I also extend the club's appreciation to the Illawarra Master Builders Club and the Hotel Illawarra for their continued patronage. To Lord Mayor Frank Arkell thank you for your personal assistance and direction you have given the club this year.

Looking towards the future years to come the club has learned a great deal this year and possibly the main lesson we have all learned is that instead of sitting back and letting things happen in due course we should be in there first and influence these events especially when it comes to introducing new players to the club. The club is a great one which is built on friendship and has everything going for it and there is no reason that with hard work and grind the Tahs will shine in '79.

And finally may I say thank you for the honour of being President of Waratah Rugby Club for 1978.



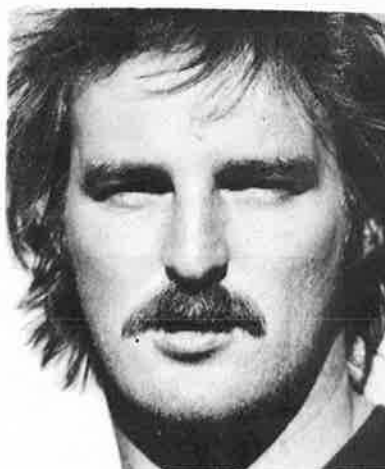
Peter Boyd

Peter Boyd.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Being a member of the committee of a football club is not an easy task. I say this not because the task in itself is an over onerous burden but because many times the committee feels disappointments which should not arise.

As we all know we have not had a very successful year on the football field. The 1st Grade is in danger of relegation, while the Second and Third Grades both finished in the lower half of the competition points table. How can we as members of the Waratah R.F.C. take such a pizzling? How can we remedy the situation? How can we restore lost pride? To answer these questions we must look at the reasons for our failures.



Jim Pettit

This year we were very much lacking in player strength to adequately cover three grades. Next year we will again be understrength unless each of us attempts to build up club members. If each club member attracts one more new face to the club we will double our numbers.

Of course not only do we need players on the field, we need positions covered off the field. Think of what you can do to help the club — for example we need non-playing team managers. We need your application, your involvement — a club involvement.

Don't be just one of the many who reap the benefits gained by the work of a few.

RUN A BUCKET!
PUSH A MOWER!
RAISE A FLAG!
CARRY THE SAND!

Yes! You can do it and the club can be a winner.

In finishing I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their great support throughout the year.

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DON'T
HESITATE, SUBJUDICATE and RELEGATE.

Jim Pettit.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I'm tempted to call it a disastrous year, financially, but I'll settle for frustrating.

Following upon a successful year in 1977 our season in 1978 was fraught with disappointments and many delvings into the treasury, not the least being to bolster a flagging social scene.

The major source of income has again been the Illawarra Hotel patrons and we extend our thanks to Lloyd and his staff for allowing us to be part of their Friday nights. And to that end my thanks go to the band of men who regularly give of their time to run the raffle which, at date of writing, has grossed \$2870. These raffles continue all year round, every Friday night from 6.00 to 6.30 and we need more helpers — give it some thought, fellows.

Our thanks must go to the Illawarra Master Builders whose annual allocation takes a great burden off club revenue. Without their support things would be very difficult to say the least.

Because of lack of players this year every undertaking by the Social Club has failed to break even let alone make a profit.

This together with a dwindling contribution to match fees and annual subs and some unfortunate expenditure has depleted club revenue.

The financial position, as at 25th September is —

1. Club Account	\$1038.85
2. Social Club	\$239.54
3. Touring Fund	\$445.37
4. Interest Bearing Deposits	\$5000.00
5. United Permanent Building Society	\$563.16
6. "Tahiti" Savings Account	\$2646.00
	<u>TOTAL \$9932.92</u>

Some accounts outstanding at this date are:

1. \$1416 Keira Oval Lights
An agreement has been reached with the Illawarra County Council to repay this amount over a period thereby lessening the strain on club funds.
2. \$685 Illawarra County Council. This is the unfortunate expenditure mentioned above and is attributable to a breakdown of the hot water system at Keira Oval for which we have little recourse.
3. \$1760 Downtown International Travel. Cost of the major prize in our Tahiti raffle which is expected to be finalised next month.

