

EASTERN SUBURBS DISTRICT RUGBY UNION
FOOTBALL CLUB - (A COMPANY LIMITED BY
GUARANTEE)

59TH ANNUAL REPORT (2017)

ABN - 80 000 277 538



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited will be held in the Club House, O'Sullivan Road Bellevue Hill on Monday February 5th at 7pm.

1. To receive and consider the Financial Reports, Directors' report and auditor's report for the year ended 30 September 2017.
2. Appointment of Auditor for the ensuing year.
3. Nomination of Honorary Life member

To consider and vote on the recommendation of the Board to the members that Graham Boyle be elected as an Honorary Life Member of the club.

4. Election of Office Bearers for the ensuing year.
5. General Business.

Attention is drawn to Article 20(a), which states:

“ Nominations for election as Directors shall be made in writing to the Treasurer at least eight days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting and shall be signed by two members of the Club who are eligible to vote and by the nominee”.

Nomination forms are available from the Club.

PATRON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MANAGEMENT AND SUB-COMMITTEES

PATRON		Peter Falk OAM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
President:		John Murray
	Vice President Rugby:	Campbell Aitken
Vice President Sponsorship:		Marty Switzer
	Vice President House:	Sean Rahilly
Honorary Treasurer:		Vince Parrelli
	Directors:	David Leckie
		Peter Shipway
		Kate Vanstone
		Taleah Neowhouse
	Club Captain:	Charlie Clifton
MANAGEMENT		
Licensee:		Eoin Clohesy / Louise Cavalli
	General Manager:	Eoin Clohesy
SUB-COMMITTEES		
Sponsorship & Season Launch:		Marty Switzer, Eoin Clohesy, John Murray
	House:	Sean Rahilly, Vince Parrelli
Membership:		Eoin Clohesy, John Murray, Peter Shipway
	Employment & Accommodation:	Anna Gill
Events:		Kate Stynes, Veronika Zaferis, Taleah Neowhouse, Andrew McNamara, Charlie Clifton, Eoin Clohesy

LIFE MEMBERS AND OBITUARY

FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBERS

* David Brockhoff	Jack Sherman	Peter B Solomon
* Warwick Schurr	Raymond Smee	William Whitehair

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

A.D. Henderson *	G.A. Black *	S.M.K. Goddard
Sir Charles Moses, CBE *	B.P.S.Chiene *	D.P. Jackson
J.G. Blackwood *	K.Smithers *	J.C. Cornet
I.R.Comrie-Thomson *	G.Williamson *	P.R.A. Falk OAM
O.C.Curtis *	D.N. Cohen	M.G. Lakeman
N.B.Green *	M.J.Tate *	P. Shipway
N. Hardy *	L.A. Martin*	G. Pullen
J.W. Holdworth *	J.W.T. McBride	K.L. Brenac
E.M.Jessep *	G.M. Henderson	K.M. Speed
K.P. Miller *	L.J. Fahy 1990	R.N. Burke*
H.R.J. Newton *	A.W. Bullen OAM	I.Y. Tiley
E.A.O'Brien *	M.A. Rowles	D. Cohen
His Honour J. Rainbow, Q.C. *	B. Williamson *	I.Cohen
H.W.Snell *	J.F. Rahilly *	

* Denotes deceased

OBITUARY - We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of past and present members who have passed away during the year and those who lost a loved one.

Vale - Len Martin

East's Rugby were very well represented at the funeral of club legend Len Martin on the Central Coast at Kincumber.

Club Patron, Peter Falk headed a large group of ex-players and officials most of whom had come under the influence of Len as a coach, one of the most successful East's in East's history.

Len who was born in 1928, won 13 premierships with East's teams either as a player or coach, a remarkable achievement. He played with the 3RD grade premiership sides in 1948, 1951 and 1952 and with the reserve grade premiers in 1953, 1955, 1956 and 1957.

Len then coached East's reserve grade into 6 successive grand finals, 4 of which being won in succession (1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971)

Club legends Ralph Gilbert appeared in all 6 grand finals while Dave Marr appeared in the final 5. all as captain.

Fittingly both Ralph and Dave were in attendance at his funeral to farewell one of Easts greatest ever sons.

Vale – Warren Swan

It is with regret we advise that Warren passed away on the evening of 20th December after a long illness.

Swannie as we all knew him at Easts was schooled at Newington College where he played for the first XV as a prop and the 1st XI as a very fast left arm fast bowler and I believe still holds the record for the most wickets taken in a season.

After school, he played for the Wallaroos, East's Colts side and then went on to play many games for East's first grade. In 1967, he was one of the very lucky Easts boys to tour Japan and Hong Kong. In 1969, he played in the Easts – Gordon grand final but was on the losing side having switched clubs after moving north of the harbour. He went on to play many more first grade games for Gordon.

There will be a memorial service for Warren at the end of January (details to follow).

Our condolences and thoughts go out to his children Edwina, Andrew and Sean.

Vale- Bob Burke

Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club lost one of our most stalwart supporters and a much-loved and respected regular face at the club when current Clubman of The Year, Bob Burke, passed away last weekend.

Among many other interests, Bob was a keen snooker player. When the club ran regular snooker competitions in the 1960s and 70s and both members and players entered the handicap event, Bob was one of the main organisers. He enjoyed nothing more than meeting his many friends down at the club on most evenings and sipping on a cold Resch's beer. Burkey also liked a singalong, much to the chagrin of then Secretary/Manager, the late Gordon Williamson. Even the threat of being cited to the Board by Gordon was not enough to keep Bob quiet.

As team manager for a number of Grade and Colts sides throughout the years, Bob always ensured there was a case of cold beer for his players in the sheds at game's end.

He was a student at Sydney Boys High where he excelled at athletics and cricket, later becoming an Honorary Vice President of Waverley (later Eastern Suburbs) District Cricket Club.

Bob was awarded Honorary Life Membership of Easts Rugby, a singular honour achieved by only the most devoted and dedicated of club members. He was a well-loved and much respected figure at the club, always ready to reach out and welcome newcomers to the club, as well as

being a pillar of support for the players, staff and Board of Directors.

Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club will miss our friend, Bob Burke, terribly and we are grateful for his friendship and dedication to our great club.

We extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to Anne and the rest of Bob's family, as well as his very wide circle of friends.

Vale: Brian Thicknesse

East's Rugby are sad to report the death of Brian Thicknesse who passed away on the 13th April after a short illness.

Brian was a rugged halfback who played over 100 games for East's and over 50 in first grade in the 1950's and 60's.

He was the son of legendary half back Viv Thicknesse who played also for East's and then NSW before turning to Rugby League and playing for Australia.

East's Rugby would like to extend their deepest sympathy to family and friends of the Thicknesse family on their sad loss.

Vale Ray Stehr

East's man through and through who joined the Club upon leaving Waverley College where he played for three years in the First XV. A gregarious and rambunctious front rower who was a member of the champion East's Colts team of 1969 before moving up to grade and graduating to First Grade. His playing career was curtailed by business commitments where he achieved great success as a publican. Generous to a fault and a great benefactor to East's where his financial contributions were considerable but never publicized. Always dedicated to his "East's to Win" philosophy and will be greatly missed by his multitude of friends at East's Rugby. Sincere condolences to Ray's wife Dinah and family.

Vale Bruce Hopper

It is our sad duty to report that East's man, Bruce Hopper passed away on Saturday night having battled with cancer for the past 12 months at 86 years of age.

In his time, Bruce played breakaway for East's during the 50's after crossing from Randwick. He played across all 4 grades, and on his first grade debut at the age of 19, he scored 3 tries as was reported in the paper the following day.

He scored 83 tries in all and at an Easts celebratory dinner sometime during the 2000's, it was announced he still held the try scoring record across all grades.

Vale: Michael Malley

Michael A Malley, died on 17 August 2017 aged 80 years. For more than 50 years he was a dedicated Easts member, player, linesman, timekeeper, publicist and supporter on the sidelines. His sons Mark Malley and Michael Malley Jr were ball boys and players.

His daughters Virginia and Carolyn often watched the games from the sidelines. For decades he wrote the weekly articles about each grade's game in the Wentworth Courier. A few years ago he moved to Nowra and could only occasionally attend games at his beloved Woollahra Oval but those games and catching up with his friends were a highlight of each year.

LIST OF SPONSORS

The Board of Easts and the Players of the Club would sincerely like to thank the Sponsors for their support during the year and encourage all of our members to support our sponsors.

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* JD Campbell	* AH Stone	L Burgess
* HW George	* JE Turnbull	R Cross
* ASB Walker	* LH Smith	M Hodgson
* C Wallach	* Dr PA Hardcastle	M Toomua
* EA Cody	JWT MacBride	H Edmonds
* F Thompson	* AJ Baxter	S Ma'afu
* EJ Fahey	* MJ Tate	
* HW Baker	JC Carroll	
* R Marrott	JM Bosler	
* EW Carr	DM Emanuel	
* JW Holdsworth	* Dr FM Elliott	
* GC Walker	SR Scotts	
* CE Thompson	NJD Storey	
* JG Blackwood	JS Boyce	
* WA Douglass	TR Stegman	
* WJ Marrott	SC Finnane	
* AJA Bowers	KS Besomo	
* AE Rainbow	G Richards	
* WA Rigney	BT Gavin	
* IR Comrie-Thomson	AJ Daly	
* WN Ives	MC Brial	
* MH Rylance	SJ Payne	
* JS Lamb	A Heath	
* AM Smairl	J Welborn	

* Denotes Deceased

100 1st XV Games

* WA Douglas	R McCormick
* JA Holdsworth	MG Finnane
* WA Rigney	MJ Gerethy
* J Russell	BJ Neowhouse
* N Hardy	SR Callum
* AS Martel	IW Eskdale
* AH Stone	BT Gavin
* HRJ Newton	S Van Houten
* JJ Maunsell	MRC Bakewell
* I Comrie-Thomson	P Jeff
* WE Green	J Kubu
* AH Good	D Wiggin
* JH Keen	JD Isaac
* S Rigby	A Heath
* MJ Tate	SJ Payne
* BG Webb	JC Carroll
* KT Coggan	MC Brial
* AM Smairl	M Vlismas
* CFL Smee	B Dunn
NJD Storey	S O'Hara
RA Grayson	M McGann
AW Tyler	H Lavaka
MD Hickman	E Brenac
JF Cox	G Debartolo
RJ Gilbert	A LaVin
LJ Fahy	R McMickan
JL Radovic	R Stanford
RB Bailey	L Irwin
FDM Curran	

- Denotes Deceased

2017 SEASON PLAYER AWARDS

Overall Awards

Matt Street Award:	
Ben Neowhouse Clubman:	Adam Elford
Grade:	
Most Improved Grade Player:	Will Maddocks
Perc Newton Shield Best Defensive Player:	Fergus Lee- Warner
2017 Clarence Wallach Award:	Rowan Perry
Sevens:	
Sevens player of the year:	Charlie Smith
Women's Most Improved 7s	Laura Earley
Colts:	
Bruce Chiene Shield for Best & Fairest Colt:	James Donato
Paddy Rahilly Shield for Most Improved Colt:	Nguyen Nguyen

Best & Fairest Awards 2017

Seniors

1 st Grade:	Fergus Lee-Warner	1 st Colts:	Henry Paterson
2 nd Grade:	Louis Dwyer	2 nd Colts:	Tom Lenehan
3 rd Grade:	Matt Hooper	3 rd Colts:	Ed Negus
4 th Grade:	Luke Wilson	Women's 7s	Holly Gavin

Colts

Playing Achievements

50 Colts Caps:	Nguyen Nguyen Charlie Yole
50 Grade Caps:	Fergus Lee-Warner James Field Luke Cullinane Jack Grant Liam Berry Andrew Ferris Clarrie Moore Will Paterson

Representative Honours 2017

Mack Mason	Waratahs	Cody Walker	Australian U20
Alex Newsome	Western Force	Ryan McCauley	Australian U20
Ryan McCauley	Waratahs	Jack Maddocks	Melbourne Rebels

