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FOOTBALL
CLUB**

**YEAR
BOOK**

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President's Report

On settling down to write this my first report as President of the Waratah Club I find myself looking back to the example set last year by Brian Baird. May I express my sincere thanks to Brian for his guidance throughout 1974, a year of learning and satisfaction for me.

Many thanks to many people must be passed on. On listing the names and organizations individually I find this covers a whole page.

During the year the Waratahs have built on their reputation as a dedicated and united football club both on the field of play and socially. To all who have made even the smallest contribution I am extremely grateful.

As a football club we can count the year as a most successful one. The club climbed to fifth place on the club competition table, the highest position we have ever achieved, all coaches deserving a great deal of credit.

Each coach has written a detailed report on his team's wins and losses, therefore it would be superfluous for me to elaborate. One memorable event however, was our second round clash with Technical College in which we excelled in all three grades.

To each executive member, many thanks for the way you ran the club and supported me throughout the season. It is reassuring to have so many constructive and dedicated members on the executive committee working to keep the club on an even keel.

No President can function without a Secretary. Whilst most people have a known capacity for work, not Neil Tew. Neil has made himself available to work and always does that little extra, all these things can only help the club. Thank you Neil. Bruce Carr again carried on in his tireless role as registrar and gave much assistance as Deputy Vice President. At last Bruce gains recognition for his services, by being named a life member of the Waratahs.

A well deserved win in the Clubman of the Year Award goes to Gavin Steele. Gavin took over the thankless job of Gear Steward. Where would we be without jumpers, etc? I do hope the purchase of the trailer has lightened his load and saved some wear and tear on his family car. With members like Gavin Steele the Waratahs will never go backwards.

The touring committee, comprising Joe Browne, Dave Walters and Peter Tibbits, has performed well, receiving enough money to send thirty members to Grafton for the October long weekend and leaving \$400 towards next year's big trip.

My thanks also go to the Social Committee which has been very efficient in organizing barbecues after many home games. Trips and social functions have been well attended and enjoyable for all. Barry Doyle and John McGoldrick were extremely energetic and this was evident with the largest crowd ever attending the annual ball.

Frank Arkell is a name well to the fore at the moment. Firstly, to us, for his position as Vice-President, and secondly for his success in becoming Lord Mayor. Congratulations Frank. Let us not forget Bill Taylor, Dave Larnach and Chris Tyrell.

Lloyd Callander is another name that crops up year after year. This year, on behalf of the Waratahs I congratulate Lloyd and his wife Jane on the birth of their daughter. As even Lloyd's hospitality and facilities at the Illawarra Hotel have made committee meetings comfortable and raffles a financial success. The Illawarra Master Builder's Club is also thanked for its continued and increased financial support.

This report and other reports have been written to record the season in a form a little more lasting and available to members than papers filed and forgotten. Our 1974 year book is bigger and I hope better than our first effort. Steve Crowley and Barry Doyle have been a great help in compiling this record.

Progress is always pleasing. Continuation of progress and success is something I wish for all members, their families and our many supporters, as the year draws to a close.

My sincere thanks to all for the opportunity to serve as President of the Waratah Rugby Football Club for 1974.

— CHRIS PARRY

Semi-final Award to Club

In the great wisdom of the Illawarra Rugby Union Committee the Waratahs were chosen to arrange the score board and sale of programs for one of the semi-finals.

After many hours of deliberation due to the fact no one could count past ten, the Executive of the Waratahs, in even greater wisdom, chose to put Bruce Carrs computer in the score board room and get Paul (Timber Cutters) Jones (kids) to sell the programs at their usual 400 per cent commission.

Doc Parrish stated at the beginning of the season he would continue to play rugby until his new boots wore out. Doc is believed to be the only physician in the Warilla area with sprig marks all over the floor in his surgery.

WARATAHS IN FULL BLOOM



LEFT:
Mal Pearson timing his pass to Dave Walters in
an A Grade match against Tech.



BELOW:
Everything seems okay.



ABOVE:
Geoff Thomas reaches high for the ball with Paul Jones, Rod
McCormack, Brian Baird and Julian Sullivan ready to help.



Spike Cario beats one tackle with Geoff Thomas supporting. Others in the picture are Paul Glynn and Dennis Geeves.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Well it's that time of the year again, when we hang up the boots. This is my second report as secretary for the Waratahs Year Book and I am very pleased to have held the position again.

1974 was a mixed year for the Tahs but the true spirit was always there during our ups and downs.

I am very pleased to see the new members of the club fitting in so well. We are looking forward to seeing them

all again next year, on the field and in the off season at the functions that will be held.