Some other expenditure incurred throughout the year was \$665 payable to I.D.R.U. for match levies and contributions to Injured Players Fund. \$230 for laundry of gear. \$79 for postages and Post Office charges. \$679 for stationery and 1977 Year Books.

To conclude this my first report as Club Treasurer, I'll take this opportunity to thank those fellows (without whose help my job would be intolerable) for assisting me throughout the year. To the lovely ladies who spent time in the canteen to cater to the marauding hordes of supporters ably assisted by social committee members, my thanks. Special thanks also to those who gave up their Sundays to man the canteen for the Collies United League fixtures at Keira Oval. To the team managers whose arduous task it was to extract match fees weekly, my thanks also.

The annual report and balance sheet will be available at the Annual General Meeting in January, 1979. I feel confident that with the tremendous spirit which exists in our club that the season ahead will be a bigger and better one both financially and competitively.

Wayne Collard.



Wayne Collard

FIRST GRADE REPORT

Waratahs have gone through probably its most varied year ever, with small numbers of players being asked to play two grades and then back-up for the main first grade game, and even SMALLER numbers attending training, and committing themselves to the task that was in front of us. We ourselves had opportunities that we threw away. But even with these problems the first grade played very good Rugby throughout the year.

Throughout the year many interesting aspects of play developed, both within the forwards and the backs as units, and within the team as a whole. The forwards developed into a powerful and dominating pack and credit should be given to these players. At the beginning of the year our forwards seemed to be few in numbers but with commitment to the task by those involved, little was lost in this area of our play.

Within the backs many changes and variations of team combinations did not seem to upset the players and with the number of players who have developed through the year as first grade backs our club should look forward to an attacking year next year.

Once again, our problem seems to be with getting back-up players for first grade positions. With some players playing two games in lower grades, it was very hard to ask those players to back-up for first grade. The players who did, put all their efforts into contributing as much as physically possible.

Quick hands through the backs



Running equal eighth in the competition has left us on a perch waiting for the Union to decide on our future in First or Second Division. But no matter which way it goes, I am sure and hopeful that Waratahs will be up in the top running of the competition next year.

Many thanks should be extended to the people who took on positions associated with First Grade, and especially I would like to thank Roger Zimmerman for his fine job as team manager.

Quite a few players have shown throughout the year, that they were deserved of their selection into First Grade and these players should and will form part of the backbone of next year's team.

In conclusion I would like to thank those people who have supported me in my job as coach throughout the year and I can only hope that next year will be a far greater success on the playing field.

20th September, 1978.

PAUL MURRAY.



BACK ROW: Lorry Gordge, Bruce Boulding, Phil Whitehead, Greg Clarke, Mark Hotchkis, Ron Wessel, John Edwards, Daryl Tighe, Martin Fraser, Mick Greenhalgh, Mick Wilkins.

FRONT ROW: Brian Silver, Allan Gregory, Paul Murray (c), Rusty Swanson, Geoff Dunn.



Fraser: "This one's mine, chaps!"
Wessel: "Aw, it's my turn again!"



Fraser's stiff arm — Hotchkis karate chop —
Phamton limp wrist — Wilkins shading the sun



Forwards — Oh, here we go again



Don't argue!



Dirty tactics from opposition



The forwards showing how mauling should be set

SECOND GRADE REPORT

The 1978 season in second grade was a hard and disappointing year. As far as results were concerned, however, it wasn't all black. The victory over Camden (who ultimately finished fourth), and some close tussles against the top sides showed that it wasn't a lack of talent that held the side back, but the one-hour warm-up in third grade for most of the players.

The rest of us watched second grade with a certain amount of sympathy for the blokes doubling up, and a large degree of admiration for the tenacity and club spirit that was shown by them.

