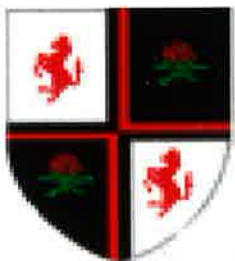


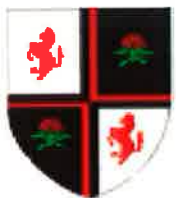
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# Life Members

## Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby Club Life Members

- Brian Baird
- Wayne Boardman
- Richard Boyle
- Bruce Carr
- Tony Cheetham
- Graeme Collinson-Smith
- Paul Darby
- Gary Graham
- Mark Hotchis
- Frank Isaacs
- Wayne Ireland
- Graeme Kohler
- Brian Leo
- Barry McVicar
- Don Muir
- Jim Pettit
- Lew Pogson (deceased)
- Cyril Saunders (deceased)
- Don Shaw
- Ean Torpy
- Geoff Wells
- Ron Wessel
- Mick Wilkins



# President's Report

Within a glass cabinet, located in the club rooms at Saunders Oval, is a significant piece of paper (signed by the renowned swim coach Laurie Lawrence), which contains the following sentiment:

“Failure to plan is planning to fail“

From my perspective (as Club President), the year 2008 has been heavily focused on “the planning process”, and has resulted in the following milestones:

- Participation in the development of the Illawarra District Rugby Union (IDRU) Strategic Plan 2009 – 2013;
- Production of the Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby Club Strategic Plan 2009 – 2013;
- Production of the Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby Club Annual Operating Plan – 2009; and
- The implementation of the combined committee framework (junior & senior). (The resignation of some key office holders/committee members during the course of the season did adversely impact on the new structure).

I would like to acknowledge this years combined club committee, and in particular Rodney Horan, for the input and feedback during the process of developing and producing both plans.

The following are considered as major achievements during the 2008 Season:

- The combined Sponsors and Ladies Day;
- The Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby Club Inaugural Golf Day;
- The hosting of the IDRU Juniors Final Day; and
- The outstanding financial performance of the club canteen.

Congratulations to all committee and club members who contributed to the success of the abovementioned.

I would expressly like to acknowledge the contributions/hard work of all coaching, management and support team members, during a long and arduous season. All senior and junior teams were competitive during this season and are to be congratulated on their achievements.



# President's Report

As well, I would like to acknowledge the players who represented our club at Country, District (Senior & Junior), 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and U/14's level, during the 2008 season. I trust that you enjoyed the experience of being part of the Country/Illawarra/Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby community.

We need to maintain and enhance our strategic partnerships with all of our sponsors (major and others), owners of our major infrastructure (Wollongong TAFE) and our local community to ensure the continuing short, medium and long term viability of Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby Club.

On a personal note, I would sincerely like to acknowledge the entire club committee, club membership and my wife for the support afforded to me during the 2008 season. Sadly, I will not be seeking re-election for the 2009 season.

I have been extremely privileged and proud to have served as President, and wish my successor and the club best wishes for the future.

Finally, I would like to publicly acknowledge the efforts of the following individuals:

- Rob Kelly;
- Courtney Bevan;
- Samuel Condon;
- Tony Gorgijovski;
- Glenn Gibson;
- Robbie Corbett;
- Shayne McVicar; and
- Wendy McVicar.

Michael Hurley  
AFSM  
President – Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby Club



# Junior Vice President's Report

I have thought long about writing a president's report for the Junior Club in a year that saw the Junior and Senior clubs become one, saw us field only one under 14's team and have 3 boys from the under 16's play the full year at Wollondilly. I would like to include some of the highlights. Enjoy the read.

Tough decision – telling the IDJRU that TechTahs were only fielding 1 team in this year's competition considering the history of the Club. This really did hit home with the district at how the player numbers in the district had reduced. There was certainly plenty of discussion about player numbers at the start of the season. The club had set up for a full number of teams, however as the season got closer there were a few high profile players that went to play at other clubs. I value the guys that stayed at the club particularly in the under 16's they showed real loyalty one of the key attributes that makes our amateur code great. At the end of the day each of the people that put in their time does it for the passion and to support the boys on field performance.

Amalgamating the juniors and seniors in 2008 presented a highlight for me with the "Club" pulling together and putting on a great junior final series at Saunders Oval. Thanks to all the Parents, senior committee and players that helped on the day. I look forward to continuing to build in 2009.

