

TECH WARATAHS RUGBY CLUB

1997 Presentation Night

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

In years to come I believe people will look back and say that 1997 was the year Tech-Tahs turned the corner.

This year saw a tremendous improvement in first grade attitude and performance, this being a credit to Rob and Tony. Our first grade young bloods and old heads showed the district a glimpse of what is to come in the near future of this club.

Several strategies were implemented this year: The fast tracking of our talented representative players and the establishment of our own development squad were just two that reinforce the clubs policy on player development.

The club and all its players should not be happy just to participate in the district competition but we should all be striving to be the pace setters of the district. It is positive strategies such as those already mentioned along with player commitment that will put us on the road to achieving this goal.

Player development starts at the grass roots and this was our mighty Under 11's, put together after some very hard work by Ron Wessel, and coached by Rod Petty. This team came about as a direct result of our strategy to promote the club in the local primary schools. This program we hope to expand into local high schools next year. Thank you to Ron and all those involved.

Our Under 15's under the guidance of Paul Darby and Jason Crimmins unfortunately went down in the Grand Final but did themselves and the club proud.

Supercoach Wayne Ireland and his mighty Under 17's won back to back premierships and proved once again what hard work can achieve.

These three teams and hopefully an U13's next year provide the sound coaching and playing base to achieve our goal of making us not only the No1 Junior club but THE number club in the district.

Congratulations to all those involved and well done to Phil Garde and his junior committee.

To all our senior coaching and management staff I thank you for your efforts this year.

Special thanks to our strapping staff Rick Boyle, Ron Wessel, Daniel Fasch and Lee Stiff. Your help is greatly appreciated by all the players.

To my committee, thank you all for your time and input but in particular thanks to Rick, Tony and Wayne for efforts above and beyond.

Thanks to all our sponsors who help us to make the dream and reality.

We have taken one very small step to achieve this reality and I call on everyone involved this year to put the shoulder to the wheel in 1998 and go that extra yard.

In closing, 1997 was a year of many positives and player achievements and sadly a year when the club lost one of its bright young stars, Adam Troy. Our thoughts and deepest sympathy go to the Troy family. With the passing of Adam and the emotion and comraderie shown by club members I am left with a great sense of pride to belong to this club.

I am also reminded what team sport is all about. It is about mates working towards a common goal, commitment to each other, working hard and laughing hard - belonging.

I was once told when I was a younger player (it doesn't seem that long ago) that the friends you make on the playing field are friends for life. I can now see how true that is.

Thanks to my mates for the good times in 1997 and I look forward to 1998.

**Peter O'Neill
President.**

GAMES PLAYED

	1st	2nd	19's	TOTAL	CAREER TOTAL
Baird, Edward	7			7	115
Barnes, Kent	4	2		6	9
Barnett, Stephen		2		2	4
Behr, David	2	5		7	31
Berry, Tim		1	5	6	6
Blundell, A		3	13	16	16
Breck, B		1		1	1
Buttel, Paul			9	9	9
Bye, Mark	10	9		19	25
Chapman, Arthur		2		2	24
Clooney, Wayne			2	2	2
Cooper, Glen	1			1	56
Crawford, Julian		2		2	93
Crimmins, Jason		5	14	19	65
Crimmins, Matthew		2	10	12	12
Darby, Josh	2	1	2	5	8
Darby, Nigel	3			3	25
Davis, Paul	17			17	144
Delaney, Peter	2	10	13	25	25
Doyle, Michael		2		2	2
Edmunds, Adam	13			13	44
Evans, David		1		1	1
Fasch, Daniel	17			17	60
Fasch, T	4		1	5	5
Flynn, Jacob			9	9	24
Foye, Chris		3	3	6	6
Franklin, C		6		6	6
Franklin, Matthew	3	4		7	16
Fredericks, Steve			4	4	4
Frigo, Shane		1	11	12	28
George, Damien		10		10	28
Gould, Philip	16			16	55
Hawkesworth, Harry	5	1		6	6
Henderson, Peter	4	8		12	12
Ireland, Wayne	12	2		14	95