Some young players made their mark during the year, including Alfie Della-Libera, Gavin Marshall, Spiro Tsiantarlis, Daryl and Craig Tighe, Tim Sears and quite a few others. The regulars were always there—Pat Atkinson, Jim Harpley, Brian McGrath, Marcel Van Reed and many

more, and Gary Wheeler and Greg Clarke were dazzling them in the backs when they weren't in first grade. Other players such as Laurie Gordge, Ian McDonald and Brian Warnock passed through on their way to first grade.

To the 1978 first graders, the club owes its thanks for your participation, dedication and sportsmanship during a difficult season, and we hope to see all of you again in 1979, when we look forward to a better season.

DONALD DUCK
IS
A QUACK



BACK ROW: Marcel Van Reede, Bob Fleming, Kevin Parry, Jim Harpley, Dave Johnston, Ian Kent, Wayne Collard, John Dwyer, Daryl Tighe.

FRONT ROW: Brian Warnock (c), Brian McGrath, Wilf Hedley, Tony Johnstone, Craig Tighe, Greg Clark.



Bob takes them on in three's



Joe shows his style



A shuddering halt



Blood can catch them with his eyes closed



Copybook tackling



Brian plays football tongue-in-cheek

THIRD GRADE REPORT

It is with much pleasure that I am able to report some of the more memorable events of the past season.

Before I do, however, I would like to sincerely thank every man for his support and obvious dedication to the club. You will recall that on a couple of occasions it was suggested that we forfeit a game—no way. The spirit of our blokes was never more evident than when, after a game at Jamberoo, they drove straight to Dapto to get a side on the paddock.

But back to the stars of the year. Although not premiers, we took out the intra-club championship and when you look at the names that came through the side during the season it's hard to believe we didn't do a lot better. We start the list with our esteemed leader Bryan Leo who was a tower of strength in the team, passing on his wealth of experience to the many new players. Young blokes like Jim Sears, Craig Tighe, Des Poole and Tom Talbot joined the club this year and will form the basis of the future sides. Daryl Tighe and John Edwards also joined our ranks this year and we had to let them go through to first grade. Mal Pearson, Bob (Blood) Fleming and Joe Browne also made exciting comebacks at various stages of the season. Unfortunately Joe didn't last too long (ask Leo about his detached rectum). Johnny Palmer and Tim Sears, with shoulder injuries, and Ken Greedy, with a facial, also had short seasons.

We had the stalwarts of second and third grades who turned up regularly, and more often than not, had the pleasure of two games. Jim Harpley, Pat Atkinson, Wayne Collard and Tony Johnstone are names that

spring readily to mind as they showed up so often on team sheets along with Marcel Van Reede, Brian McGrath and Alan and Graham Dougherty. Bob Terry was also a handy man in the side until he decided to become a pick-up man. John Thompson, Martin Ryan, Mal Davis, Bob Thompson, Graham Dunn and Greg Wynn were all welcomed to the fold from time to time. Who could forget that memorable day when Tewy donned the gear and struck terror into the hearts of the chalkies.

As you can see from all the names, the numbers were around but we couldn't maintain them. There were a couple of occasions when lads turned up a bit late and we had to make alterations to the team. Mount Keira shook the day Jim Harpley did his backward dive with pike, necessitating his replacement (he later played a full second grade game). A couple of weeks later Marcel had to be carried to the sideline with an extremely crook ankle then got up and ran to the canteen—what marvellous recuperative powers.

Towards the end of the season we had to lower our colours to some degree by allowing a few slags like Wilkins, Fraser, Wessel, Warnock, Johnston, Smith and Dunn to have a run. I suppose they didn't go too badly considering the fact that they'd only played first grade before.

That's about all on the football scene. On the equally important social side of life we managed to consume quite a few ales and give vocal support to the other grades—some were more effective at this than others. The third grade "break-up" was held at Bulwarra Street recently and those that attended had a good day. Some of us can even remember it. I hear that a bottle of choice liquor remains and that a couple of chaps are not interested in its consumption.

I've said enough. Let's now get ready for bigger and better feats by the "THIRSTY THIRDS" in 1979.