I would like to thank all players and supporters for their efforts during the year. I feel, as all those who attended the functions held during the year, that they were a great success. My report of the ball this year was considerably longer than last year. I would like to congratulate Brian Baird on his appointment as President of Illawarra District Rugby Union for 1974.

I would like to thank too the young ladies for their assistance in the canteen at Keira Oval and at the functions throughout the year. Well done, ladies!

Congratulations are also in order for Mark Hocht-kis, Peter Leiner and Greg Evans for gaining representative honours for the District. Due to unforeseen circumstances Charlie Onus' stay with the Club was cut short. He represented Country Finals throughout the season.

I am looking forward to a very good season in 1975, both on and off the field and with the club as it is now, I am sure this will happen.

In closing off my report, I would like to wish all members and their families every success in the future.

Yours faithfully,

NEIL TEIW,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report, presented in the 1974 Waratah Year Book, constitutes all financial matters arising from 1st January, 1973, until December, 1973, plus a general indication on the 1974 period. Firstly we would like to thank Geoff Thomas for his time and work as the Treasurer during 1973.

Set out below is a copy of the report submitted to the members at the annual meeting as presented by Chris Tyrrell.

BALANCE SHEET — 31st December, 1973

1972	ACCUMULATED FUND	\$	1972	CURRENT ASSETS	\$
	Balance — 31st December, 1972	1,153	91	Cash at bank	393
834	Add excess of income over expenditure transferred from the income and expenditure account	372	1,062	Illawarra Mutual Building Society	1,132
	\$1,153	\$1,525			\$1,525

In my opinion the balance sheet and income and expenditure account are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the club's affairs according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the club.

WOLLONGONG, 31st January, 1974.

C. W. TYRRELL,
Honorary Auditor.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December, 1973

1972	EXPENDITURE	\$	1972	INCOME	\$
	End of season trip	2,052	—	End of season trip	1,932
792	Chicken raffles	1,002	1,343	Chicken raffles	1,716
442	Presentation night	697	—	200 Club receipts	864
375	I.D.R.U. fees	477	—	Refunds — social committee	440
—	Refund social committee	440	355	Match fees	376
—	Year book	264	102	Annual presentation night	245
99	Club equipment	194	—	Proceeds — year book	215
44	Postages	193	—	Transfer — social committee	200
8	Bus trips	148	173	Membership fees	169
104	Washing and repairs to jumpers	118	—	Bus trips	126
—	Tent purchase	87	119	Proceeds on sale of old jumpers	75
—	Beer purchase	84	86	Interest — building society	70
2	Food	70	41	Sale of socks	60
—	Purchase of socks	68	—	Proceeds — Cricket match	30
—	Cricket match — Jamberoo	57	11	Sales of beer	20
161	Donations	45	—	Donations	15
4	Stationery	37	—	Interest — bank	4
—	Tent hire	32	—	Food — miscellaneous	4
—	Hire of hall — annual ball	30	262	Balance account — social committee	—
29	Trophies	25	132	Sale of T. shirts	—
—	Advertising	20	3	Sale of ties	—
—	Medical equipment	18	58	Sydney trips	—
17	Oranges	15	28	I.M.B.C. sports night	12
28	I.M.B.C. sports night	12			
3	Stamp duty	9			
9	Floral tributes	5			
—	Ice	2			
130	T. shirts	—			
80	Band — social functions	—			
21	Field hire	—			
5	Post Office box rental	—			
11	Miscellaneous	—			
	2,394	6,201			
319	Excess of income over expenditure for the period transferred to accumulated funds	372			
	\$2,713	\$6,573			\$6,573

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Fellow Waratahs,

1974 was a rather mixed year for the Waratah Football Club with all teams waiting until the end of the season was in sight before playing the football capable of them.

Perhaps the team achieving the most success was the third grade. They were very unlucky to miss out on making the semi-finals. This reversal in traditional form was due to a change in attitude.

Instead of being a Saturday afternoon drinkers side (S.A.D.S.) they became an old gentlemen's team (S.A.G.S.) with the notable acquisition of players such as: Paul McCann, Iron Man Baird and Chris 'the tiger' Parry from their fifth retirement; Doc Parrish and Ray Agostini from the Carribbean, 'Whale' Wells from Springbok ranks; Graham 'the mouth' Dunn from Kiama; Julian 'ashtray' Sullivan from New Zealand; Timber Cutter Jones, a former Illawarra under 23 1959 rep.; Peter Head, Phil Remfrey.

These fellows entrusted their experience onto the younger players and helped to mould a good side much to the pleasure of coach and leader Rosebud Walters who directed play safely from full back. Shinpad Crowley, Dennis Geeves, Alan Gregory, John Haywood and many others helped the Sage throughout the year.

