

Tech Waratah



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2003

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From a personal point of view, season 2003 was the most physically and mentally challenging since taking over the Presidency.

What a start to a season! No major sponsor and no ground to train and play on. The battle to secure the right to use Saunders Oval although at times looking as if we were "flogging a dead horse", was foremost in my mind and along with Rick Boyle, we were not going down without a fight or leaving any stones unturned. Over a seven-week period this was all I thought about, sleepless nights at my computer, nauseated, drafting letters to anyone who I thought could help became the norm.

As history will show, we prevailed and eventually were granted a five year operational agreement [with an option of extending a further five years]. This would not have been possible without the valuable assistance of many people. Firstly to Rick, who shared the same emotional "roller coaster" as I, was able to access and persuade influential members of the TAFE management, that the Rugby Club had a right to be on Saunders Oval. To Eric Whittaker, [Dean of Studies, TAFE] for his support at management level. To Dave Campbell [Member for Keira] and Ms Noreen Hay [Member for Wollongong] for their constant lobbying of the Education Minister and showing interest in our plight. To Geoff Shaw [ARU] and Robert Lawson [Gow Gates, Insurance brokers] for their valuable advice and assistance. To Jeff Blunt, Steve Henderson and Sharon Bilboe [TAFE Illawarra management] for their acceptance and ongoing support of Tech Waratahs.

With the ground issue settled, sponsorship became the priority. Through the hard work of Barry McVicar and Rick Boyle, we were able to secure **WISEMAN PARK WOLLONGONG CITY BOWLING CLUB** as major sponsors and, as such, I would like to thank the board of directors, with special mention of Secretary Manager, **WAYNE FULCHER**, for his assistance throughout the year. Special mention must also go to **GLASSHOUSE TAVERN, JEFFREY M. JONES SOLICITOR, H.P SECURITY SERVICES, OZTECH SECURITY, TYSON ZEIDLER AUTOMOTIVE EXCELLANCE, WRIGHT HOME LOANS AND BULLI FRUIT AND VEG.** As I have said previously, without the valued support of the above mentioned sponsors it would be impossible to function and survive. I would also like to acknowledge the assistance given by **ILLAWARRA TAFE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION** and in particular, General Manager, Amanda Hall and Catering Manager, Ron Bade.

I would like to congratulate and thank the 2003 committee for their efforts throughout the year. Some tough decisions arose throughout the year and I'm proud to say as a group we made the right decisions. So to, Zlatko and Lidija Manovski, Craig Franklin, Harry and Carly Hawksworth, Keith and Sue Wilson, Mark Bye, Justin Jones, Barry McVicar, Rick Boyle and Adam Sharman I offer my thanks for your efforts and support throughout the year. To the junior committee, my congratulations on another successful season.

To Steve Tresidder, Mark Lucas, Greg and Leanne Nugent, Rob Kelly, Andrew Todd and the coaches and managers, a well deserved pat on the back.

To the coaches and managers of the senior grades, another great effort. Considering our pre-season training dramas, we did well to finish third in 1st and 2nd, whilst 3rd were unlucky not to make the semis. To Paul Darby, Rick Boyle, Tony Cheetham, Keith Wilson and Warren Read, my sincere thanks for a job well done.

We are very fortunate at Tech Waratahs to have the services of such a dedicated and hard working trainer in Julie Hill. Julie's tireless efforts at training and on game days made sure players were able to take the paddock. To Ronny also, for his wealth of knowledge and experience.

To all the players and officials throughout the whole club who gained representative honours this season, I offer my sincere congratulations.

To those members who were married throughout the year or felt the joys of parenthood [we had quite a few], I also offer my congratulations and best wishes.

To be awarded life membership of any organisation is the highest accolade you can achieve. So I would like to thank Justin Jones for the nomination and the membership for their acceptance. It is something I will cherish for the rest of my life.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all of this year's award winners and remind everybody of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 25th November 2003. It is here where season 2004 commences.

Yours in Rugby

Wayne Ireland
President

TREASURER'S REPORT 2003

Our club has grown strongly throughout the 2003 season. We currently sit in a comfortable position, after struggling at the commencement of the rugby year.

I would like to begin by expressing the club's gratitude to the Wiseman Park Wollongong City Bowling Club, who became our new major sponsors this year. It has been a popular choice with our club members and associates. We look forward to a lasting relationship and wish to thank you for your support during the 2003 season.