—MICK GREENHALGH.



TOP (l. to r.): Paul Ragnoli, Bob Fleming, Brian McGrath, John Dwyer, Jim O'Donnell, Dave Johnston, Wayne Collard, Pat Atkinson, Des Poole.

FRONT (l. to r.): Tony McCreath, Wilf Hedley, Alan Dougherty, John Thompson, Tony Johnstone, Brian Leo.



Puffing Billy



On the burst



Terry takes 'em on



Oof!



Plenty of support for Pearso



Get off



Russ makes a guest appearance



... Going



... Going



... Gone

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Social Secretary's Report

1978 has not been as successful on the social scene as in previous years.

Attendances at functions this year in general have been very poor.

All the functions held were very good for those who attended.

We lost heavily on the send-off for the Steeles and the Barkers, and the beer, prawn and film night at North Surf Club.

The pre-season dinner at the Master Builders Club was another disaster attendance-wise.

The after-match functions at the Illawarra Hotel in general were well attended. They were also very enjoyable nights.

The canteen at Keira Oval moved into full swing this year with the acquisition of three refrigerators and a pie heater. All of these items were acquired at the right price.

I would like to thank all those who assisted in the running of the canteen, especially Geoff Dunn and Pat (Gary Player) Atkinson. As usual the Angels did another fine job on Saturday afternoons at the canteen.

The ball was not attended as well this year as in previous years. As usual it was another great night as far as I can remember.

There is very little more I can add for this year. I hope next year will be more successful socially than 1978 has been.

Neil Tew.



Team manager off duty



A Red Petal fan



Winners are grinners



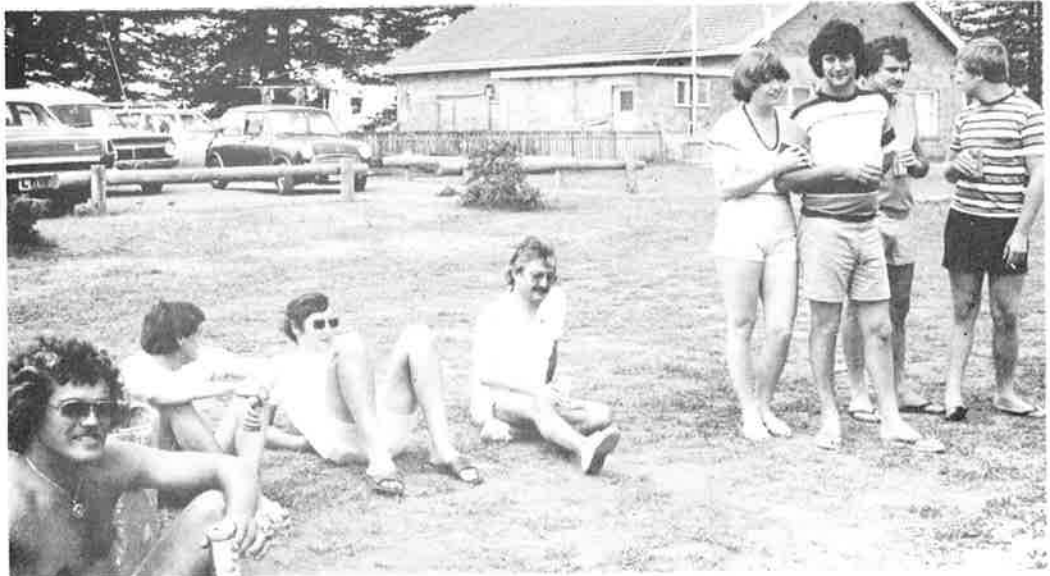
... and I went straight through the gap



Tewy's Angels—Jane, Sue and Julie



Everybody loves Santa



The crowd at the Xmas picnic

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 1978 football season has been a hard time for the Waratah Football Club. The main reason for the hard times is the lack of numbers but the players who turned up week after week have shown that there is a Waratah spirit and from this spirit we have to build up the club for the 1979 season. The main aspect we have to concentrate on is the attraction of new, young blood into the club and this means a big effort from everyone in the off season. Enough of the future, what happened this year?