GRADE PREMIERSHIP WINS

Club Championship	ES Marks Minor Premiers	Sir Roden Cutler Shield	1st Grade Premiers
1931	1953	2000	1903
1945	1969	2001	1913
1953	1970	2006	1921
1955	2000		1931
1956			1941
1969			1944
1970			1946
1971 *			1947
1984 #			1969
			1981 #
			1984 #
Res Grade Premiers	3rd Grade Premiers	4th Grade Premiers	Shute Shield Premiers
1905	1904	1936	1931
1912	1932	1950	1941
1913	1937	1954	1944
1914	1938	1960	1946
1942	1941	1963	1947
1945	1944	1971	1969
1947	1945	1995	2003
1949	1946	2010	
1953	1948	2011	
1955	1951		
1956	1952		
1957 *	1955		
1968	1956		
1969	1969		
1970	1971		
1971	1978		
1975	1981 #		
1979	1984 #		
1981 #	1990		
1997	1991		
2009	1997		

COLTS PREMIERSHIP WINS

1st XV	2nd XV	3rd XV
1970	1971	2013
	1981	
	1983	
	2002	

* Denotes Shared Title

#2nd Division Titles

President's Report

2017 was a challenging year for your Club, however, there was plenty of positives. I would like to firstly thank all our sponsors for sticking with Easts during this time, every member, volunteer, player and supporter thanks you.



Despite the obvious field challenge, the 1st & 2nds Colts contested Grand Finals and 3rd Grade Colts made it through to the Semis. Campbell Aitken, ably assisted by Sarah Roxborough, put together a Womens' programme that - starting from scratch - was amazing, our Girls finished 3rd in NSW in their competition. In 2018, Easts will be fielding both a Womens 15's team and 7's Team. On behalf of everyone at Easts, congratulations to all those involved.

Easts was the first and only Shute Shield Club to take a Competition game to the Bush and it was a big hit. The players conducted clinics and the promotion for our Club in regional NSW was unexpectedly bigger than we hoped and we are doing it again in 2018 with more teams.

During the year we hosted several players from American Universities and Stanford Uni hosted our own Sam Devlin, we think this is a unique offering from East, made possible by the Foundation and will look to maintain this programme if possible.

Eoin Clohesy worked incredibly hard again this year and on behalf of everyone at Easts I would like to thank Eoin for his constant positive attitude and the invaluable contribution he has made - we wish him all the best on his 2018 adventures.

We once again hosted our Volunteers dinner for everyone who volunteers at Easts, from the Assistant Manager, Bays Under 6 Gold to Ian Cohen, Manager, 1st Grade - over 100 people volunteer at Easts, a huge community effort - Thanks to everyone of you on behalf of Easts.

Easts want to win on the field, however, we are committed to making all our players better people off the field. You will be enormously proud to know that Easts is the largest contributor of volunteers to WAYS, our local charity for disadvantaged youth. This is entirely a player led initiative and I would like to especially thank Charlie Clifton, Elliot Frawley and Sam Sticher for their fantastic work in this regard. Anna Gill continued her great work, funded by the Easts Foundation, to help our players make better education and career decisions. This is a unique offering by Easts

There is a lot to be excited about in 2018 - a bigger Womens programme, our trial game in Canowindra, our Round 5 game against Parramatta in Orange, a continued improvement in our Rugby programme under Pauli Taumoepeau and the best playing facility in the competition. I look forward to seeing you at Woollahra in 2018 for our best season yet.



John Murray - President.

Treasurer's Report

With the refurbishment of the Clubhouse, the resurgence of support in Shute Shield Rugby and the unveiling of the new artificial playing surface, everything was in place for 2017 to be a defining year. What wasn't in the script was that no games would be played at Woollahra with the unavailability of the Oval as it did not meet acceptable standards.



It is therefore with no surprise that 2017 was a financially disastrous year for the Club. With committed spending, effectively no gate takings and no reason for players, juniors, members or supporters to frequent the Clubhouse, the Board and Management went into damage control. Accordingly I believe that the final loss is quite respectful taking into account the extraordinary circumstances.

Andrew McNamara and his team must be commended with their commitment, enthusiasm and perseverance throughout the year. From having to cater at unfamiliar venues and without assurance of anyone frequenting the Clubhouse, the quality of service was never compromised. Unfortunately though, it is no surprise that the financial report records that Clubhouse activities were the hardest hit from these unfortunate circumstances.

Together with the rest of the Board we would like to thank the players, junior clubs, volunteers, staff and our loyal sponsors for all their patience and support. At the time of writing we are actively planning a recovery strategy that, with the present assurance from Woollahra Council that the Oval will be ready for the start of the season, we trust will translate into a successful 2018 both on and off the field.

Yours faithfully,

Vince Parrelli
Treasurer

Fifty-ninth Annual Report

For the 12 months ended 30 September 2017

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 September 2017. The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

John Murray	Board member 6 years
Martin Switzer	Board member 10 years
Vince Parrelli	Board member 5 years
Sean Rahilly	Board member 5 years
David Leckie	Board member 3 years
Peter Shipway	Board member 3 years
Kate Vanstone	Board member 3 years
Taleah Neowhouse	Board member 2 years
Campbel Aitken	Board member 2 years

Directors have been in office since the last AGM unless otherwise stated.

The Principal activity of the Company during the year was the promotion and conduct of Rugby activities and a licenced club.

The objectives of the Club are:

- * to provide the best environment possible for the promotion of Rugby Union in the Eastern suburbs.
- * to promote the use of all facilities at the Club.
- * to ensure that adequate finances are available to promote and conduct the Rugby activities.

To achieve these objectives the entity has adopted the following strategies:

- * The management of licenced club activities has been administered and monitored by the Board to achieve the best possible facilities for members.
- * The employment of the best coaches and allied staff as possible so as to create the best environment for the procurement and development of players.
- * The engagement of the local community to maximise local resources and at the same time enable the Club to contribute to its community.