Highlight - the 7 members of the under 14s team that made the Junior Illawarriors teams Ben Tyson, Seb Wilson and Justin Faughlin in the under 13's and James Needham, Lachlan Hurry, Liam Faughlin and Sam Smith in the under 14's. Liam went on the play for the Country team, Congratulations to each of these players.

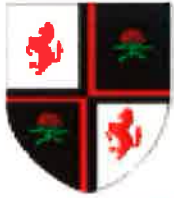
Highlight – The team ended the season in 4<sup>th</sup> on equal points with Camden who were registered as 3<sup>rd</sup> due to a better for and against a great result for a team made up of half and half 13's and 14's the teams higher on the ladder were all 14's. Unfortunately lost to Camden a great close game in the Minor Semi-final at Kiama.

Highlight – Mattsy taking the boys during the school holidays 6:00 am each morning for different exercises down the beach, bike riding to name a couple, that commitment really pulled the team together.

I would like to thank Mark Tyson and Nick Matts for their great leadership of the team and the other Committee members for a great season.

Club culture starts at junior levels with committee and players adhering to the code of conduct, showing loyalty, fairness and commitment to team mates. I saw many of these attributes from the juniors this year.

Geoff Needham  
TechTahs Junior Vice President



# Treasurer Report

## Tech Waratahs (Seniors and Juniors) Balance of Accounts for the Season 2008

OPENING BALANCE - PASSBOOK AS OF 21-10-2007	<u>\$3,598.16</u>
INCOME (see profit & loss report for details)	\$40,482.66
EXPENSES (see profit & loss report for details)	\$32,853.67
CLOSING BALANCE - PASSBOOK AS OF 26-09-2008	<u>\$11,227.15</u>
RECONCILIATION	
- Canteen takings to be deposited	\$5,680.00
CHEQUES TO BE PRESENTED	
- Jetacreen	\$44.00
- IDRU Dinner	\$600.00
- Julie Robertson	\$178.00
- Relax-A-Wash	\$624.64
	<u>\$1926.64</u>
RECONCILED BALANCE 28-09-2008	<u>\$14,980.51</u>

Report Prepared by Sue Wilson Club Treasure





# Ist Grade Report

It may surprise a lot if you reading this report that I didn't set out to be the first grade coach this season, but after being approached by several players and the committee I happily agreed. Of course then reality set in and all too quickly it was the pre season. I put a plan together to make training as varied as possible so the players would enjoy the challenge.

We started training early at South Beach, cast your mind back boys to bringing your bikes down for our triathlons, some of which looked like they had been taken out of a skip on the way. Some purposely forgot theirs and made it clear that training like a tri-athlete was not going to help their rugby, which was fine so Steve Tressider made sure they stayed and ran and ran and ran. When the guys got over the shock of cycling to Towradgi, running to the headland on the beach and back, swimming in the green algae and cycling back, I'm sure enjoyment was had....not.

After being asked by the President on a very regular basis "do you have a Manager" I struggled to secure one as a lot of clubs faithfuls need a break and others were just too busy, I must admit i had to check my deodorant. Then one night having a quiet beer at Wiso's with a few of the boys , Glen Gibson showed an interest and after telling him of my plans he added he added some ideas of his own. I asked if he would be interested in Managing 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and the rest is history. THANKS GLEN for all your effort this season, it was a massive effort for someone that just wanted a quiet beer.....you handled the situations that arose in a very professional and calm manner which as the season progressed bonded the selection team together, Thank you.

To Tim Olsen, Tim Filan and Sam Buckthought, whilst the boys were doing impressions of Ky Hurst you three were doing our club proud in the Illawarra comp, your enthusiasm never wavered all season and that is a credit to you.

Tim Filan, thanks for your help throughout the season. I know you were frustrated but it was always going to be a tough season after loosing so many experienced players, but you never stopped trying. Also your contribution on training nights and encouraging the younger members was much appreciated, I know they will miss you. What's Sam's loss is Rachel's gain so enjoy your retirement.

Sam Buckthought you totally underline what Tech is all about. Many players would have given up on the season with the injuries you had, but you just keep coming back, well done mate. Your contribution to the Juniors was much appreciated too, not just assisting with coaching and turning up on game day to support them and running the water on.

Tim Olsen, I know that every time you put your boots on you play to win and the way you carried yourself as Captain when we played the best side that trained not just the best side the club could field. We made some tough decisions and you put a new meaning to wearing your heart on your sleeve.