The club started by training on the beach from North Wollongong to Fairy Meadow then, as all the off season booze started to wear off and stomach muscles tightened up, the training progressed to Towradgi running along the soft sand. Numbers were very pleasing at these training sessions, sometimes as many as 30 attended. I can remember the fit blokes—Wiz, Dunny and Pat used to be out in front having a good duel, then came the bunch, Paul, Kenty and Davo and sometimes Mark (if he didn't go drinking before). Then came the last bunch wishing they hadn't drunk as much in the off season. I won't single out any person in this bunch but yours truly was even behind them gasping for air.

Then training progressed to the hard ground at Keira Oval where the numbers started to drop off. I don't know why because Paul put a lot of variety and time into the training sessions and I would congratulate him on the way he applied himself throughout the year. It was his first year as a coach and I think if it was anyone else they would have given up, but Paul turned up each week even with a leg in plaster. A thankless job, Paul—well done.

The first grade was off to a very good start by defeating the "play lunch kids" (Teachers College). It could have been a game of water polo. I think the wet slowed the game to our fitness because the next game at Scarborough Oval against Shamrocks we were winning with 15 minutes to go when they scored two quick tries. Games that followed the teams had mixed luck with some losses and drawn matches. At the half-way mark we were on 7 points and had a chance of making the first four. Injuries to key players knocked our chances in the second round. The best game in the second round was the game against Bowral, when we won 12-0. This was the only game we did not get a point scored against us. Highlights in this game were Rusty's try and Mark's "up and under." Ask Mark if it ended up being a try.

Third grade (cum second grade side) was the most successful grade in the club. It finished with 12 points, narrowly beating first grade by one point. This side was the backbone and pride of our club. They would play their best in third grade knowing when they finished they would be called upon to play part or all of second grade. Congratulations fellows for a gutsy effort. Some of the "teeny-boppers" of the team, Brian (Silver Ghost) Leo and Wilf (Achilles Tendon) Hedley, had to be admired for turning up week after week. Somebody said they saw Brian at training one night pacing his dog.

This team has seen some very good players pass through its ranks, like Des Poole, Ken Greedy, Tim Sears and Craig Tighe, and many others. Of course you can't overlook two heavyweights of third grade, that of Pat Atkinson and Tony Johnson. Tony played a record number of games this season (38 all told). They talk about a good racehorse's heart as a large one, but I don't think Tony's small body could fit his huge heart. A lot of third grade players were promoted to second grade as the season progressed. Their spots were filled by first graders who took position in the outside backs. Some of these pace men were Martin (Never Pass) Fraser, Ron (Nothing Doing Out Here) Wessell and Mick (It's My Turn) Wilkins.

Some of the highlights of third grade were good wins against Camden, Tigs and Bowral and some narrow losses against the top teams.

The second grade did it hard this competition. It was a gutsy effort by the fresh players and those who doubled up. Some of the players who performed well were Jim (It's My Ribs) Harpley, and Wayne (It's My Ball) Collard. If a team can beat Camden second grade, who came fourth in the competition, it should have had more points on the board. Let's look for a better season next year.

The highlight of the year came when we won all three grades against Camden in the first round. Beer flowed freely and many a sausage and potato was eaten between songs sung at the pub that night. It was good to see Smithy taking the initiative to teach the boys some choice Rugby songs. I hope more people will get involved in this activity next year and maybe the Waratahs will beat the vocal Shamrocks.

One of the good things that eventuated from the 1978 season was the lease of the canteen and showers from the council. It is great to have hot showers and a few beers after training. Sometimes it lasted a bit longer than a few beers and the slate told the story the next day. One of the advantages of playing third and second grade is the hot showers after the game. After the first grade game the groans are heard around the dressing room, like "Where's all the hot water gone?" "Wait till I get those lower graders" and "It pays to play third grade."