The net result of the Company for the year ended 30th September, 2017 was a loss of \$54,624 (2016:\$69,448 profit). The Company is limited by guarantee and therefore prohibits the declaration of any dividend or the issuing of any shares or options.

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

Post Balance Day Events

There are no post balance day events to report.

Auditors Independence Declaration

The auditor's independence statement follows the audit report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 SEPT 2017**

	Notes	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Revenues			
Football & sponsorship	11	(542,312)	(610,605)
House	12	(202,891)	(343,337)
Other	13	<u>(130,755)</u>	<u>(159,634)</u>
		(875,957)	<u>(1,113,576)</u>
 Expenditures			
Football & sponsorship			(618,781)
House			(307,433)
Other			<u>(117,912)</u>
			<u>(1,044,127)</u>
 Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		 (54,624)	 <u>(69,449)</u>
 The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements	11	(579,979)	
	12	(267,401)	
	13	<u>(83,201)</u>	
 BALANCE SHEET		 <u>(930,581)</u>	
AS AT 30 SEPT 2017			
	Notes	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
 Current Assets			
Cash Assets		(2,000)	(2,000)
Cash at Bank		(15,808)	(13,118)

Accounts receivable and other receivables	4	(112,272)	(60,578)
Inventory on hand	5	(10,202)	(8,585)
Total Current Assets		<u>(140,282)</u>	<u>(84,281)</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	6	(203,761)	(220,533)
Total Assets		<u>(344,043)</u>	<u>(304,814)</u>
Current Liabilities			
Bank overdraft	15	(-)	(-)
Accounts payables and other payables	7	(245,174)	(140,985)
Provisions & Deferred income	8	(4,398)	(5,736)
Total Current Liabilities		<u>(249,572)</u>	<u>(146,721)</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Long Term Loans	9	(167,041)	(176,041)
Total Liabilities		<u>(416,613)</u>	<u>(322,762)</u>
Net Assets		<u>(72,570)</u>	<u>(17,948)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

		2017 \$	2016 \$
Receipts from customers & miscellaneous debtors		(937,652)	(1,092,961)
Payments to suppliers, tax and employees		<u>(925,963)</u>	<u>(1,018,806)</u>
Net Cash from/(used) in Operating Activities	10	<u>(11,689)</u>	<u>(74,155)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		<u>(-)</u>	<u>(-)</u>
Net Cash from/(used) Investing Activities		<u>(-)</u>	<u>(-)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Payments to long-term borrowings		<u>(9,000)</u>	<u>(16,400)</u>
Net Cash from/(used) Financing Activities		<u>(9,000)</u>	<u>(16,400)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held		(2,689)	(57,755)
Cash at 01 October 2016		<u>(13,118)</u>	<u>(44,637)</u>
Cash at Bank/(Overdraft) at 30 September 2017		<u>(15,807)</u>	<u>(13,118)</u>

Note: Net increase/decrease in cash held represents movements in cash and bank overdraft.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

2017

2016

	\$	\$
Retained Profits at beginning of year	(17,947)	(87,396)
Net profit/loss	(54,624)	69,449
Retained Profits at end of year	<u><u>(72,570)</u></u>	<u><u>(17,947)</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

2. GOING CONCERN

It is acknowledged that the Club has negative net assets, however the Board believes that the Club is a going concern based on forecasts and assurances from long term lenders that repayment of principal can be delayed. The Board further notes that the 2017 loss was entirely attributable to the unavailability of Woollahra Oval due to the unsuccessful delivery by Council of an artificial playing surface. This unavailability negatively impacted all sources of revenue to the Club. However with guarantees from Council that the Oval will be available for the 2018 season, the Board expects to return a profit and move toward a positive net asset balance.

2017	2016
\$	\$

3. PROFIT AND LOSS ITEMS

Profit for the year has been determined after charging the following items :

Auditors remuneration	(4,750)	(4,750)
Depreciation	(16,772)	(18,295)
Provision for Doubtful Debts	(10,000)	(4,545)
Interest paid	<u>(5,046)</u>	<u>(3,250)</u>
	<u>(36,568)</u>	<u>(30,840)</u>

4. Current Receivables

Accounts receivable	(130,418)	(69,770)
Other debtors	(1,854)	(808)
Provision for Doubtful Debts	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
	<u>(112,272)</u>	<u>(60,578)</u>

5. Inventories

Beverages at cost	<u>(10,202)</u>	<u>(8,585)</u>
	<u>(10,202)</u>	<u>(8,585)</u>

6. Property, Plant & Equipment

Leasehold improvements - at cost	(419,615)	(419,615)
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(279,867)</u>	<u>(272,255)</u>
	<u>(139,748)</u>	<u>(147,360)</u>

Plant and equipment - at cost	(222,009)	(222,009)
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>((190,685)</u>	<u>((185,157)</u>
	<u>(31,324)</u>	<u>(36,852)</u>
Furniture and fittings - at cost	(174,075)	(174,075)
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>((141,386)</u>	<u>((137,754)</u>
	<u>(32,689)</u>	<u>(36,321)</u>
	<u>(203,761)</u>	<u>(220,533)</u>

Movements in net carrying amounts

	Leasehold improvements \$	Plant and equipment \$	Furniture and fittings \$
Balance at the beginning of the year	(147,360)	(36,852)	(36,321)
Additions	(-)	(-)	(-)
Depreciation expense	((7,612)	((5,528)	((3,632)
Amounts written off	<u>(-)</u>	<u>(-)</u>	<u>(-)</u>
Balance at the end of the year	(139,748)	(31,324)	(32,689)

2017

\$

2016

\$

7. Accounts Payable and other payables

Accounts payable & other creditors	(167,484)	(116,276)
Tax office	(70,157)	(17,177)
Security Deposits	<u>(7,533)</u>	<u>(7,533)</u>
	<u>(245,174)</u>	<u>(140,985)</u>

8. Current Provisions & other Current Liabilities

Superannuation payable	<u>(4,398)</u>	<u>(5,736)</u>
	<u>(4,398)</u>	<u>(5,736)</u>