Our thanks also extends to the many other sponsors associated with our club, these being:

- Jeffery Jones.
- HP Security.
- Oztech.
- Tyson Ziedler.
- Glasshouse Tavern.
- Phil Gould.
- Bulli Fruit & Veg.
- Right Home Loans.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

The club increased revenue this season through fundraising and raffles. This is one area that has been lacking in previous years. There have been many people who have volunteered their time and effort:

- Adam Sharman - Joker Poker, trip away fundraising.
- Zlatko Manovski - Club raffle, trip away fundraising.
- Carly Hawksworth - Rebel Sports commission incentive on sales.
- Rick Boyle / Adam Sharman - Game day raffles.
- Christine Bruton - Warehouse shopping fundraiser.
- All involved in organising Karaoke night.
- Justin Jones and Dave Stretton - Trivia Night.

The canteen continued to bring good returns for the club. Takings were 75% above last year. This was achieved through the great effort of quite a few people. Harry Hawksworth took on the primary role of managing the canteen and did a fantastic job, both on game days and training nights. Thanks to everyone who helped Harry fulfil this role and also those who helped run the canteen on game days. Some of the regular faces behind the canteen were, Harry & Carly Hawksworth, Sue Wilson and Christine Bruton. Thanks for your time and effort.

The junior club, once again, continued to be self sufficient. The committee must be commended on the way they have administered the junior club. Well done.

Finally. I wish to thank the senior committee for supporting me in my role this year.

Yours Sincerely,

Craig Franklin.

Club Captain's Report 2003

To kick things off I must start by saying "It's been one great year". Why I think it has been a great year could be taken from a wide variety of points and some most properly, could be disagreed with great debate. Firstly, I will start with our performance on the field. Both 1st and 2nd Grade had a very competitive season by making the Minor Semi Final at Kiama but unfortunately we both bowed out that day, and the expressions on the player's faces told the story. Some may say maybe it was not our time, others might say god was against us, and with that freakish change of weather during the 1st grade game I might have to agree with that statement. After skimming the bullshit off the surface, we got done fair and square by two better teams on the day, all the better for them and all the better for us as well. Why? (you ask two dogs ##@king) After the dust settled, and talking to the Players, Coaches, Managers and supporters over the odd liquid amber, I came to see the mood of the core was not of disarray, anger or blame but more of mateship, camaraderie, spirit and true belief rugby is more than the 80 minutes spent on the paddock. This is what I believe is a very important factor that Tech-Waratahs possess, which has all the ingredients of something special (I hope I'm not sounding like Bruce McAvaney now! God help me!) and more than I can explain in this report. For each individual it's different to explain but overall the feeling is the same.

For 3rd Grade the learning curve was always going to be steep, as some player's broke their grade virginity and stepped up to the plate with the big boy's, some from U19's and some even from U17's to end up having a fulltime starting position in the team. With them, and the mix of our regular 3rd graders and some new players to boot, provided coaches Keith Wilson and Ben Olsen with a cocktail of sheer astounding contrasts, it was a cocktail I would certainly like to dodge late on a Saturday night in town if it was served up to me. By half way through the season the "thirsty thirds" were thirsty for a win. But when the drought broke, look out, the boys were unstoppable and the unveiling of some future 1st Grade talent as well. The future is looking bright!

Secondly, I would like to thank the coaches – Paul Darby, Cheeto, Keith and Ben for providing the insight and knowledge to us players, who of course, know more than they would ever be able to teach us! And no player is ever wrong! NOT!

The Managers – Rick Boyle, Wayne Ireland and Warren Reed, if not for these men, that wield the deadliest pens on earth, the coaches would not nearly look half as professional (cough, cough) as they look. The Support Crew of Julie (The Mistress of Pain), Gerry "Waterboy" Stort and Ronnie. Without these people, who I'm sure we take for granted from time to time, we could not function properly as a club. Their service is invaluable! From the bottom of our screaming torn hamstrings and A-C joints we thank-you.

And last of all and defiantly not the least important I like to thank the players wives, girlfriends and mistresses, for their patience and tolerance throughout the season from the constant whine from us players on how sore we are on

Sunday, and why we defiantly cannot mow that lawn that has been overgrown for the last month, or the odd comment on "Babe, could you take the rubbish out tonight as the back is a bit dodgy at the moment" especially when that dodgy back seems to come good at the time a bit of rumpy-pumpy gets brought up.

Now for the part I think everyone finds dear to their hearts just as much, if not a little more than we should at times and that's getting together socially. We had Fancy Dress Karaoke night that tops them all, and whoever said "The Hulk" didn't have a good singing voice had better look out. We saw the feistiest "Uncle Fester" the world has ever seen, and people weren't too happy about getting "K.B" spilt all over them from a jovial "Reg Reagan". That was our first official function at the Wiseman Park Bowling Club our major sponsor, and by the looks on the faces from the bar staff it was going to be a long year for them.