# Ist Grade Report

Dick Hoffman, you are the engine room of the side so thanks for the season. Your tireless effort on and off the pitch was a pleasure to behold. I will bring a band aid the next time we play down south!!.

Jimmy Tanganoui, Hopefully you enjoyed the change, too bad now because that's where you will be staying. You did a great job and your energy and enthusiasm got us over the line so many occasions.

Wayne Bruton, you are my surprise for the season. When given the opportunity you really took it and I am pleased that you decided to play again. No matter where we started you where you when playing you never whinged once. Sorry I contradicted myself. What a serve you gave me (by text) my phone almost blew up....but like all good coaches I took it and waited until my turn and what goes around comes around, or should I say what goes up must come down, skiing that is, Thanks for the season.

To all the young guys, you are the future of our club and will be better players for this season. Chris Hendry, Liam O'Dwyer, Noel Franko, Josh Davey and Mick Bruton. You have proved as the season went on that you were worthy of 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Sean Filan, I'm sure I wasn't thought of very fondly some Sunday mornings after I asked you to play 1<sup>st</sup> grade and you answered the call. Thank you for your mentoring of the young forwards, they certainly learned a lot in a short time, thanks mate.

To all the new and old players that I have not mentioned personally, thank you for putting your hand up for 1<sup>st</sup> grade as it is a pinnacle of any club and you should be proud of achieving that.

Success is measured in many ways and although our trophy cabinet may tell one story another one is the look on players faces when they get picked for 1<sup>st</sup> grade. I was very proud to be part of that and I'm confident that we will fill that cabinet again. Remember you only get out what you put in.

Cheers

Yours in rugby

Keith Wilson  
First Grade Coach 2008



# 2nd Grade Report

2008 to me was the season that could have been. At times the rugby we played was breath taking, and would have beaten any team in the competition, to back this statement up, beating the grand final winners Engadine twice this year, comfortably in both games, and also beating the minor premiers Avondale.

But to every good story there must be a bad, losing games from 17 - 0 up at half time, and getting beat by 30 by the team who came second last. So I suppose what I am trying to say is we really lacked consistency. I can really only put this down to our training ethic, which for most of the year was just not good enough, you can't expect to win games with only 10 - 12 people turning up for an all grade training session.

Enough of the negatives, this year so many people made major contributions to the success of 2nd grade. First of all I would really like to thank my right hand man/woman Leia Thompson. Her effort this year as the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade manager was invaluable, week in week out Leia would show up and get the team ready, which really let me concentrate on the on field tactics, so Thankyou very much Leia. And just now a few players who I want to thank for their super efforts this season.

- Nathan Astle our 34 yr old 80kg prop, what a top effort this year, really wore his heart on his sleeve, and led us really well in the hardest position to play.
- Tim Gainsford at the start of the year for his leadership and big hearted performances, until deservedly making the 1st team.
- Tim Frater who can not only play all most every position in the back line, has a heart the size of Phar lap, but also can skol a beer as good as Bob Hawke.

And also a massive thankyou to the players who turned up week in week out and gave their best all season long, players like Greg Hale, Matthew Crimmins, Chris Henry, the Darby boys and of course the young up and comer Kristian Evans. Would also like to thank the new boys to our club this season, who fitted in really well and would love to see you all plus your mates next year. And to the club and committee for giving me another shot this year, I hope I justified your selection. To my fellow coaches Keith Wilson and Paul Darby, thankyou for your time and help this season, without you guys my job would be almost impossible.

In conclusion, I would just like to say thankyou to all involved with the club this year, thanks for making 2008 a fantastic season on and off the field and I hope to see all of you again next year to take this fantastic club ahead in the future.

Luke Mayberry  
Second Grade Coach 2008



# 3rd Grade Report

“And whoever has not been named..... is in thirds”!

Well that pretty well describes the selection process for thirds this season, and believe it or not it worked quite well!

Once again it's hard to believe that season 2008 has come and gone. So much has happened it's almost impossible to remember everything, but as usual it is time for the praise that is so deserved at this time of the year. I will try and keep it as brief as possible as to reflect on everything that has happened would take up half of the year book. You will have to put up with the details and my self indulgent ravings on Presentation Night.