9.. Non-Current Liabilities

Long Term Loans	<u>(167,041)</u>	<u>(176,041)</u>
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10. Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities and operating profit	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	((54,624)	(69,449)
Add/(Subtract)		
Non-Cash Flows in Operating Surplus:		
Depreciation	(16,772)	(18,295)

Provision for doubtful debts	(10,000)	((12,000)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
Decrease/(Increase) in other current assets	(-)	(-)
Decrease/(Increase) in accounts receivable	((60,648)	(18,222)
Decrease/(Increase) in other current assets	((1,046)	(2,392)
Decrease/(Increase) in inventories	((1,616)	(2,923)
(Decrease)/Increase in accounts payable & other payables	(104,189)	((23,005)
(Decrease)/Increase current provisions & other current liabilities	<u>((1,337)</u>	<u>((2,120)</u>
Net Cash provided in Operating Activities	(11,689)	(74,156)

	2017	2016
	\$	\$

11. Football & Sponsorship

Revenue

Grants	- - -	- 15,000-
Player registration (including Juniors)	- 70,703-	- 69,388-
Match takings	- 5,976-	- 27,950-
Sponsorship - including Contra	- 449,650-	- 468,611-
Fundraising Functions (net)	<u>- 15,983-</u>	<u>- 29,656-</u>
	<u>- 542,312-</u>	<u>- 610,605-</u>

Players Expenditures

Coaching & Development	- 159,227-	- 174,409-
Gear purchases & Uniforms	- 49,653-	- 26,163-
Lease-football oval	- - -	- 40,561-
Medical	- 47,175-	- 50,863-
Travel & Transport	- 43,910-	- 27,011-
Player insurance & Reimbursements	- 20,577-	- 17,055-
Players reimbursables	- 72,518-	- 74,194-
Video recordings & Photography	- 13,437-	- 15,408-
Other	<u>- 40,089-</u>	<u>- 58,311-</u>
Direct Costs	<u>- 446,585-</u>	<u>- 483,974-</u>

	2017	2016
	\$	\$

Sponsorship & Game Day Expenses

Wages- Sponsorship	(54,703)	(52,048)
Sponsorship Expenses	<u>(56,295)</u>	<u>(66,696)</u>
Sponsorship costs	(110,999)	(118,744)
Game Day - Hire Equipment	(350)	(4,942)
Game Day Expense	<u>(22,045)</u>	<u>(11,122)</u>
	(22,395)	(16,063)
Sponsorship Costs	<u>(133,394)</u>	<u>(134,807)</u>

Total Football & Sponsorship Expenses	<u>(579,979)</u>	<u>(618,781)</u>
12. House		
Revenue		
Bar sales	- 204,350-	- 283,069-
Poker machine takings (net)	((3,294)	- 6,493-
Promotions & Functions (net)	(1,835)	- 13,091-
Sundry income	<u>-</u>	<u>40,683-</u>
	- 202,891-	- 343,337-
Less Direct Costs		
Costs of bar sales	(115,595)	- 144,022-
Cost of staff	(83,084)	- 82,180-
Cleaning	(2,152)	- 5,122-
Electricity and gas	(20,466)	- 19,752-
Pay TV/Foxtel	(4,098)	- 4,884-
Repairs & Maintenance	(11,688)	- 7,972-
Security	(2,000)	- 14,357-
Waste Disposal	(12,000)	- 12,000-
Sundry expenses	<u>(16,318)</u>	<u>- 17,143-</u>
	- 267,401-	- 307,433-
House contribution	<u>((64,509)</u>	<u>35,904</u>
	2017	2016
	\$	\$
13. Other Revenues		
Members subscriptions	- 15,907-	- 21,913-
Rent	- 75,912-	- 97,664-
Interest received	- 73-	- 57-
Sundry Revenue	<u>- 38,862-</u>	<u>- 40,000-</u>
	<u>- 130,755-</u>	<u>- 159,634-</u>
Poker Trading Account for the year ended 30 Sept 2017		
Gross takings	- - -	22,565
Less - payouts and refills	<u>(-)</u>	<u>((14,090)</u>
Takings net of payouts	- - -	- 8,475-
Expenses		
License fees and maintenance	3294	1,982
Poker machine trading surplus	<u>((3,294)</u>	<u>- 6,493-</u>
14. Other Administration Costs		
Audit fees	(4,750)	(4,750)
Bookkeeping fees		(-)
Bad Debts	(22,000)	(4,545)
Printing, stationery, postage & cards	(1,032)	(1,443)
Database & Website	(9,362)	(7,348)
Other	<u>(20,810)</u>	<u>(16,344)</u>

	<u>(57,954)</u>	<u>(34,431)</u>
Property Costs		
Depreciation & write-off	(16,772)	(18,295)
Insurance	(10,859)	(13,691)
Repairs & Maintenance	(1,238)	(29,034)
Rates, Property Lease, license & fees	<u>(3,621)</u>	<u>(22,461)</u>
	<u>(25,248)</u>	<u>(83,482)</u>
Total Other Costs	<u>(83,201)</u>	<u>(117,912)</u>

15. Financing Arrangement

Total Facilities		
Bank overdraft	60,000	60,000
Used at Balance date		
Bank overdraft	0	0
Unused at Balance Date		
Bank overdraft	<u>60,000</u>	<u>- 60,000-</u>

16. Related Party Transactions

The Club has an arrangement with former Director Ian Calcraft whereby he originally forwarded \$150,000 to be repaid by way of a percentage of future cash flows generated by the Club. This balance has been reduced to \$75,190.15 at balance date. The Terms are not considered to be unduly favourable to Mr Calcraft.

17. Contingent Liability

There are no contingent liabilities to report at this time.