The second grade owe much to the efforts of coach and club stalwart and musician Gavin Steele. After Brian Leo's forced retirement the second grade started to win games and finished the season in a healthy position on the points table. Many of the players in this grade gained valuable experience and will form the nucleus of a strong first and second grade next season. Persons in this side adequately plugged holes in first grade whenever they were called upon. Likker Blair's ferociousness in rucks, Bulldog Doyle's block-busting runs; Pat Owen's superior strength; Skulka Thomas' charging of conversion kicks; Bubbles Glynn's side stepping; Chrome dome Stennett's ball handling; and Joe Browne's early pre-game nights all helped to provide the basis for a winning role. New boys Brian McGrath, Peter Watson and Colin Gamble fitted in well with Chris Giles, Chris Robertson and the other players. The inside back combination of sides Mick Greenhalgh and Kevin Callaghan with their calmness and football experience was evident as they dictated play in any game.

The first grade started to show their true ability late in the season with some hair raising wins, after the players realised that there were two try lines on a football field. New boys, Mal Davis (Wales); Issy Cauduro (Vikings); Mick Wilkins (doug); Bob Terry (boxing); Peter Tibbits (Coaching); Peter Shaw (Randwick); Dave Barnaby (League); Peter Herron (nothing). A. Hole's wee brother Mick settled down with many of the old faithfuls to wake up the team.

The team suffered a severe setback with the retirement of Chris Atkins and Bryce Landman early in the season (after Bryce's first try in 10 years) Dave Barnaby decided to travel before the season was over and Peter Leiner, Issy and Chang Russell were sadly

missed for later games, Mark Hotchkis firmly entrenched himself in representative ranks with consistently strong performances as did Peter Leiner before his injury and wedding.

Toad McGoldrick surprised everyone with his reserve of energy after his marriage by playing more games than anyone else throughout the season. Rusty Swanson finally retired after an 18 month absence due to sore ankle. David Johnston had a high scoring season according to the opposition but his performance was overshadowed by the goal kicking duels between Mal 'Golden Boots' Pearson and the referee's friend 'Boots' Tibbits. Neither emerged as successful. Hugo Cario showed why he is called Spike, in rucks and even managed to score a try — under the posts. Greg Evans pressed his representative claims further with a great season and demonstrated, with Mal Pearson, why he is an economist by saving many a try whilst Malcolm Davis was making them. These players were perhaps the reason for the Waratah wins that did eventuate.

Many other players gained first grade experience throughout the season and the way that these fellows fitted into the side illustrates the increasing depth in the club.

Waratahs achieved a high rating in the club championship by finishing fifth which is an enormous improvement over previous years. The day of greatest jubilation was when all three grades defeated Weerona — this was due largely to a final minute amazing run by Barry Doyle.

Social functions for the year were well attended and enjoyed. Many barbecues occurred as did a gambling night at Graham Dunn's, a benefit night at Woonona-Bulli Soccer Club and the annual ball. Peter Tibbits and 'Pogo' Thompson were the beau's of the ball, repeating their last year effort. Frank Arkell spent the night campaigning whilst Alan Birch is still wondering if and when he got to the ball. A prawn night and trip away to the North Coast are still to come and there should see Mal Davis and Doc Parrish compete for Rod Coleshill's crown of club singer and story teller. The remaining social games should enable Zombie Zonneveld to continue his comebacks after injury. Thanks must be conveyed to the various groups and persons who helped to organise these and other activities throughout the year.

The respective team managers, Graham Lewis, Errol Milner, Peter Leiner and Peter Boyd did a tremendous job with team organisation, as did Mrs. Steele and her washing machine. Neil Tew and Bruce Carr supervised the refreshments which were received, but special thanks on behalf of all players must go to the coaches — Dave Walters, Gavin Steele and especially Paul McCann — for the time, effort and worry they devoted to lifting the club to the overall position that was achieved.

Besides concentrating on their individual teams, all players, no matter what grade benefitted from their knowledge. If the enthusiasm and club spirit reached this year is maintained in 1975 then the future of Waratah Football Club looks very bright.

— GRAEME COLLINSON-SMITH

COACH'S REPORT – 'A' GRADE



TOP ROW: Paul McCann (Coach), Mick Wilkins, John McGoldrick, Isidore Cauduro, Greg Evans, Peter Herron, Adrian Russell, Peter Tibbits, Rod Thompson, Mark Hotchkis (Capt.), Mal Pearson.
BOTTOM ROW: Mick Holl, Dave Johnston, Barry Doyle, Kevin Callaghan, Russell Swanson, Graeme Collison-Smith, Malcolm Davis.