The next function was a bit more low key as trivia was served up by Funky M.C. "Stretto" who would have made Eddie McGuire nervous for his job as he hosted the night superbly. Thank-you to all the people that made these events possible, especially Wayne, Zlaty and Justin "Dingbat" Jones.

Hopefully the players got as much enjoyment out of Tuesday and Thursday night "Joker Poker" draws as I did. Not only did we all raise a little bit of cash for the club but thank god bloody Keith and Darbs didn't win the jackpot!!!! Congrats to the boys that took home the cold hard cash.

And finally on the social front, once the dust had settled on the paddock and the scabs on our knees were just starting to harden some mongrel was calling out "Dead Ant" and we found ourselves on another Mad "No-Undie" Monday. If it wasn't hard enough backing up from the "Silly Sundays" festivities when we had to see a re-creation of a scene from "The Lord of the Rings" from a Tech-Waratah stalwart on the beach, in the nude, talking to his so-called "Precious" while stroking gently in his hand. Luckily for us it didn't put us off our drinking and preceded to "The Wiso" for a different looking sausage for breakfast. But by the end of the day the majority of the boys were looking quite similar to the horses going around the track at the "Bulli Trots". But rumor has it the races never finished there, and the "Trots" were going long into the week for some of the boys. Once again an enjoyable time without major incident and let's hope the tradition stays alive.

In closing I would to thank everyone who made my stint as "Club Captain" as enjoyable as possible. Hopefully, I have provided the players someone who they could approach about any issue, no matter how hard. Thanks again, if I have left anyone out, I do apologize as I am writing this a couple days out before the presses start and my feeble mind cannot cope with these late night stresses.

Yours in Rugby,

Adam Sharman.

1st Grade Report

Season 2003, what can I say.

The introduction of the new representative format and the pre-season competition saw a start to 2003 like none we had experienced before. That, combined with the early confusion surrounding our home ground, gave us an 'interesting' start to the season. Whether you believe in the new rep format / pre-season comp or not, from a coach's perspective, it presented an opportunity for a number of prospective, and certainly potential 1st Grade players, to display their wares. To those players who stood up and played the pre-season and the start of the Tooheys Cup proper until our rep players returned, thank you and well done.

I know I have said it before in many previous reports but once again, the season has produced some outstanding, and in some cases unbelievable efforts, culminating in a semi-final position once again for first grade. The disappointment of our loss against Kiama cannot be described, so I won't attempt to, suffice to say, it only took a thousand VB's and about 6 weeks to get the lump out of my throat. Enough said.

2003, despite its disappointments, produced some of the best Rugby, I for one, have seen from this club. Who could forget our stirring wins against the so called 'Big Guns', great stuff that. We are certainly not a big side, however, what we lacked in size we certainly made up for with determination, skill, passion and in some cases pure 'guts'. Our forward pack was an excellent combination of strength and mobility, in many cases being able to wear the opposition down with our forwards running as backs. Once clear of the forwards our back line was, without doubt, the sharpest in the competition. An excellent mix of youth and the not so youthful (sorry Sharmo), but all equally talented in their own way. The only criticism I have, if you can call it criticism, is that we need to believe in ourselves just that little bit more, sometimes that belief can mean the difference between winning and losing! As always, those outstanding players will be rewarded tonight accordingly, well done. To those who miss out, well you know what they say, "the stars are only as good as the rest of the team allows them to be". On a more personal note, one of the most pleasing aspects of the season for me was being able to coach players, at this level, that I have previously coached as juniors and as players working their way through the ranks. It has been a real buzz seeing what excellent Rugby players and athletes you have become.

To my Manager, Rick Boyle, what can I say. Put under pressure at the beginning of the season to take on the Managers role, and was again totally professional throughout the season. I was told by Rick on many occasions that yelling at the ref doesn't help us, hence the reason for me 'sacking' myself behind the goal post on many occasions only to hear Rick call the ref and any infringing opposition players every name he could get his tongue around. Thanks mate, it took a lot of pressure off me !! But in all honesty, thanks for being my 'Right Hand Man'.

In closing, and in all seriousness, this season was for me undoubtedly the best ever, and that's a big call because I've had some beauties, even the Illawarra Mockery seemed to be on our side. I know it's a cliché but what the hell.....I love everyone of you, both as players and mates (and one as a son of course). The whole club, including those who graced us with their presence either moving up to 1st's or in some cases dropping down to 2nd's and thirds, are an inspiration.