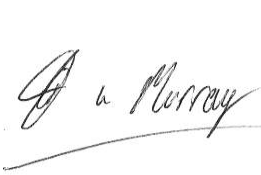
DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors have determined that the Company is not a reporting entity. The directors have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

1. This financial statement and notes:
 - a. comply with Accounting Standards as detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Corporations Act 2001: and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 September 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable. The directors also acknowledge that as at balance date the Company had negative net assets as referred to and commented on in Note 2 of the Accounts and the Directors' Report.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors



John Murray
President



Vince Parrelli
Treasurer

Dated 11 January 2018



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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

**UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE DIRECTORS OF EASTEN SUBURBS DISTRICT RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL
CLUB ABN: 80 000 277 538**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 September 2011 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Name of Firm
Meagher Howard & Wright



Name of Partner
K.J. Wright

Dated this 5 day of December 2011



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Rugby Report

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Premiership Club Championship (Gregor George Cup)		Colts Club Championship (Eric Spilsted Shield)	
Club	Points	Club	Points
Sydney University	2901	Sydney University	914
Randwick	2757	Randwick	819
Eastwood	2612	Eastern Suburbs	718
Warringah	2602	Eastwood	613
Manly	2563	Southern Districts	583
Northern Suburbs	2436	Warringah	562
Southern Districts	2316	Northern Suburbs	550
Eastern Suburbs	1982	Manly	447
Gordon	1870	Gordon	411
West Harbour	1464	Parramatta	342
Parramatta	977	West Harbour	170
Penrith	212	Penrith	54

Club Finals Results 2017

1st Colts Qualifying Final	Vs Eastwood	42-25 Win
1st Colts Semi Final	Vs Randwick	44-24 Win
1st Colts Grade Final	Vs Sydney University	15-63 Lost
2nd Colts Qualifying Final	Vs Southern Districts	38-13 Win
2nd Colts Semi Final	Vs Norths	24-13 Win
2nd Colts Grand Final	Vs Sydney University	10-27 Lost
3rd Colts Qualifying Final	Vs Randwick	12-12 Draw
3rd Colts Semi Final	Vs Sydney University	7-34 Lost

The season brought some very unique challenges for the rugby program. Having to amend training venues, playing venues and times proved very challenging. I believe that we, as a club, underestimated how big an impact not having a home venue would make on both on the field and off it.

Credit must be given to all the coaches and players for their flexibility and patience in unprecedented circumstances and the club thanks them for all they have done.

On the field, all the grade teams had a tough long season with some mixed results. We believe the grade sides made some strong progress with the style of rugby they were trying to play which they stuck to all year. As per previous seasons, there were some very close games that could have gone either way. The toll of not having adequate training venues and home ground ultimately proved to be a hurdle too high and perhaps our

expectation levels as a club were always unrealistic given the circumstances. The coaches and players should be given great credit for their attitude.

Our colts program was hugely successful which saw both 1st Colts and 2nd Colts reaching the Grand Final – this is an outstanding achievement under any circumstances, never mind not playing a home fixture all year. Our 3rd Colts were very successful too losing out in the Semi Final. All of this is a culmination of the hard work and effort that has gone into the Colts program in the last 3 years, congratulations to Pauliasi Taumoepeau and his team of coaches and players. Our Colts program continues to attract the best young talent in NSW and will form the basis of the club for a long time to come.

We had strong representation in both the mens and womens NRC competition in 2017 and also Jack Maddocks was selected to go on the Spring Tour with the Wallabies. Congratulations to all these players, the club is very proud of you.

We started a women's program in 2017, which went from strength to strength, the women finished 3rd in their first season in the NSW Sydney Womens sevens competition. Considering this was started from scratch and none of the women had played rugby previously, this was a sensational outcome. Credit must be given to Sarah Roxburgh for her efforts during the season.



Our Junior clubs had a very successful season with record number of registrations, especially across the junior feeder clubs of Bays, Wallaroos and Breakers. The senior club looks forward to further integrating with the Juniors in 2018 and beyond.

One of the highlights of my season was being given the opportunity to attend the 50th anniversary lunch of the 1967 Tour to Japan. Many of these men played in the 1969 Premiership side and it was heartwarming to hear their stories that they remembered like it was yesterday. We look forward to including these and many more of

our former players in our events going forward and introducing them to the current crop of Easts players. Congratulations to all who were involved in the organising of this event.

Whilst 2017 proved to be very challenging, we are all very excited for 2018. We have made some very positive steps in coaching appointments and believe the club are very well placed to compete for finals. Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the rugby program in 2017. I am always available to be contacted on campbell@eastsrygby.com.au should you wish to get in touch direct.



Campbell Aitken
Vice President, Rugby

1ST GRADE REPORT

Craig Morrison

A season littered with opportunity and obstacles is probably a fair assessment of what the 1st grade side went through in 2017.

With a focus on playing eyes up rugby and becoming better decision makers, our early matches against Sydney University, Parramatta and Eastwood produced many point scoring moments throughout, however our lack of ability to finish off at least three scoring chances against Uni cost us dearly in a 16-25 result. Whilst we managed to score enough points the following week to defeat Parramatta 34-20, we were still leaving points out on the field. This cost us again when we went down to Eastwood 26-39 in a match where execution at set piece time cost us significantly.

Coming into three tough games against inform sides our skills in attack needed to be spot on and with a half time scoreline of 3-5 against Manly and then Randwick in consecutive games, we were in good positions only to see attacking errors under pressure cost us dearly. A week later we threatened to end Norths run of 18 straight wins but for handling errors at key moments that saw us fall short 20-22 at the final hurdle.

With a focus on high-level skills we managed to score some entertaining tries against Gordon and Penrith and had certainly turned the corner with our execution under pressure and our decision making in both attack and defense.



The next three games were crucial to our season and whilst we led 27-7 late in the game against Warringah, three defensive lapses led to three tries and a 27-27 draw. Winning 38-31 a week later against an improving West Harbour was a confidence booster as we scored some magnificent tries to overcome the home side but in a crucial match one week later and with a 21 all scoreline late in the match, two penalties to Souths saw another close one slip away 21-27.

Having played everyone once, we went into Round 12 wanting a strong performance to kick start a march to the finals and leading Randwick 7-19 midway through the second half, we were certainly tracking that way however, a stronger Randwick bench took the match away from us in a disappointing end to what had been a great build up.

A week later we had an undefeated Manly side on the rack only to allow them back in the contest and go down 36-41 in an entertaining match at McKay Oval. A second away game in one season at Rat Park on the back of some close and physical losses seemed to then take its toll as we went down to Warringah 18-45.