It was good to see a lot of club members turn up for the Tahiti raffle draw. It was a good night but every time the club runs a big raffle the winning ticket was sold by Tewy. It pays to buy from Hot-Dog Tewy. A good night was had by all at the ball and the food was superb. I believe some people had 1, 2, 3 helpings. I won't go and further, Mark.

That wraps up the 1978 season. Let's get behind the club and spread the word that we are after new players. Also start thinking what we are going to do for the club in 1979.

Awards for 1978:—

Singer of the year—Graeme Collinson-Smith.

Boobs of the year—Jim Harpley.

Finger of the year—Brian Warnock.

Stitches of the year—Mick Greenhalgh.

Petals of the year—Mark, Wayne, Mick and Ron.

Best back—Martin Fraser.

Best forward—David Johnston.

Mouth of the year—Bob Flemming.

TRIP AWAY—1977

Canberra was the lucky town and I often wonder if it is back to normal yet.

No need to describe the bus trip—it's famous (or infamous) by now. It followed the fine tradition of the trips to Grafton, Newcastle, Wagga—heaps of cans, the drunken crooners up the back, and the funnel down the front. Watts Wollongong Coaches and their drivers deserve a medal.

A quick stop at Goulburn Rugby Club and on to the Federal capital, which we found to our great delight had no licensing police, and didn't stop serving grog until the patrons and/or barmaids fell asleep or went home.

The living quarters were magnificent. We had our own rooms of very high quality with its own hand basin, which was handy for soaking everyone's sheets in when they weren't looking. The long corridors were excellent for Brian (Mad Kiwi) Warnock to practice his

velodrome act on a borrowed (stolen) bicycle, at great risk to his own and everybody else's life and limb.

Saturday produced a riotous game of football for the spectators, with Silus playing for us and La Trobe, our gracious hosts. Even harder than the game was the gigantic tussle to get all the football jumpers back after the showers.

Saturday night saw us being entertained by a drunken jazz band and Charlie Chaplin films in a place called Dirty Dick's Den (or something like that). They tried to force us to drink and sing and carry on like common drunks, so we left.

A Sunday barbeque seemed like a good idea, so we had one. Filled the bus with tins and found a river beside which we ate, drank and played football. Kenty "fell" into the river, thereby earning the name "Splash". Mick Fraser had nothing to do with it.

We weaved our weary way home on Monday, paying our respects once more to Goulburn Rugby Club. What better place to quench the thirst of a long trip than Lloyd's Tudor room. Wilkins, Wessel and Co. looked right at home on the floor, which is where they were left.

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C.W.A. TROPHY

This hotly contested trophy caused this years panel a few headaches and although many have claims on it this year, one name has emerged above all.

Not that Mal Davis was considered for parting with \$10.00 at the Third Grade break-up party (thinking that was a reasonable amount), when everyone else paid \$5.00.

Not Wilf Hedley for his year round aggravation.

Not Mick Wilkins for the dressing room riots during some after game talks.

Not Ian Kent for his (currently) 385 yard intercept try.

Not Bruce Boulding and Mark Hotchkis for their mammoth efforts to fill the money box for the (?) club after training.

Not Neil Tew and Gavin Marshall for being the club.s most objectionable drunks.

BUT? BUT – BRIAN WARNOCK'

Yes, Brian Warnock.

for the mustard in Mal's moosh (?) on the Wales bus trip.

for the iced water Pat O'Shea won't forget on the same trip.

for the white eyes on the trip away.

for the hustling to get bets on New Zealand for the test at the Berkeley Sports and Recreation Club.

and for a general concerted effort to maintain a high standard of a most objectionable all round performance throughout the year.

Anonymous.

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CRICKET REPORT . . .

Again this year a number of Waratahs joined the band of "flannelled fools" for the cricket season.

Possibly because of the star-studded line-up Corrimal nominated us as their A side in the fourth grade competition.

Again this year the boys turned in many notable performances—some as cricketers—and managed to win more games than they lost.

There were quite a few highlights during the season. Ian Kent smashed out a 'brilliant' 67 against Wests, Brian Silver took 13 wickets in a game against Dapto. (Easy) Mark Hair reached the seventies three times (unlucky) and Ron Robertson confounded the experts by scoring a dazzling 25 while batting in socks.