GAMES PLAYED

Jones, Justin	1	9	1	11	127
Kohler, Lucas	4	9	1	14	41
Lane, Brian		9		9	71
Langridge, Tim			7	7	25
Leach, Ben			6	6	6
Lehman, Josh	7	4		11	41
Lollbeck, Steve		4		4	51
Madden, Will		1		1	100
Manouski, Zlatcko	6	13		19	79
Marland, Simon	14	2		16	136
Martin, Lee	12		4	16	42
Matar, Khaled	14	2		16	123
Maughan, John	1	10		11	212
Mayberry, Adam		4		4	43
Mayberry, Luke	6	7	14	27	62
McLean, Richard	5	9		14	22
Mulcahey, Paul			6	6	6
Neville, Shane		2	14	16	27
O'Dwyer, Mitch			5	5	5
O'Neill, Peter		1		1	62
O'Shea, Darren		1	4	5	7
O'Shea, Mark	8	3		11	17
Ogden, Cameron		11	13	24	48
Ogden, Craig		1		1	50
Ogden, Shaun	8	6		14	87
Olsen, Ben	13	2	1	16	52
Olsen, Tim			2	2	19
Parrish, Darryl					38
Payne, Julian		3		3	27
Peace, C		3		3	13
Pearson, Stuart	17			17	54
Pearson, Wylie	1	15		16	55
Petty, Rodney	12		4	16	42
Power, Martin		2		2	40
Power, Stephen		13		13	30
Price, Jon			3	3	31
Price, Matthew		2	7	9	69

GAMES PLAYED

Read, Daniel		5	12	17	17
Robinson, Glen			11	11	11
Smart, Ross			1	1	12
Sopher, Daniel	6	11		17	45
Strudwick, Michael		3		3	185
Sutherland, J		1		1	1
Sylvester, Mick		3		3	12
Tregonning, Adam		1		1	51
Troy, Ben		2		2	3
Tully, Daniel	3	6	2	11	36
Ulandys, Michael			6	6	6
Webber, Anthony	8			8	8
Weckwerth, Ben			2	2	2
Wett, Bernard	15	4		19	47
Williams, Adrian	8			8	54
Williams, Ian	2	1		3	23
Williams, Stuart	2	1		3	3
Wilson, Tony			1	1	1
Young, Peter		1	10	11	11

POINTS SCORED

POINTS SCORED ALL GRADES

	Tries	Goals	Penalty Goals	Field Goals	Total
Mayberry; Luke	7	21	21		140
Marland; Simon	1	11	10		57
Petty; Rodney	7	1		1	40
Blundell; A	5				25
Jones; Justin		1	6		20
Berry; Tim	3				15
O'Dwyer; Mitch	3				15
Martin; Lee	3				15
Olsen; Ben	3				15
Price; Mathew	2				10
Langridge; Tim	2				10
Buttel; Paul	2				10
Delaney; Peter	2				10
Tully; Daniel	2				10
Crimmins; Jason	2				10
Fasch; Daniel	2				10
Mulcahey; Paul	1				5
Read; Daniel	1				5
Hawkesworth; Harry	1				5
Fasch; T	1				5
Darby; Josh	1				5
Young; Peter	1				5
George; Damian	1				5
Baird; Edward	1				5
Bye; Mark	1				5
Frigo; Shane	1				5
Ireland; Wayne	1				5
Total	57	34	37	1	467

FIRST GRADE REPORT

It is with great pride, some disappointment and overwhelming optimism that I reflect on our efforts in 1997.

It goes without saying that compared to our points for and against in 1996 that we are the most improved side in the competition, however, this bare statistic does not do justice to our efforts.

The most pleasing aspect of the season was the way the players developed both as individuals and as a team. It was a delight to me personally to see individuals who lacked confidence develop the steely resolve and self belief that all winners have. There were also lessons to be learned in terms of commitment, training, professional conduct and above all - to the team.

The club has made a commitment to achieving premiership success and to becoming a major force in Illawarra Rugby. This cannot happen overnight but rather in a series of steps, the first of which was taken this year. Next year we must go to a new level of regularly winning games. It is important to understand that if this is to happen that things have to change, to evolve, to improve. If we do the same things next year we will get the same results which, according to our aims, is unacceptable. If we want to get better results then we have to prepare better. The harder we work the luckier we will get.

My closing message to the players is to keep this season's results in perspective and expect to improve again next year. However, you should also expect to give more next year to make this happen. You should expect to train harder at a new level, to develop more complex skills, to be more professional in your approach. By failing to prepare we are preparing to fail.