We then went to TG Milner to try and keep our slim finals hopes alive but Eastwood were also playing for their season with the losing team likely to fall out of finals contention. In a quality match where the lead continually changed throughout, errors from kickoffs proved the difference as the Woods took advantage late in the match to skip out to an unattainable lead 31-45.

Wests too were playing for a finals spot and showed the attacking flare that took them to seven straight wins. After a very slow start we managed to get right back within a try of the harbour men but the bounce of the ball went against us in the dying minutes as Wests scored late to take it out to 25-37.

With personal pride and a strong finish the key motivators, we faced off against Parramatta in Round 17 and despite the potential danger that Parramatta always brings to any contest, we gave a solid account of ourselves and really punished Parramatta through good defensive pressure and skillful attack to win 52-13.

With an opportunity to leapfrog Gordon on the ladder in the final match, the Beasties showed the grit in defense that we were lacking in crucial games early in the season and in defeating Gordon 47-19, became the only team other than Randwick to keep Gordon under 20 points all season (and we did it twice).

Whilst a finals finish was clearly the goal at the outset of the season, finishing 9th was consistent with recent seasons and given the circumstances surrounding 2017 with no home ground at Woollahra, no regular training fields and the lack of any home ground advantage, this result is reasonable.

The upside of this result is that we finished with a positive points for and against differential, which suggests a team that was 'not far off' all season. The fact that we were in positions to win eight of the eleven matches we lost until the last ten minutes suggests a team that was heading in the right direction given recent history. It also suggests a group that needs to learn what it takes to win those close contests.

The shining light from 2017 has been the development of young local talent. No fewer than five Easts Colts from 2016 made their 1st grade debut in the opening rounds this season, with Ned Yeomans, Jack Digby, Archie Hall, Ted Pye and James King all starting in 1st grade. Yeomans started every game in the top grade whilst Digby proved himself a player of the future along with Pye and Hall.

Will Maddocks was no doubt the most improved player having earned his spot in 1st grade after match winning performances in 2nd grade, only to then repeat the same form and more in the top grade.

Fergus Lee Warner was outstanding all season as the B&F Player in 1st grade in what was a stand out achievement. Other younger players with plenty of experience followed his lead including Archie King who led the try scorers list again in 2017, Jack Grant and James Field became regular 1st graders and we welcomed some very promising newcomers to the Beasties in 2017, Mack Mason, Tom Pincus, Joe Pincus, Tom Sheminant and Sam Fogarty.

Clarrie Moore revelled in his change to the backrow, replacing the injured Joel Duffy whilst Tom Merritt was a mainstay of the side all year. Jack Maddocks and Ryan Mcauley played influential cameo roles at the end of the season along with great clubmen Andrew Ferris and Luke Callinane who were well deserving of their debut games in 1st grade this season.

Up front, our Scottish connection of Steven Longwell and Cameron Fenton were great mentors to our younger front rowers, including another debutant in hooker Lindsey Stevens.

Finally, Tim Buchanan and Rowan Perry took on a very active leadership role through their general play, example and commitment both on and off the field.

Special thanks to managing stalwart Ian Cohen and his partner in crime Tim Stewart along with all the medical staff, Ross, Emma, Kate and Alice.

To the coaching staff in 1st grade, you have worked and supported myself and the players this season through the most difficult conditions with commitment, loyalty and positivity. Thanks Matty Evrard, Toby Browne and Dan Bradley for all your work in preparing the team for battle each week as best as was physically possible.

2nd Grade Report

Gareth Morton

We all know the difficulties the 2017 season carried with it, but I would start this review by stating that throughout the season 2nd grade and all involved never used this as an excuse and actually embraced it as a challenge that no other club was facing. This was probably one of the highlights of the year for me, the character

of the squad was fantastic.



There were high expectations around the 2017 season after 2nd grade making the GF in 2016. In all honesty this was going to be a difficult task, when we lined up for round 1 we had 5 players that had played in that GF, this was a new team and was going to take time to develop.

It was evident in the first 4 rounds that we had a lot of potential with our attack and just needed time to get it right. A narrow loss to Uni in rd 1 followed with a win at Parra. We then threw away leads in the last 10 minutes of round 3 and 4 to Eastwood and Manly. After the game at Manly we sat in the changing room and spoke openly about how close we were to clicking. We just had to maintain our belief and keep working hard. In the first 4 rounds there were a couple of players that had really stood out in Will Maddocks and Cohan Guerra.

Round 5 we turned a corner....quickly!! No better place to do it than at Coogee oval. The 50 point victory kick started a run of victories over Norths, Gordon, Penrith and Warringah.

Unfortunately through this period we lost a few pivotal players to injury. We went into the next game against West Harbour missing 11 of our regular starters. We went on to lose that game and the following against Southern Districts. This left us chasing the pack to make the 6 but not unattainable.

Our finish to the season was strong picking up wins in 4 out of our last 5 games against Manly, Parra, West Harbour and Gordon.

However this wasn't enough and we fell one victory short of the playoffs. I was proud of the way we played and the character shown by the team in 2017. The turnover of players in the squad through injuries and movement through teams was so big that we only managed to field the same team two weeks in a row once all season. In saying that the development of players that stepped up from 3rd grade (Baz Julian, Liam Corbishley and Guy Beaver) deservedly held their spots in 2nd grade was another pleasing factor of the season. Other notable performers for the year were Will Maddocks, Lachie Piggott, Cohan Guerra, Lynsey Stevens and Lewis Dwyer.

I also would like to take the chance to acknowledge the huge effort and help Ben Staunton was this season in assisting me. Also thank you to Graeme Boyle and Michael Tuffy who quite frankly make our team tick.

3rd Grade Report

Peter Maddocks

Third grade has a season of constant change and challenges and ended up falling short of the finals finishing in eighth position.

We played some good football in most games. There were only three halves all season that we didn't compete, the first half of the first game against Manly and the whole of the second round game against Warringah. Otherwise we competed and were in a position to win all of the other games at some stage of the contest. Game management was our biggest issue and on many occasions inexperience and game awareness cost us dearly. The Norths game still keeps me awake at night.