Prior to the 2008 season commencing it was touted that the Tech Waratahs may not be able to field a third grade side. There appeared to be many reasons for this but as we all know, a club without a 'Thirsties' will always struggle. So after a few calls, quite a bit of persuading, a few lies and a whole lot of finger crossing we fielded a side against Shoalhaven at Shoalhaven for the first game of the season. Half time score 18 nil full time score 18 nil! I said to myself "self", this could be an interesting season. From that point on, and with a couple more games under our belts it was obvious that this year's thirds, other than a few hiccups, would win more than they would lose and so was the case.

Seriously though, *all* the credit must go to the players. To those who came through thirds throughout the year but *especially* to those who remained as core players, the same players week in week out who really, at any given point during the week, only knew who they were playing against, not who they would be playing with, you all know who you are and I appreciate and thank you for your efforts and especially you support and friendship.

I am very proud of everyone who played for us this season but I must make one special mention. To Khaled 'The Jackal' Matar, although somewhat slower than he used to be, was still as 'effective' (if you know what I mean) at the breakdown. Khaled said to me just before he ran on for his first game, "you will have to explain some of the new laws to me Darbs", to which I replied "why, you have never played within the laws before, why start now"?.

For a team that to the best of my knowledge *NEVER* had a full side at training, but can still make a semi final, one can only ponder on what could have been.

I had a ball as the third grade 'coordinator'. I must thank Rodney 'Red Dog' Horan for his help at the start of the season, as we all know Red's health wavered a bit but he is now back and firing on all cylinders. To my old mate Ronny Wessel who stepped into the breach as our Manager, at times strapper and on occasion coach, once again old mate thank you.



# 3rd Grade Report

To Keith and Luke, congratulations on a season that was never going to be all that easy, thanks Luke for being understanding in letting us use so many of your players when we were struggling. Thanks also to Tom and Rob for keeping the coordinators pies 'cold' and for all your help over the season. To Jules, once again my thanks to you for yet another season, I have lost count of how many there have been.

Finally, and as usual to my wife Lee, who thought Rugby this year would involve only game day, but again as usual knew I had to do what I had to do, thank you for your never tiring support. I have to admit I missed Annie running up to me at every game with the usual "are we winning"? Followed by "can I have some money to buy lunch"? But rest assured she was always in touch and asking how her beloved Tech Waratahs went.

So as usual, all the best to everyone at the mighty Tech Tahs, and Go You Good Things!

Paul Darby  
Third Grade Coordinator 2008



# Total Games Played

## Player's Game Total 2008

12/09/2008

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	TOTAL 1STS	TOTAL 2NDS	TOTAL 3RDS	TOTAL SENIOR GAMES PLAYED 2008	TOTAL SENIOR GAMES PLAYED AT END OF 2007	TOTAL SENIOR GAMES PLAYED FOR TECH WARATAHS
Christopher	Allen	4	2	2	8	45	53
Nathan	Astill	4	16	3	23	0	23
Laurence	Barlow	0	0	3	3	8	11
Matthew	Barnes	4	2	0	6	0	6
Mitchell	Bevan	2	10	2	14	75	89
Michael	Bruton	10	8	3	21	90	111
Wayne	Bruton	14	8	1	23	196	219
Samuel	Buckthought	8	1	0	9	44	53
Scott	Burgess	6	2	2	10	46	56
Mark	Bye	1	5	9	15	152	167
Ben	Carr	0	0	1	1	0	1
Matthew	Cameron	1	12	6	19	14	33
Corey	Condon	1	11	12	24	42	66
Paul	Condon	0	4	13	17	82	99
Garth	Cook	0	2	14	16	0	16
Wayne	Cooney	0	0	1	1	115	116
Robert	Corbett	0	0	16	16	35	51
Andrew	Craig	1	4	4	9	0	9
Matthew	Crimmins	12	6	0	18	151	169
Brendon	Crowe	0	0	1	1	0	1
Josh	Darby	11	7	3	21	112	133
Luke	Darby	1	11	5	17	135	152
Joshua	Davey	16	6	1	23	9	32
Nathan	Davey	3	13	8	24	36	60
Paul	Davis	0	6	20	26	338	364
Craig	Dixon	0	1	0	1	0	1
TeJan	Doe	0	0	1	1	0	1
Alan	Dorahy	0	0	14	14	0	14
Paul	Elliot	0	0	3	3	0	3
Kristian	Evans	8	6	1	15	33	48
Shane	Farrelley	0	0	1	1	0	1
Sean	Filan	8	3	4	15	39	54
Tim	Filan	13	1	0	14	33	47
Noel	Franco	12	5	1	18	0	18