My utmost gratitude goes to Tony Leeder-Smith who did an excellent job this year and was responsible for building a very good backline. Tony always gave me insightful feedback and was always well prepared and thoroughly professional in his approach.

Thanks also go to Ron Wessel, the Committee who do all the thankless jobs which keep the club running and to the club's supporters who inspire the players to greater heights.

To those who disagreed with my policies or approach this year - too bad. My only concern is for the players, to maximise their development and for them to enjoy their rugby through winning. Everything else is secondary.

See you all in 1998.

ROBERT STEWARD

FIRST GRADE POINTS SCORED

	Tries	Goals	Pen. Goals	Fld. Goals	Total	District Points
Marland; Simon		9	7		39	
Mayberry; Luke	1	1	8		31	
Petty; Rodney	5	1		1	30	10
Fasch; Daniel	2				10	4
Martin; Lee	2				10	1
Hawkesworth, Harry	1				5	2
Fasch; T	1				5	
Baird; Edward	1				5	1
Ireland; Wayne	1				5	
Darby; Josh						1
Gould; Phillip						7
Pearson; Stuart						2
Davis; Paul						4
Olsen; Ben						1
McLean; Richard						1
Total	14	11	15	1	140	34

SECOND GRADE REPORT

The second grade side started the season without a coach or a manager until after the second round against Vikings. I said I would fill in until a coach could be found, however, I am still waiting. Therefore I apologise for the times I could not be there for training nights or match day due to work commitments, especially the big win against Kiama at Saunders Oval.

It was always difficult selecting a side with late withdrawals from first grade, as well as players from second grade not showing upon the day. Both of these factors made for a different team make up every game.. Thank you to the Under 19's who backed up after their own match to play second grade. On most occasions if you fellows had not helped out we would have had to forfeit the match.

Thank you to the guys that were there all year and were the regular trainers, especially Cameron Ogden and Peter Delaney both from the Under 19's. Thanks also to Steven Power who, most Saturdays, ran the line in first grade and Under 19's played second grade all year and never complained about whether he got a game or not.

I'm sure with a better commitment to training nights and games, the second grade performance will markedly improve next season.

Finally a word for Mushy Melon "Bazza Manovski for Captain in '98."

M Strudwick

UNDER 19'S REPORT

A mixed year for the 19's this year with the team just missing out on the semi's. They struggled for numbers most of the year but were well supported by the U17's players.

However, this team could have done themselves and their coaches more credit if they had trained in numbers from the beginning of the season. Congratulations must go to all of the players who made representative sides, in particular Shane Frigo, for making the Country U19's. It was also pleasing to see some new faces such as Daniel Read and putting in solid performances all year, along side one of the veterans of U19's Camerog Ogden who goes from strength to strength.

The boys did themselves proud when called upon to play in the higher grades and their efforts were very much appreciated with the likes of Peter Delaney, Tony Wilson, Cameron Ogden, Shane Frigo, Luke Mayberry, Jason Crimmins and Mat Crimmins making valuable contributions to grade.

The committee would like to thank Kevin Price and Keith Mayberry for their efforts, Daniel Fasch for strapping the team and Khaled Matar for stepping in to take over the reins towards the end of the season.

With the experience gained by U17's players this year 1998 looks to be a cracker of a year for the U19's.

PLAYER MILESTONES

400 GAMES

Rick Boyle, Wayne Boardman, Ean Torpy

300 GAMES

Kevin Abnett, Wayne Boardman, Rick Boyle, Tony Johnson, Barry Thomas, Ron Wessel

200 GAMES

Kevin Abnett, Graham Abnett, Wayne Boardman, Rick Boyle, Gwynne Brickell, Steve Hindson, Mark Hotchkis, Tony Johnson, Ian Kent, Paul Klein, Brian Leo, Richard Macrae, John Maughan, Bob Maitland, Mark McConnell, Barry McVicar, John Morris, Jim Nielson, Brett Ramsay, Ian Ruttera, Dick Salm, Gavin Steele, Barry Thomas, Ean Torpy, Sam Vlandys, Ron Wessel, Mick Wilkins,