Was it an unlucky year? Was it a year that set strong foundations for the future? Was it a year of if's? Was it all of these? Although it had its disappointments and jubilation it wasn't, I feel, a wasted year as far as the future of Waratahs is concerned. We experienced the worst seasonal conditions in which to play the type of football I hoped to develop. However, the latter part of the season showed, I feel, what we could have done had conditions been better and what we can expect in the future. We started with a bang, then four weeks without a game which unfortunately put us back in our development.

We were plagued with injuries and other commitments which drained off some of our key players, such as Charlie Onus, Bryce Landman, Peter Leiner, Dave Barnaby and Chris Atkins, and upset our combination. At times our backs clicked and our forwards didn't and vice versa. We went the closest of any club to defeating Kiama. We defeated semi-finalists Tech, and Werona and Uni, all of whom unfortunately finished ahead of us on the comp. ladder. In attack we showed patches of brilliance but lacked finish, while our defence improved greatly over the season and better still we learnt to fight back. Scrums improved greatly but lineouts need more drill. Our rucking pattern for many was new but paid handsome dividends in the latter part of the season. Our skills improved but more care will need to be taken next year on tackling and goal kicking, both of which cost us games and valuable points.

Congratulations to Mark Hotchkis and Peter Leiner for gaining district honours. Peter Herron's and Bob Terry's improvement was outstanding during the season and along with Greg Evans have big futures ahead. Newcomers Mick Holl, Mick Wilkins, Peter Shaw, Dave Barnaby and Isa Cauduro prove valuable

imports. Mal Davis would be an even greater asset if you could understand him. Dave Johnston, Mal Pearson, Peter Tibbits and Smithy have been their usually competent and at times brilliant selves during the season. The return of 'Chang' Russell was a welcome sight, but Toad wasn't for many front rows. 'Zombie' and Spike and 'Thomo' gave tremendous enthusiasm when they were with us physically and mentally. It was great, too, on occasions to have the services of fellows like Doc, Rusty, Doyle, Kev and Pat (with his jumper on).

Some points to think about. Rugby is a team game and each member must give his best on and off the field. Did you give your best? A self-examination with some personal resolutions, with particular reference to training could help here. Are we going to oppose a schedule drawn next year? What is your attitude to your club commitment while a district rep? It could be your problem next year. Give your club Captain your ideas on these and other points concerning the club.

In conclusion, there are many thanks I wish to make. Firstly the committee, especially Chew, for their whole-hearted support, and effort in making my task less arduous and more enjoyable. Secondly the other coaches, Gavin and Dave, for the co-operation in helping to produce what I feel was a better standard and style of football. Thirdly Peter Boyd for his efforts as first grade manager.

Most importantly all those who played first during the season for the confidence they showed in me and for their loyalty and team spirit. Finally, thanks for the opportunity and pleasure in coaching such a fine band of fellows and being associated with such an enthusiastically spirited club.

— PAUL

COACH'S REPORT – 'B' GRADE



BACK ROW: Mick Fraser, Chris Giles, Col Gamble, John Zonneveld, Chris Parry, Peter Leiner (Manager).

MIDDLE ROW: Barry Doyle, Joe Browne, Brian McGrath, Gavin Steele (Capt. Coach).

BOTTOM ROW: Graham Cotton, Peter Tibbits, Kevin Callaghan.

It is with great pleasure that I present this report in relation to the 'Seconds' of the 1974 season.

Winning has come in three's this year with us twice winning three games in a row and there were many occasions during the year where bad luck cost us valuable competition points in the race for a semi-final berth.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal thanks to Errol Milner who was Seconds Manager until ill health forced him to vacate the position and to that tower of strength in the club, Bruce Carr who took over these duties along with his many others towards the end of the season. Peter Leiner and Neil Tew also filled in when required in this capacity.

It was very satisfying this year to see the excellent spirit and the will to win that was shown this season and which never faltered even when results were against us.

We were unfortunate mid-way through the season to lose our greying but still 'young at heart' hooker Bryan Leo who always assured us of a fair share of the ball, but we were fortunate in gaining the services of Collaroy Northbridge Centre Gary Stennett (a shining beacon in the backs).

Mick Fraser, Barry Doyle, Kevin Callaghan and Alex Blair provided the nucleus of the side through the

year and their assistance to me on and off the field is greatly appreciated.

Highlights of the year must include the selection of Joe Browne at five eighth for a few games during the year (sorry about the lack of ball, backs), the eighty yard dash to score by Chris Giles playing his first game at centre and the many robust runs made by our fullback 'Mr. Safety' Barry Doyle.