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# Players Games Played

## Player's Game Total 2008

12/09/2008

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	TOTAL 1STS	TOTAL 2NDS	TOTAL 3RDS	TOTAL SENIOR GAMES PLAYED 2008	TOTAL SENIOR GAMES PLAYED AT END OF 2007	TOTAL SENIOR GAMES PLAYED FOR TECH WARATAHS
Craig	Franklin	0	4	7	11	182	193
James	Frater	0	0	1	1	0	1
Tim	Frater	6	9	3	18	0	18
Nathan	Gainsford	10	4	2	16	52	68
Timothy	Gainsford	10	10	2	22	0	22
Ricky	Gleis	0	1	0	1	26	27
Tony	Gorgijovski	0	1	5	6	160	166
Phil	Gould	0	0	1	1	152	153
Cody	Grayson	0	4	15	19	27	46
Craig	Grayson	0	0	1	1	0	1
Greg	Hale	4	17	2	23	43	66
Harry	Hawksworth	8	4	4	16	160	176
Christopher	Hendry	9	13	1	23	0	23
Bart	Hill	0	3	3	6	17	23
Richard	Hoffman	15	4	0	19	16	36
Aaron	Kelly	0	3	6	9	48	57
Moana	Kinikini	0	0	1	1	0	1
Petros	Ktenas	0	1	0	1	0	1
James	Letharm	8	16	2	26	21	47
Trevor	Longbottom	13	6	0	19	55	74
David	Lual	0	0	1	1	0	1
Jason	Mackie	0	0	11	11	0	11
Clint	Magro	0	0	1	1	5	6
Zlatko	Manovski	0	13	15	28	241	269
Lee	Martin	11	2	1	14	192	206
Khaled	Matar	0	2	17	19	186	205
Luke	Mayberry	6	17	1	24	182	206
Mark	Mazzini	0	1	11	12	0	12
Gregory	McAndrew	4	5	0	9	155	164C
Chad	McPhee	3	2	0	5	70	75
Shane	McVicar	0	0	2	2	167	169
Brad	Mensforth	0	0	1	1	0	1
Michael	Merrick	0	0	2	2	163	165
Joel	Morgan	0	0	2	2	2	4
Andrew	Murphy	0	0	17	17	17	34

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# Players Games Played

## Player's Game Total 2008

12/09/2008

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	TOTAL 1STS	TOTAL 2NDS	TOTAL 3RDS	TOTAL SENIOR GAMES PLAYED 2008	TOTAL SENIOR GAMES PLAYED AT END OF 2007	TOTAL SENIOR GAMES PLAYED FOR TECH WARATAHS
Trent	Naphali	1	5	14	20	2	22
Emanuel	Nayagodamu	11	5	6	22	44	66
Aaron	Neufeld	0	0	3	3	0	3
Daniel	Nugent	4	4	4	12	13	25
Liam	O'Dwyer	15	8	0	22	26	48
Mitchell	O'Dwyer	0	1	4	5	85	90
Ben	Olsen	0	0	1	1	203	204
Timothy	Olsen	15	1	1	17	172	189
Sam	Patrinos	0	6	17	23	0	23
Cameron	Peace	0	1	1	2	102	104
Kodi	Povey	0	0	1	1	1	2
Stevie	Povey	0	1	1	2	8	10
Marty	Power	0	1	1	2	9	11
Simon	Pulbrook	1	3	2	6	0	6
Daniel	Read	0	0	1	1	179	180
Joshua	Rendell	0	0	1	1	0	1
Stephen	Rendell	0	1	16	17	51	68
Glen	Robertson	9	5	1	15	108	123
Heath	Sampson	1	1	0	2	0	2
Adam	Sharman	1	4	4	9	115	124
Benjamin	Shortus	0	3	13	16	46	62
Matthew	Simpson	0	1	10	11	0	11
Peter	Smith	1	8	3	12	54	66
Brett	Southam	0	0	1	1	0	1
Nicholas	Stefanidakis	0	0	1	1	1	2
Jaime	Taingahue	10	5	0	15	42	57
Christopher	Thompson	0	1	0	1	17	18
Luke	Thompson	0	9	13	22	0	22
Sam	Tull	0	0	1	1	0	1
Daniel	Tully	0	5	5	10	206	216
Simon	Tweedie	5	2	5	12	114	126
Bradley	Veigal	5	4	1	10	55	65
David	Vincent	0	5	6	11	105	116
Lincoln	Young	1	17	2	20	0	20

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# Tech Waratahs 2008 Season Gallery