The climax of the season came in the last game where the boys, with grit, determination, Phil Whitehead's straight bat, Jeff Cahill's pace bowling and Brian Silver's big swoosh, managed to defeat the leading team outright.

It was not surprising then to see a number of players carry off trophies at the end of the season: Jeff Cahill—most number of wickets (52). Mark Hair—best batting average (48.2). Jim Pettit—best batting aggregate (465 runs).

Thanks again, fellows, for a most enjoyable season and don't forget it's on again this year. Hope to see you all there.

JIM PETTIT.

NETBALL REPORT . . .

This year saw the return of a few players from previous years—a special one being Glenys Crowley, who didn't take long to get her eye in. Players connected in one way or another with Waratahs included Lee Greenhalgh, Linda Cahill, Cherilyn Murray, Julie Warnock and myself and helping out in times of need Jayne Bruce.

Unfortunately we only managed numbers for one team and the season saw some matches of unmentionable scores. Luckily we had no sore losers. We had a few

new players this season, never having played netball before, and they became a great asset.

We must have given the wrong impression in the trials to be promoted to D grade. This had the disadvantage of having compulsory umpiring duty which no one enjoyed. Next year we'll try for a lower grade which may again be our making.

BARBARA JOHNSTON.

BASKETBALL REPORT . . .

The Tah's Ladies Basketball Team has had another fairly successful year.

Starting by nominating for a new grade, we now play D grade.

The saying "lose a few, gain a few" applied to us. We lost three players to a new team, and Bev Davis to produce a little Welshman, with Dot Barnes slim once again back in the fold and new players Annette Bennis, Jane Bruce and Annette Cavduro to fill the gap.

It was down to heavy training, some Sundays 1½ hours, and much effort on the part of the girls and Tony Barnes. We were soon once again playing as a team, and a force to be reckoned with.

We were successful and made the grand final. We played a really good game, only to be beaten by one point on the bell.

This current comp we decided to take it easy—with Annette Bennis and Jane Bruce galivanting around Europe—we are only training every second Sunday, and Tony giving his voice a rest and letting his ulcer have a break, we are still doing well with three games played and won; though without shooting practice the scoring has not been very high.

Win or lose this comp, we do enjoy our games and friendship and our social outings together, even though the only talk is "basketball."

NOREEN PARRISH.



A typical Hotchkis jump



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★ ★ QUOTES ★ ★ OF THE YEAR

BRIAN: "Why?"

NEW PLAYER: "Any chance of a run today?"

PAUL: "How many games would you like?"

DOC PARRISH (after his one and only training run):
"I'd forgotten how hard it was!"

EVERYONE (after training): "Put it on the slate."

MARTIN (patting bottoms in the lineout): "Come on
Ronny, come on Bruce, come on Mark, harry! harry!
harry!"

THE BOYS: "Who the hell's Harry?"

MORE QUESTIONS: "What the hell's a Red Petal
Quartet?"

GRAHAM DUNN and BRIAN WARNOCK discussing
renovating Dunny's kitchen (Robyn listening)—

GRAHAM: "What's your hourly rate?"

BRIAN: "\$17 an hour."

ROBYN: "I'd better get Graham out of the house for the
day."

COACH MURRAY (after third grade): "Sorry, fellas,
the second grade haven't turned up yet! Who wants
another half a game?"

ROBYN: "At \$17 an hour it would cost us a fortune to
have him yapping to you all day!"