There are only a few thanks left. As always, Wayno, another one down. Thanks again for your support and encouragement throughout the season. Olphart, what can I say....I'm scared to even think how many seasons that makes that we've done together, 30+ me thinks. To my darling wife Lee, who at the end of season 2002 thought it was the last one, thank you for telling me I would regret it if I didn't take on First Grade, as usual, you were right. Thank you especially for your support, encouragement, critique and in many cases excellent advice, I couldn't have done it without you.

Well that's it.....as always

"Go You Good Things".

Paul Darby
1st Grade Coach 2003

First Grade Managers Report 2003

I would like to express my appreciation to all involved in the 1st grade team during the season, as with any team sport the trick is to appreciate each individual team member's efforts to achieve the objective and progress to a point that hopefully will win the team and the club the trophy.

Working with this team was a pleasure, each player adding to the dynamics of what makes being involved in rugby such a roller coaster of emotions from week to week. (And boy did I/we have some)

Anyone involved in our club doesn't have to be told, the best team didn't contest the grand final. What an opportunity we had to take out the premiership, we had the talent, skills and a good mix of experience and speed but alas we couldn't keep the focus on ourselves and let it slip away from us.

Apart from a few minor hiccups during the season the team bonded pretty well and I must say the training attendance of the players overall was excellent. A key ingredient of any team is the coach and Paul Darby is a true rugby exponent and believer in his players. Paul deserves our thanks for his coaching efforts and his patience as proven when players just don't listen or play to the game plan.

It 's always a good sign when your 2nd grade team is firing and this year it was a pleasure to see them win under the direction of coach Cheetham. I would like to thank all the players that backed up on the bench for 1st grade.

I only hope that the vast majority of this year's team feel a little sad that we didn't go all the way. With this disappointment and the experience gained being a strong motivation to come back, putting this disappointment to good use in forming the bulk of next season's team.

A club is only as good as the people that put their hand up and do the work to ensure all the necessary tasks and decisions are made. The club's 1st grade team had the best the club had to offer and for that we thank the committee.

A number of support staff also made life as a player a little easier, with Julie, Gerry and Ron working their magic on training nights and game days keeping injuries and recovery time to a minimum. The club, coach, manager and players thank you all for your efforts and experience in the work you do so well.

Last but by no means least is a thank you to all the wives and girlfriends of the players, coach and manager that allowed each of us to be involved with mates in something we love doing, that is RUGBY.

Hope to see you all next season.

1st Grade Manager
Rick Boyle

SECOND GRADE REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I submit this report on the season of the second grade side.

Personally, I considered it to be very successful and most enjoyable. I think the best thing for me after several years away from the club and not knowing many of the lower grade players, was the opportunity to select and reward the players with the right attitude towards training and on field commitment, rather than picking players by reputation. Sometimes this meant not always having the best team available on the field. The players that were picked always repaid my faith in them, which showed by us making it through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we were just not good enough on the day.

Throughout the year, our reliable "old" guard had good performances. Zlatko Manovski, Daniel Tully and Paul "Frogger" Davis did the hard stuff, whilst Tony Wilson made sure we had more than our even share of possession from lineouts and at the breakdown.

Special mention should be made for the effort and improvement shown throughout the year by Tony Gorgijovski and Mick Abraham. Both proved that they were genuine second grade players.

In the backs we were well served throughout the year by Wayne Bruton, Simon Tweedie, Gareth Hutchinson, Johnny Collier and Zac Hill, whilst, Reece Wilson proved that if you can get him the ball he can score tries.

On occasions, I had the opportunity to blood some of our up and coming young players into the side. These players, Zach Hill, Chad McPhee, Ben Doulis, Dave McConnell, Alex Matulick, Chris "Whippet" Wallace and Mick Bruton showed that they have the potential to become permanent first grade players in the coming seasons. When asked to step up, these players never let the side down and produced some eye-catching performances. These players will be our future.

I would like to thank Wayne Ireland for his help throughout the year as manager of the side. It is a big help when you know everything is well looked after off the field. I would also like to thank Julie for giving up so much of her time to make sure players were injury free for the matches and training. I would also like to thank every player who played second grade throughout the year and those who stood by on Saturdays. Thanks also to the other coaching staff in the club, the committee and social organisers, who all went to making this a great year.

In closing, I would like to thank the committee for giving me the opportunity to be involved in such a great club. Remember premierships don't come easy, they require a lot of hard work and commitment to make them happen.

Thank you
Tony Cheetham

UNDER 19,S – 3rds CARETAKING

As the title suggests, my first challenge was to get an under 19's side to coach. As time went on it became more & more apparent that I was going to fail. We had a dozen young lads that at the time, if Tech had a cloning machine, we would have been premiers by now.