100 GAMES

Graham Abnett, Kevin Abnett, Malcolm Anderson, Peter Arneman, Tony Arnold, Tony Auguston, Brett Ayre, Edward Baird, Bill Barker (T) Bill Barker (W) Len Barker, Noel Bennetts, David Birch, Wayne Boardman, Bruce Bolding, Alan Booth, Rick Boyle, Gwynne Brickell, Sid Brown, Gary Burn, Kevin Callaghan, Hugo Cario, Tony Cheetham, Ron Chittock, Jim Clabour, Wayne Collard, Rod Coleshill, Graeme Collinson-smith, Trevor Cowell, Steve Creenaune, R. Cregar, Tony Curren, Paul Darby, Steve Davies, Paul Davis, W. Davis, John Dawson, Richard Dixon, Brent Edwards, Allan Elliot, Brian Field, John Fox, Mark Fox, Robert Glasgow, Simon Golightly, Gary Graham, Mick Greenhalgh, Alan Gregory, Gary Hart, John Hayward, Wilf Hedley, John Heisley, Steve Hindson, Mark Hotchkis, Tony Johnson, Justin Jones, Ian Kent, John Kinnear, Paul Klein, Peter King, Graham Kohler, Jason Lammers, Reg Leighton, Peter Leiner (T), Peter Leiner (W), Brian Leo, Spiro Lozenovski, Richard Macrae, Will Madden, Richard Maitland, Robert Maitland, Paul Malady, John Maughan, Mark McConnell, Ian McCulloch, Jim McGrath, Barry McVicar, Simon Marland, Khaled Matar, Philip Metera, Jerry Moffatt, John Morris, Don Muir, Simon Muir, Paul Murray, Tony Naulty, Warren Neil, Jim Nielson, Mick Nowbray, Yaraslaw Olander, Mal Pearson, Jim Pettit, Les Porter, Anthony Quilkey, Peter Quilkey, P. Ragnoli, Brett Ramsay, Henry Rarere, Tony Rogers, Ian Ruttera, Dick Salm, Jon Scott, Don Shaw, Steve Smith, Michael Strudwick, John Sutherland, Rusty Swanson, Barry Thomas, Josh Tito, Ean Torpy, Fred Tritton, Gary Thompson, Sam Vlandys, Peter Wallace, Brian Warnock, Michael Weine, Ron Wessel (W), Ron Wessel (T), John Whiddett, Mick Wilkins, Geoff Youll.

- REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS -

Illawarra 14's

S. Allen, N. Bell, R. Fisher, T. Pike

Country 16's

J. Miller, T. Olsen

Country 14's

Steven Allen

Illawarra 17's

J. Darby, P. Delaney, D. Garde,
D. O'Shea, J. Plasek, M. Schliebs,
A. Troy

Illawarra 15's

R. Andonovski, W. Bruton,
S. Burgess, D. Glen, M. Green,
D. Houweling

Country 17's

J. Darby, D. O'Shea, M. Schliebs,
A. Troy

Country 15's

W. Bruton, S. Burgess, M. Green

I.S.A 1sts

J. Darby, M. Schliebs

Illawarra 16's

R. Allen, M. Crimmins, J. Miller,
T. Olsen, C. Schliebs

C.H.S. 1sts

D. O'Shea

Country 18's

L. Martin, B. Olsen

L. Martin, L. Mayberry, B. Olsen,
R. Petty

Southern Region 18's

L. Martin, B. Olsen, R. Petty

Country 19's

S. Frigo, L. Martin, B. Olsen, R.
Petty

Illawarra 19's

A. Blundell, C. Foye, S. Frigo,

All States 19's - R. Petty

Illawarra District U19 Player of the Year -

- ROD PETTY -

Illawarra District U21 Player of the Year

- PHIL GOULD -

AWARD WINNERS 1997

U19's Most Improved..... -----

U19's Best & Fairest..... -----

3rd Grade Most Improved..... -----

3rd Grade Best & Fairest..... -----

2nd Grade Most Improved..... -----

2nd Grade Best & Fairest..... -----

Best Trainer..... -----

Try Scorer of the Year..... -----

Point Scorer of the Year..... -----

1st Grade Most Improved..... -----

1st Grade Best & Fairest..... -----

Most Improved Player..... -----

Most Consistent Club Player..... -----

Rick Boyle Trophy..... -----

Clubman of the Year..... -----