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1978 Players

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M. Hotchkis	G. Marshall
M. Fraser	B. Terry
R. Wessel	G. Dunn
B. Boulding	B. Leo
P. Whitehead	G. Wynn
J. Edwards	M. Derbyshire
L. Gordge	A. Della-Libera
M. Wilkins	J. Thompson
B. Warnock	T. McCreath
G. Collinson-Smith	M. Van-Reede
G. Wheeler	R. Benjamin
P. Murray	N. Buckley
M. Greenhalgh	S. Tsiantarlis
D. Johnston	J. Browne
D. Tighe	M. Davis
A. Gregory	P. Weir
G. Dunn	T. Sears
B. Silver	M. Pearson
G. Clarke	I. Hamilton
R. Swanson	Geoff Bath
I. McDonald	Graham Bath
J. Harpley	J. Palmer
G. Dougherty	I. Dobbins
I. Kent	S. Hopkins
W. Hedley	G. Cahill
D. Poole	T. Carr
P. Atkinson	M. Ryan
C. Gamble	D. Yielding
I. Caduro	D. Burke
K. Parry	T. Sears
A. Johnstone	P. Jackson
C. Tighe	B. Jones
B. McGrath	J. Zonneveld
A. Dougherty	J. Satchell
W. Collard	B. Thompson
T. Talbot	B. Morgan
B. Fleming	G. Alexander
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BEST AND FAIREST

1st Grade	Ron Wessel (12)
2nd Grade	Jim Harpley (14)
3rd Grade	Bryan Leo (12)

MOST IMPROVED

1st Grade	.....	Bruce Boulding
2nd Grade	.....	Ian McDonald
3rd Grade	.....	Pat Atkinson

TOP POINT SCORER

Brian Silver (65)

MOST CONSISTENT

Brian Warnock

BEST CLUBMAN

Mick Wilkins

CWA TROPHY

Brian Warnock

NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED

Tony Johnstone	.....	38
Pat Atkinson	.....	33
Wayne Collard	.....	33
Jim Harpley	.....	26
Ian Kent	.....	25
Mick Wilkins	.....	22
Ron Wessel	.....	22
Brian Leo	.....	22

POINTS FOR AND AGAINST

1ST GRADE

	For	Against	Comp. Points	Position in comp.
Total	127	300	11	9th

2ND GRADE

	For	Against	Comp. Points	Position in comp.
Total	71	607	4	11th

3RD GRADE

	For	Against	Comp. Points	Position in comp.
Total	77	320	12	9th

STATISTICS—OVERALL RESULTS

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost
1st Grade	20	4	3	13
2nd Grade	22	2	0	18
3rd Grade	22	6	0	16

BEST AND FAIREST PLAYER—A GRADE

Previously presented to—

1963	.....	John Steele
1964	.....	Ted McMilan
1965	.....	Reg Piper
1966	.....	Allan Elliott
1967	.....	Alan Bateman and Terry Churchin
1968	.....	Kerry Medway
1969	.....	Mick Twemlow
1970	.....	Dave Johnston
1971	.....	Ron Brady
1972	.....	Tim Young
1973	.....	Tim Young and Graeme Smith
1974	.....	Mark Hotchkis
1975	.....	Len Barker
1976	.....	Mark Hotchkis
1977	.....	Graeme Collinson-Smith

B GRADE

1969	.....	Rick Deem
1970	.....	Stuart Baikie
1972	.....	Pat O'Shea
1973	.....	Phil Tindall
1974	.....	Barry Doyle
1975	.....	Joe Browne
1976	.....	John Hayward
1977	.....	Geoff Wells

C GRADE

1968	.....	Kevin Callaghan
1969	.....	Geoff Thomas
1970	.....	Malcolm Graham
1971	.....	Graham Cottom
1972	.....	John Martin
1973	.....	Barry Doyle
1974	.....	Paul McCann
1975	.....	Graham Smith
1976	.....	Martin Ryan
1977	.....	Brian Leo

BEST CLUBMAN

Previously presented to—

1964	.....	Peter Head
1965	.....	Reg Reeves
1966	.....	Geoff Wells
1967	.....	John Millar
1968	.....	Chris Tyrrell
1969	.....	Doug Roser
1970	.....	Adrian Russell
1971	.....	Bruce Carr
1972	.....	John McGoldrick
1973	Neil Tew
1974	Gavin Steele
1975	Mick Wilkins
1976	M. Fraser
1977	M. Greenhalgh

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