It was pleasing to see the consistent efforts of Graham Cotton rewarded with a fine try in the last game of the season. The determination and good forward play by Col Gamble played no small part in our end of year successes.

In conclusion I would like to express my thanks to the players and officials putting up with me and supporting me so well during the year and wish every success to the coach of '75.

— GAVIN STEELE

DEFINITION OF GUTS: Kiama only providing two dozen (small) cans at their home game.

DEFINITION OF HAPPINESS: The publican down the road from the same game.



ABOVE: Is there

DEEDS . . .

TOP LEFT:

Ray Agostini attempting Weerona.



CENTRE LEFT:

Ball coming out of Tech.

BOTTOM LEFT:

Julian Sullivan and P against Tech.



TOP RIGHT:

Some people are not

CENTRE RIGHT:

Graeme Smith followin

BOTTOM RIGHT:

Mick Fraser makes a b



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Remfry win the lineout

nt to tackle Bob Terry.

through after kicking.

k from a ruck.



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Arrive at Campbelltown. Late as usual. Had disagreements with gate official. Told we can't park bus there. Charley told him what he could do. Gate official has heart attack pushing bus. Grounds like golf course. Lake at one end and mountain at the other. Third grade runs on. Play game. Third grade runs off. No bus, no clothes.

Tewy and Charlie missing A, HR. Three guesses where bus is. Retrieve bus from local establishment. Second grade play. First grade play. Good games. Doc plays three grades. So excited he put his head through roof of bus after three cheers.

Cavalcade of cars, follow bus to barbecue. Road is just wide enough for the bus. Tewy, our guide for the day, decides we must have passed the farm about a mile back. No way to turn round. Continue to travel for days with no end in sight. Still can't turn round. Still with cavalcade of cars following. Finally turn around. Return to barbecue. Great night.

NETBALL

During the 1974 competition the wives and girlfriends of the Waratah players formed a netball team.

The girls experienced great success by reaching the grand final. Much credit must go to Cheryl Walters and Glynis Crowley for their efforts in forming the team. Other members of the team were Jos Fraser, Barb Johnston, Helen McGoldrick, Jan Perkins, Pam Tibbits, Sharon Haigh, Bev Davis and Sharon Liddell.

The Waratahs would like to congratulate the girls on their fine effort and wish them continued success in 1975.

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Vale George Tipper

Vale George Sidney Tipper, B.A., Dip.Ed., Dip.A.I.I.

Illawarra District Rugby Union and New South Wales Country Rugby Union suffered a tragic loss with the death of George Tipper at the age of 47 years on 13th March, 1971. George, a former President of Illawarra and a foundation member of the revived Illawarra competition in the 1950's received a life membership of the Illawarra District Rugby Union in 1960 for his service both as a player and as an official.

In 1951 George came to Illawarra as a teacher at Corrimal High School after distinguishing himself at Sydney University as a solid second row forward and goal kicker and having toured with the University team to Tasmania in 1950.

In the following seasons he established himself in Illawarra as a sound player and captained the Wollongong Club side and later Illawarra District and Southern Zone representative teams. After the 1952 Country Carnival he was chosen in Country Seconds.

In 1953 George was chosen as the first captain of a New South Wales Country Rugby team which toured Victoria and South Australia. This selection gave him the further honour of becoming the first Illawarra player to be selected in a touring side. His appointment as tour captain was hailed by the press of the day as being in recognition of his outstanding play and captaincy in the Country Carnival held in Sydney earlier in the season when he led the Southern Zone team to victory in the Caldwell Cup. Later the same season he was selected to tour South Australia in a New South Wales side.

As President of Illawarra District Rugby Union in 1954 George welcomed the touring Fijian team to Wollongong to play the Southern District side of which he was captain. This was the first occasion on which an international touring Rugby side had visited Wollongong and this honour was indicative of the respect and confidence which the New South Wales Rugby Union held for and in the Illawarra administration as a result of the efforts made by George and his committee in establishing Rugby in the area.

In later years George was instrumental in the formation of Corrimal Surf Rugby Union Football Club and at his death he was President of the Waratah Rugby Union Football Club, a position he had held for several months.

In more recent years George was associated with the Corrimal Surf Rugby Union Club and in 1964 joined the Waratahs as first grade coach. He subsequently became President of the club in 1965 and retained that position until his death. During the period that he was associated with the club it grew from a 2 to 3 grade club and a number of the now well established traditions were instituted. The club



George Tipper Memorial Shield

made its first long trip away when it travelled to Brisbane in 1969 and the 3rd grade side on the first occasion for the club reached the grand final in 1968. His influence on the Club was long lasting and to commemorate his memory it was unanimously decided to donate a trophy to the Illawarra District Rugby Union for the Club Championship each year.