Illawarra Rugby decided that with the season closely approaching, a decision needed to be made as to whether Tech could fulfil their obligation to field a side.

Another club approached Tech with the idea of joining parties. We agreed to meet. Warnings from older members of Tech Tahs said "watch your backs, don't trust the bastards, the blue scum will shaft you" or words to that effect! I naively gave them my agreement to coach the two sides combined, only to have them back out at the 11th hour. After which Tech Tahs were never given the opportunity to stand alone.

We still had a good number of great lads wanting to play rugby for Tech Tahs, some of who had never played grade rugby for that matter. But this being said a decision was made to let them represent 3rd grade.

After approaching Ben Olson in regards to his situation, we decided to coach 3rds together, in the knowledge that when the time was right he would resume playing himself.

The mixture of youth and maturity was a thrilling combination proving later on in the season to be a great asset, but for now I would arrive home and be enthusiastically asked by my son:-

- Q "How did you go today Dad?
A 1sts won
Q "What about you"
A 2nds won
Q "What about you"
A O.K, we lost!
Q "Why are you the only side to lose"?

And that went on for about 6 or 7 weeks though always by a few points, so we knew it was only a matter of time.

Warren Read joining the 3rd grade team with his proficiency with stats and calming influence aided the turning point. Thanks Warren for your contribution to the 2003 season.

We managed to finish with a flourish. The youth of the side gained experience in front row, Augustas (his real name no one can pronounce), Dave McOnelle, Adam Piper, Aaron, Ben Doulis, Chris Wallis, and Chad McPhee. These players were always going to struggle but the experience of the likes of Petchy McLane, Matt Crimmin and Paul Condon who never let their heads drop, encouraged the youth of the side. Obviously they didn't do it alone but thanks to you all. Also to the players that couldn't come training due to work commitments but still showed up on Saturdays, for standing by my decisions and not once complaining if they didn't get a game.

Lets not put all this experience in a box, we should use it to make Tech Tahs stronger for the next season. The reward is only matched to the challenges you set yourself.

Thanks again to you all and looking forwards to catching up.

Keith Wilson

End of Season Report

"The Loose Moose Randy Rabbit Moe Tour"

Melbourne 2003

Well the season is over and the fund raising complete, it was time to let the hair down and start getting on it. And on it we did!!!

Of course the same old story still applies as all end of seasons do. Don't forget the golden rule – "What goes on tour stays on tour." This rule is quite alarming to some people, as straight away, the worst possible scenarios are blaring up in the brain. "What is my husband getting up to down there that he won't tell me?" or "My boyfriend won't share his adventures with me, does this mean he's leaving me?" **Well women of the world, stop reading your Dolly and Cleo magazines and Get over it!** The only reason this rule applies is because we all know it gets under your skin, and we get a kick out of that sort of torment.

No really, serious now, the main reason is basically this. Most of us so called "Blokies" like doing so called "Blokey" things. Like for example – Congregating all together in a confined space, most probably naked with the odd wrestle thrown in, sharing a beer, telling yarns. It all sounded great at the time – the beer, the yarns, the wrestling, but it all turned pear shaped once the nakedness and the confined space entered the picture, and then we began to realize how stupid we must of looked. (And I'm not going to even mention the "Queer eye" word.) So pride in tow, and not truly understanding quite ourselves why we do the things we do, the best things is to stick it in the back of the mind and forget it. And never, never, talk about it again. So there you go, a basic explanation on why that rule is in place. Just some simple harmless fun with no moral implications.

So without going into too much detail I'll let you in on some of the things we did and also some truths and maybe some not so truths of our weekend down in "Mexico" (That's what us New South Welshmen call Victoria).

It all started at the Tech Oval at "Sparrows fart", we hopped on the bus and made our way to Sydney Airport. First things first, the beers were handed out to everyone (Oh, that's right, except for Gerry because he wasn't thirsty that day!) along with the tour packs, which comprised of "Tour Passes" which must be worn at all times, Tickets to the Rugby and the Melbourne Cup. But also there were some added bonuses for some special people on the tour. We call these special people "Tour Virgins". These special bonuses comprised of some special friends, which will share their every experience whilst away on tour. One friend was called "Randy Rabbit" the other "Loose Moose" these furry little friends were stuffed toys and they looked fluffy and cute except for one big thing right down the middle leg. (And I'm not talking about a Shane

Warne leg break here either.) Along with these furry little fellows a famous person came and joined the party as well. It was our old mate John Holmes a life size blow up doll with all the phallic manhood a tour person could ever want. And by the look of him he got a little more than he should have got.

Checked in, the plane flight and transfers went all smoothly (all a little to smoothly for 27 touring members, as we found out on our return flight home) and before you new it we were packed like sardines in our petite hotel rooms ready to take on the Irish at Docklands Stadium.

Once we had arrived and found our seats and we were surprised we got there a little bit early, so what were we to do, but have a few ales. And Ales we had! Some more than others as the majority of the touring party, could account for almost every minute of the game, despite the odd toilet or refreshment break due to the game being such a close result, 17-16 to the Wallabies. But for one unlucky chap, he seemed to be having difficulty in remembering the whole game at all the next day. I don't know why, as he was having the time of his life cheering and singing away to the World Champion Wallabies. So he had to go to the Crown Casino the next morning to see the replay on Fox just in case his beloved asked him any questions about last night's game. I suppose a bonus in one way, getting to see the same game twice for just one ticket purchase!

Sunday came as quick as it went and the boys started to get into the pace of things over a game of skill base pool where the pot got up to over \$200. But it was time to shoot off and grab a bite to eat at a Thai Restaurant in Richmond. The food was fresh and tasty despite one little nasty dish that nearly made the roofs of our mouths cave in, and tongue crawl down the back of our throat. But all was washed away with a brew and luckily there were no reports of "Gandhi's Revenge" the next morning.

Monday morning was a sight to see as some people were sporting some nasty hangovers and some were a little lighter in the hip pocket due to the friendly croupiers at Crown Casino. But it all got recycled back to one lucky tourists wallet with a handy win over the \$4000 mark on the Roulette wheel. Well done. (Bastard). It was a free day for the boys so you either had the choice to sleep in, do some shopping in town, catch some sights or maybe do something different and go to the Casino. Then it was all showered and dressed ready to hop in a taxi to Dracula's Theater Restaurant for a show and dinner. But out the front of Dracula's the topic of conversation turned to that of sheer mystery. Apparently a few lads have been struck by the "Phantom Monkey Turder". Some poor lads had arrived into their rooms with the strong pungent odor of "Shizen" or "Shit" to non-German speaking Tech-Waratahs, and hid the offending human chikito under their bed. And to quote one victim of this terrible crime "As soon as I opened the door all it felt like being hit by a brick wall that smelt like Turd." The investigation was underway as so was some young tourist. As the doors of Dracula's opened, so did his guts, and quickly hailed a taxi and was sick all the way to the hotel without seeing the show. The show was a hit along with some of the waitress' costumes and dinner was superb to boot.

Tuesday came and the race that stopped a nation was on at Flemington for our fancy dress day. The costumes were a hit as a few of the lads had interviews with all the major television networks before the big race. The day itself has to be seen to be believed, as the television does not do the day justice. As one very bright tour member had the common sense to bring along his own personal optometrist as he worn out his first set of eyes before the third race. The day was full of excitement despite a loss on the nags for some. The final day brought on the fine tradition of "Kangaroo Court" over breakfast a The Base Bar just down the road from the hotel. (And no this is not a code word of going to the Casino again) the Court was brought promptly in order the fines were handed out, not to everyone's liking. The "Phantom Monkey Turders" were brought to justice and thanks were given and cheque paid and off we were back to the Airport for our flight to Sydney.