HATCH AND CATCH DEPT.

BIRTHS:

Mick and Coralie Holl, daughter.

Brian and Kay Baird, son.

John and Marilyn Zonnerveld, daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS:

Barry Doyle and Lyn.

Maril Hotchkis and Kathy.

WEDDINGS:

Dave and Barb Johnston.

John and Helen McGoldrick.

Peter and Val Leiner.

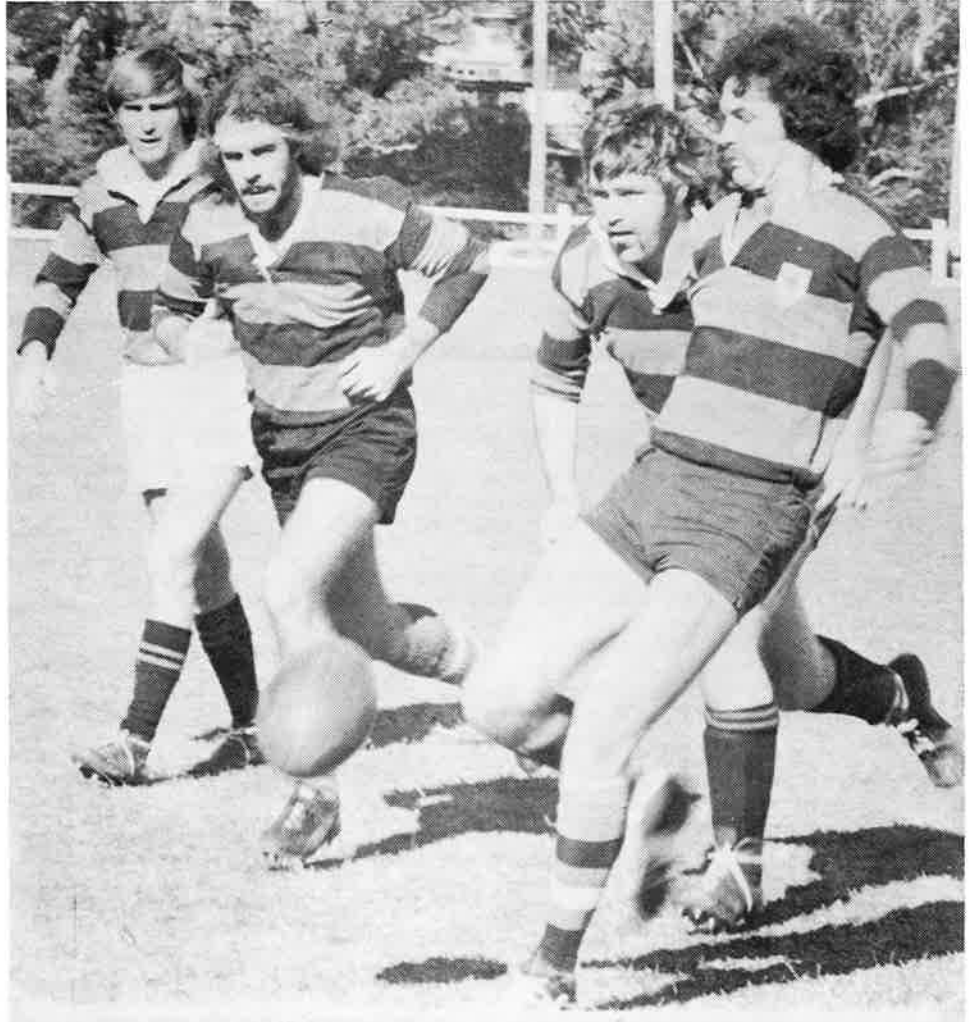
Showing why Waratah's Hopes are alive for '75



ABOVE: Paul McCann clears the ball from a scrum.



ABOVE:
Forwards are not supposed to kick.



AT RIGHT:
Dave Walters kicking through with
Rod Thompson, Larry Hannah and
Paul McCann about to chase the
ball.

COACH'S REPORT — 'C' GRADE



BACK ROW: Roger Parrish, Geoff Thomas, Dave Walters (Capt. Coach), Chris Giles, John Hayward, Paul Jones, Julian Sullivan, Alan Gregory, Graham Lewis (Manager), Brian Baird, Andrew Anstey, Ian Parker, Peter Watson.
FRONT ROW: Ray Agostini, David Southwood-Jones, Geoff Wells, Steve Crowley, Rod McCormack, Larry Hannah, Dennis Geeves, Chris Robertson, Paul McCann.