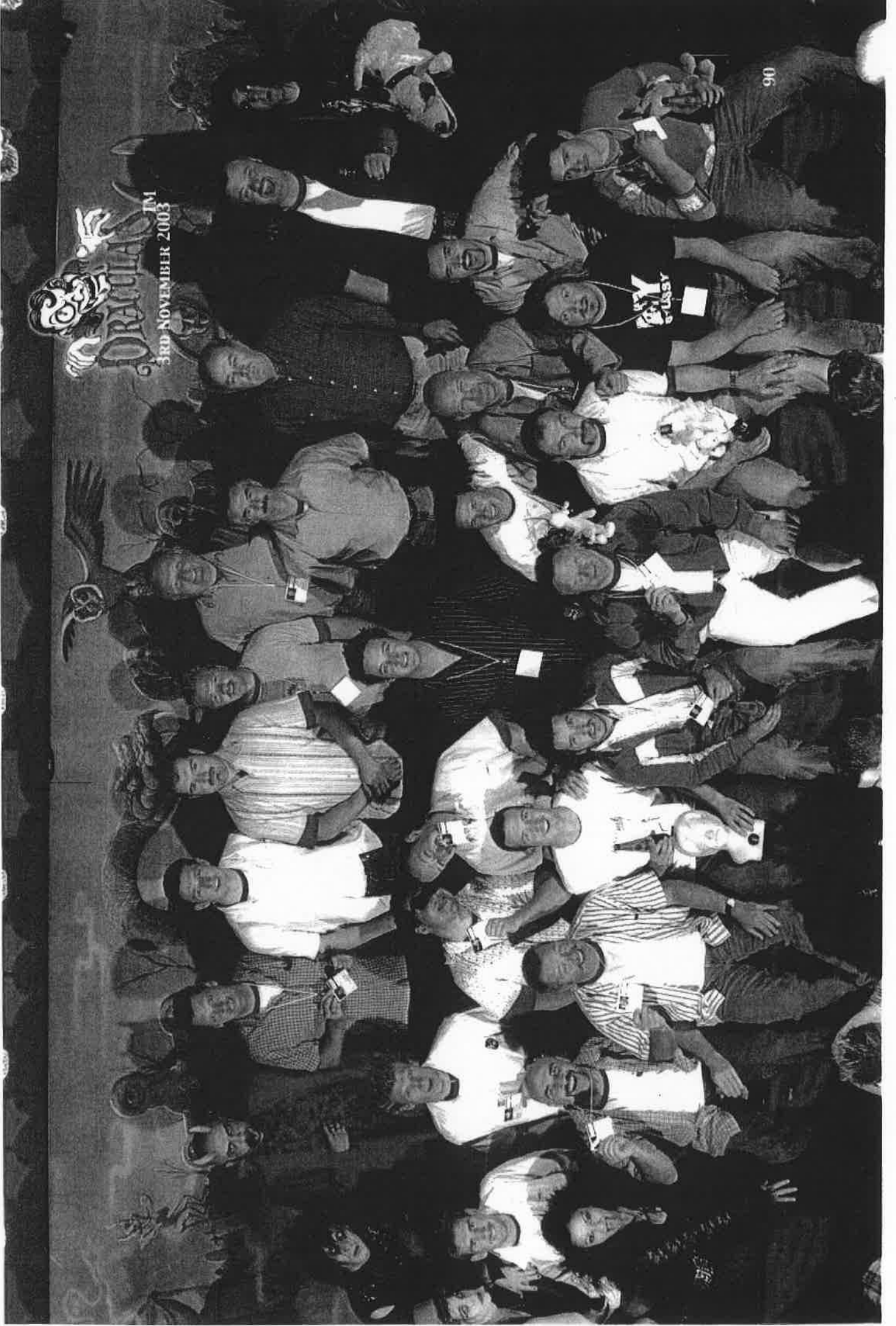
The flight home was a very quite one as the Virgin Flight Steward said it's the first time he has ever been on a flight where a whole section of the plane was asleep. Before we new it we back at home enjoying our own beds and thank god, alcohol free. You beauty!!

Well and truly stuffed, knackered, and liver transplanted.

Signed,

A Melbourne 2003 Survivor.

IM
DRAGONS
3RD NOVEMBER 2003



Mad Monday at Bulli Trots



NAME		PREVIOUS GAMES	3RD'S	2ND'S	1ST'S	TOTAL 2003	TOTAL GAMES
Abraham	Michael	8		15		15	23
Barlow	Lawrence	0	7			7	7
Behr	David	75				0	75
Boughton	Joshua	18		2		2	20
Bourke	Darren	18	17			17	35
Bruton	Michael	31	11	8		19	50
Bruton	Wayne	114		13	5	18	132
Bye	Mark	74	4	4		8	82
Carney	Aaron	0	12			12	12
Collier	John	0	5	12		17	17
Condon	Corey	0	6			6	6
Condon	Paul	0	16	1		17	17
Cooney	Wayne	53	6			6	59
Crimmins	Jason	98	5			5	103
Crimmins	Mathew	94	14	5		19	113
Darby	Joshua	47			17	17	64
Darby	Luke	70	5	5		10	80
Darby	Nigel	107				0	107
Davis	Paul	244		18	5	23	267
Dorahy	Jason	0	1			1	1
Doulis	Ben	0	11	7	1	19	19
Doulis	Lee	0	2			2	2
Duffin	Mal	0	3			3	3
Dummett	Ross	63	6	2		9	72
Dun	Reagan	0	1			1	1
Edmonds	Adam	126			17	17	143
Evans	Greg	87	8			8	95
Federici	Steve	77		13	2	15	92
Foye	Chris	84	1	9	7	17	101
Franklin	Craig	102			16	16	118
Gilroy	Matt	0	1			1	1
Gorgijovski	Tony	58		18	4	22	80
Gould	Phillip	150			1	1	151
Graham	Sam	18		2	15	17	35
Greer	Michael	0	8			8	8
Hawksworth	Harry	89			15	104	104
Hill-Todd	Zac	9	1	12	4	17	26
Hurley	Brendon	14		1	15	16	30
Hurry	Gordon	14	1			1	15
Hutchinson	Gareth	0	3	10		13	13
Hutchinson	Tim	11	16			16	16
Ireland	Wayne	111				0	111
Jackson	Shane	29	1			1	30
Jones	Justin	191	12			12	203
Kerr	David	24	14	4		18	42
Madden	Will	125	1			1	126
Manovski	Zlatko	160		18		18	178
Martin	Lee	146			17	17	163
Matar	Khaled	181	1			1	182
Matulick	Alex	0	17	5		18	18
Maughan	John	272	8			8	280
Mayberry	Luke	103	3	2		5	108
McAndrew	Greg	71			15	15	86
McConnell	David	0	13	9		22	22
McLean	Richard	104	16	2		18	122
McPhee	Chad	0	6	9	4	19	19

NAME		PREVIOUS GAMES	3RD'S	2ND'S	1ST'S	TOTAL 2003	TOTAL GAMES
McVicar	Shane	147	3	9		12	159
Merrick	Michael	71	8	9		17	88
Murray	Brett	0	3			3	3
Nealon	Dean	0	1	4		5	5
Neser	Sasha	9	2	12		14	23
O'Dwyer	Mitch	41	1	14		15	56
O'Keefe	Brendon	0	4			4	4
Ogden	Shaun	92	3	2	1	6	98
Olsen	Ben	148	2	3	3	8	156
Olsen	Tim	95		1	13	14	109
O'Shea	Mark	82	2			2	84
Peace	Cameron	58	3			3	61
Pearson	Stuart	141	5	6	1	12	153
Pearson	Wylie	112	0			0	112
Peckman	Keith	10	6			6	16
Petty	Rodney	85			14	14	99
Piper	Adam	0	8			8	8
Pryke	Luke	0	1			1	1
Read	Daniel	121			17	17	138
Ryman	Daniel	0	1			1	1
Sharman	Adam	67			16	16	83
Sharman	Brad	52		1		1	53
Skinner	Richard	0	1			1	1
Smart	Ross	12	1			1	13
Smith	Peter	0	2			2	2
Stretton	David	40	14			14	54
Tatafu	Nicholas	16	6			6	22
Thomas	Greg	42			13	13	55
Tully	Daniel	106	5	12	2	19	125
Tweedie	Simon	62	1	10	7	18	80
Vandenbergh	Justin	22		2	16	17	39
Veigel	Brad	0		1	15	16	16
Vincent	David	66	13			13	79
Wallace	Chris	0	13	7	1	21	21
Williams	Adrian	148	1	14	1	16	164
Wilson	Anthony	36	1	10	8	19	55
Wilson	Ian	24	11	3		14	38
Wilson	Keith	4	1			1	5
Wilson	Matt	0	1			1	1
Wilson	Reece	60	1	11	6	18	78

AWARD WINNERS 2003

- 3RD GRADE MOST IMPROVED.....
- 3RD GRADE BEST & FAIREST.....
- 2ND GRADE MOST IMPROVED.....
- 2ND GRADE BEST & FAIREST.....
- 1ST GRADE BEST BACK.....
- 1ST GRADE BEST FORWARD.....
- 1ST GRADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR.....
- BEST TRAINER.....
- MOST IMPROVED PLAYER.....
- MOST CONSISTANT PLAYER.....
- MOST OUTSTANDING PROSPECT.....
- TRY SCORER OF THE YEAR.....
- POINT SCORER OF THE YEAR.....
- CROOKY OF THE YEAR.....
- STIRRER OF THE YEAR.....
- LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION.....
- 100 GAMES AWARDS.....
- 200 GAMES AWARDS.....
- RICK BOYLE TROPHY.....
- CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR.....

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry, no matter how small, should be recorded to ensure the integrity of the financial statements. This includes not only sales and purchases but also expenses and income. The text suggests that a systematic approach to record-keeping is essential for identifying trends and making informed decisions.

In the second section, the author explores various methods for organizing and analyzing financial data. One key method mentioned is the use of spreadsheets, which allow for easy comparison of data over time and across different categories. The text also touches upon the importance of regular audits to catch any discrepancies early on.

The third part of the document focuses on budgeting and financial planning. It explains how a well-defined budget can help in controlling costs and maximizing profits. The author provides practical tips on how to set realistic goals and track progress towards them. It also discusses the role of contingency plans in managing unexpected financial challenges.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the key points discussed. It reiterates the importance of transparency, accuracy, and proactive financial management. The author encourages readers to adopt these practices to ensure the long-term success and stability of their business.