The third grade team can look back on the 1974 season with feelings of pride and sadness. The team can be proud of the fact that they beat three of this year's semi-finalists and sadness at the fact that we did not finish in the top four.

The year started off badly for the third grade as it was not until the sixth competition round that our first competition point was scored. This was the turning point and for the next ten rounds the team went from strength to strength and it wasn't until the second last round when we were defeated 12:7 by Shamrocks did our semi-final prospects flicker and die.

Undoubtedly the highlights of the year were the victories over Tech. College, Teachers, Shoalhaven and the unlucky 8:3 loss to the minor premiers Port Surf.

The side was hard hit by a shortage of players in the early rounds also the lack of experienced players in vital positions, it wasn't until Paul McCann came out of retirement to play half-back and Steve "Shinpads" Crowley moved to the hooking position that the team started to play the football everybody knew it was capable of.

At this stage of the season the forwards started to really drive into the rucks with tremendous enthusiasm and the backs began to stand deeper and ran onto the ball with much more zest. The spirit of the team rocketed and the results bear testimony of this. After the Shoalhaven game the Tahs defeated Teachers 12:0, then an unlucky draw against Weerona followed. This game was played in atrocious conditions at Wisemans Park. A good win against Vikings followed and at this stage of the season people started to take notice of the team, however, greater things were to follow.

A smashing 15:7 victory over Shoalhaven at Nowra was undoubtedly one of the season's highlights, the team fought for the ball in every ruck and were greatly inspired by the goal kicking of Paul ("the nose") McCann.

The lowest point of the season was the game against Kiama. The club was hard hit by injuries and more than 15 players were unavailable, however, the team battled on against amazing odds and went down 12:10. This game cost us a place in the semi-final. The team back to strength then devastated the classy Tech. College and also succeeded in making "Timber Cutter" feel like a teenager again. Ray Agostini played extremely well in the centres and set up a good try for Paul McCann against TIGS which won us the game.

Allan "ding-a-ling" Gregory went from strength to strength and was most unfortunate to break his cheek bone towards the end of the season. John Haywood played well in his first year with the club and also at his first year of Rugby. Whether it was crash tackling, opposing players or head butting banana trees Chris "Mushroom" Robertson showed the way with his defence, Peter Watson also showed out to advantage in this department.

The older brigade led by "Timber Cutter" Jones was also prominent. During the second half of the season TC played extremely well and was very prominent in the tight play, he was helped by the enforced Brian Baird who played magnificently when he wore his mouth guard. Chris Parry played well and after a few games resigned from weight watchers and Paul McCann played superbly in his new role of half-back.

Undoubtedly the find of the season was the "Sop-with Camel" as hooker; to Steve Crowley my congratulations go for being voted "most improved player". Another find was Paul "Bubbles" Glynn at lock, he relished this position and his defence was superb.

To all the players in third grade I extend my thanks, to those players I have not mentioned, I apologize as space does not permit. It was a great year and I was proud to be associated with this team as your captain and coach.

— DAVE WALTERS

The Social Scene . . .

Once again 1974 has proved to be a successful year, socially, for the club with many functions being held and all well supported.

The year started again with a pre-season Dinner Dance at Bruno's Restaurant. Approx. 25 couples were in attendance and all had an enjoyable night. This function looks like being an annual event due to the interest shown.

The usual barbecues were held during the season and our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Steele, 102 Church Street, Clifford Street, and 140 Church Street, for their support in allowing their houses and lawns to be used. All the barbecues proved to be a great success and proved once again we are the best social club on the South Coast.

Our trip to Campbelltown once again proved to be a great success with the Campbelltown team hostessing a great barbecue after the game although once again we exhausted their liquor supply before the scheduled end. Chewy proved to be the big winner when he won the raffle for a shirt, but the next morning he was a loser when he had no idea where the shirt was.

The trip to Shoalhaven was another good day and it helped when they decided to stay in Nowra for the game instead of coming to Wollongong as last year.

One of the greatest moves by the social club was the recruiting of a Chef for the canteen at home games. The master Chef employed was none other than Monsieur Chew who brought with him a delicacy "Hot Dog a la Chew", which proved to be a top seller and the canteen staff were always kept busy serving them. At this stage I would like to note a quote made by one of Wollongong's leading gourmets, Greg Harrison, who after eating his sixth hot dog said "Give us another one Chewy". With praise like this, what else could they be but a success.

This year the club made a bus trip to the Centenary Game between N.S.W. and N.Z. In the morning a game was played by our team against Punchbowl Old Boys. Our coach and role selector, Peter Boyd, picked a strong combination of fourteen players who had bought their gear and we managed to have a good win despite the heavy playing field. This game was followed with a return game later in the year at Wollongong Police Boys, which was unluckily lost by our side. These games we hope will continue as annual fixtures.

A trip to the winery was held once again this year and again proved to be a good time for the members and families who attended.

For the first time this year a Benefit Night was held at Woonona-Bulli R.S.L. This night was organised by our touring committee and proved to be very successful. Most members and friends were in attendance and a really good show was put on by the artists. Our thanks go to the Woonona-Bulli for their help in this, our first night at their club.

As usual the highlight of the year was the annual ball, once again held at the Corrimal Community Hall and featuring the Tornadoes. A large crowd of 250 people filled the hall and everybody agreed a great night was had. In attendance also at the ball were twenty players and friends from the Punchbowl Old Boys side who we had played earlier in the year. One of the good things about the night was that I didn't notice anyone drunk as they all seemed the same as myself.

Once again Rod Thompson stole the show with his ensemble of top hat and cane and tipped off by a cloak in beautiful Water Board yellow. Pat Owen decided to do a gymnastic display on his chair by standing on his head, but after falling off must have decided it was easier to do when sober. Another energetic person was Pat O'Shea who after a season on the sideline (obviously saving all his energy for the ball) was very prominent on the dance floor.

Sunday at the Palladium has always been a well known event but a lesser known event is Sunday at the Builders. This event is on every Sunday with an average attendance of twenty Waratahs. It is always a good afternoon and a chance to talk about why we didn't win the previous day or see if you can beat the pokies or at least beat somebody at snooker.

At this stage I would like to thank all who have helped in the organisation of events this year and hope for 1975 to be a bigger and better year.

— BARRY DOYLE



Graham Dunn, Barry Doyle and Steve Crowley take time out for a drink while the steaks cook at Narrellan.



Leisure - pleasure

TOP LEFT: Caesar addressing the multitude at the Roman night.

TOP RIGHT: Brutus celebrating at the Roman night.

BOTTOM LEFT: What the well dressed man around town wears.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Part of the crowd at Gledswood Winery, Narellan. Val enjoying herself while Peter was away.

Awards for 1974

BEST AND FAIREST

A grade	Mark Hotchkis (13)
B grade	Barry Doyle (8)
C grade	Paul McCann (11)

MOST IMPROVED

A grade	Peter Herron
B grade	Alex Blair
C grade	Steve Crowley
Top point scorer	Paul McCann (63)
Best club man	Gavin Steele
C.W.A. Trophy	Pat O'Shea

TOTAL No. OF PLAYERS

A grade	37
B grade	55
C grade	61

No. OF PLAYERS RECEIVING BEST AND FAIREST POINTS (60)

A grade	21
B grade	25
C grade	26

POINTS FOR AND AGAINST — A GRADE

	For		Against	
Tries	15	60	40	160
Conversion	5	10	23	46
Penalty goals	11	33	15	45
		<u>103</u>		<u>251</u>

B GRADE

	For		Against	
Tries	14	56	26	104
Conversion	7	14	13	26
Penalty goals	12	36	16	48
		<u>106</u>		<u>178</u>

C GRADE

	For		Against	
Tries	22	88	34	136
Conversion	13	26	18	36
Penalty goals	11	33	24	24
		<u>147</u>		<u>196</u>

No. OF GAMES PLAYED

A grade	Graeme Collinson-Smith	14
B grade ..	Michael Fraser, Alex Blair, Barry Doyle	15
C grade	Steve Crowley, Dave Walters	15
N.B.: Figures do not include reserves for injuries.		
No. of registered players		72
Membership		74

BEST AND FAIREST PLAYER — A GRADE

Previously presented to—

1963	John Steele
1964	Ted McMillan
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

B GRADE

1969	Rick Deem
1970	Stuart Baikie
1972	Pat O'Shea
1973	Phil Tindall

C GRADE

1968	Kevin Callaghan
1969	Geoff Thomas
1970	Malcolm Graham
1971	Graham Cottom
1972	John Martin
1973	Barry Doyle

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

CROSS COUNTRY WINNER

Adrian Russell

HISTORY OF TROPHIES

Barney Lyons Memorial Trophy

Presented to the club by his family and friends after his death in Vietnam while serving as a national serviceman. Barney was a regular 3rd grade player.

Bill Kench Memorial Trophy

Presented to the club by his family following his death in a car accident in 1963. Bill was a foundation member of the club and during his years, played top grade football.



LIFE MEMBERS

FRANK ISAACS
BRIAN BAIRD
GEOFF WELLS
BRUCE CARR

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