The side lacked someone to walk us around the field at number ten. In only one game did we start with a genuine number ten. It was against Wests and we scored six tries in one of our better victories. That number ten was Scott Fay and he is 44 years old. Otherwise, we were asking players to play out of position and try and control the game, whilst trying to learn the position at the same time. The good news is that it will help their game in the future.



There were a lot of good things that happened that we can be positive about.

We learnt a fair bit, we laughed a fair bit, but we lost a bit too often. We struggled early in the season to score freely. After round 11 we had scored 24 tries. In the last 7 games we scored 39 tries, so it is fair to say that there was considerable improvement and understanding of the game as the season progressed.

The improvement in a lot of the players was very satisfying and it was good to see many of them play higher grades successfully. Baz Julian, George Mallat and Liam Corbishley all were playing

very good football at the end of the season and can look forward to next season with confidence.

Damian Johnston ended up doing an admirable job as skipper and tighthead and although our pack was mostly outweighed, our scrum was rarely beaten. Matt Hooper played loose head and was our best and fairest player for the season. He has the ability to lift when required and with maturity and hard work through the off season, he can look forward to playing higher grades regularly.

Guy Beaver performed well all season and Marcos Insua improved significantly during the year, adding a running game to complement his fearless aggression.

We were very fortunate to have such a passionate support team.

A big thanks to Gary Walsh who always made sure the gear arrived on time, the water bottles were always full and the team lists were as he desired. It's good to have you around.

To Dan and Chris our strength and conditioning coaches, many thanks for your efforts throughout the year. I really enjoyed you guys being around. It made my job a lot easier.

Kate, our physio, did a very difficult job with great humour and was a quality addition to the team. To Ross, thanks for your help mate. You are a star.

To Scott Fay and Elliot Frawley and Scott Stevens, it was not an easy year, but having the two of you there meant it was always enjoyable. Thanks for your contribution, Easts are lucky to have you two.

Finally, to all players, support staff, sponsors and supporters, we thank you for your contribution to the club in 2017, in what can only be described as very unusual year.

4th Grade Report

If you were to focus just on results then you would certainly say that the 4th Grade season was a disappointing one

However, I have a different view on the season

With the difficulties associated with losing our ground this year which had a terrible impact on lower grade training, a very young squad, and over 70 players having played 4th Grade this year, results were always going to be hard to come by

To all the players' credit they hung in there all year through tough times and honestly never gave in.

Regardless of the results it was a bunch of blokes that got on very well & certainly had some fun times together

Many players improved immensely over the year, with a few players who began the season in 4th Grade finding themselves in 2nd Grade by season's end.

Without singling out too many players I would like to mention a couple. Our fearless leader Luke 'Finch' Wilson. He was involved in everything, leading the team in most stats, and just generally all over the park. In Round 10 against West Harbour he suffered a season ending knee injury. But being the person he is he worked tirelessly to get back on the field and despite doctors and coaches fears he was able to return for the final 3 games and make a strong contribution. A tough bloke and great Easts Clubman who never let his players down.



The other player I would like to mention is Tom Keft. Although he finished the season in 3rd Grade his contribution in 4th Grade was significant. Week after week he was selected in an unfamiliar position, and without complaint, but worked hard each week on his game and was certainly one of the standout players. He has a big future in higher grades.

The highlight of our year was certainly against Gordon in Round 7 at Chatswood Oval. We were winless at that point while Gordon were flying high and leading the competition having won their first 6 games. The boys turned up that day and went on to record a courageous win 8-5

Now for some big Thank You's

Thank you to Darcy Bray – our Manager. Darcy did a wonderful job and we can't thank him enough for such a tremendous effort doing such a thankless task. Legend !!

To our physios Ross & Kate we thank you so

much. Kate in particular for getting there early each week to strap the boys. You were amazing !!

The S & C coaches Dan & Chris – thank you for all your hard work throughout the year, getting the boys prepared each week and then warming them up each Saturday. Fantastic !!

To all the other coaches & managers thank you for your assistance throughout the year.

Finally to the 4th Grade players – thanks for being such 'good blokes'. No one ever complained about being dropped, subbed off, etc so I would like to thank you all for making our job as coaches so much easier with your fantastic attitude to the cause of the '4th Grade Squad'. I know you realise we can do so much better.

We have a core group of players that have the ability to achieve a lot, but that will not come without hard work. Preparation is what will enable us to achieve our goals in 2018

I look forward to seeing you all next year
'Go the Beasts'

Scott Fay & Elliot Frawley – 4th Grade Coaches

1st Colts Report

2017 has been my most enjoyable season of coaching to date.
The 2017 group was the result of hard work done by previous years.
This was the first year out of our 'rebuild phase' that started in 2014.

TO THE COLTS GROUP OF 2017

What a bunch of men! Not a complaint, not an ounce of arrogance, just young men who put others first for a common goal.

I cannot thank you men enough for the way you responded to every situation thrown at you. I thank especially the leaders within this group who were outstanding to work with. What you have done for the future of this club is beyond measure.

In a year that wanted to be negative, you men seemed to shine through the year more than any other group I've been involved in. You continued to find reasons to smile and this was then transferred to your on field performances and results.

I was truly humbled by the way you all went about 2017.

COLTS 1

Whilst I enjoyed the year, this group really showed me a level of inconsistency I've never really experienced before. But through this came many lessons and growth. The only issue I really saw in this group was the lack of belief in what they could achieve in the early rounds. We finished the year winning ten of our last thirteen games leading into the grand-final. A complete turnaround from the three wins in the first seven games to kick off our year.

I was proud of this group and proud of the achievements they were able to accomplish...BUT! That last hurdle bothers me. I still believe we had the team to win that last game. I can't accept satisfaction at how we ended our year. It was more the way we lost rather than the loss itself. Again, lessons were hopefully learnt. I know as a coach, I learnt a lot after this experience – I needed to do more for the boys.

I want to thank Toby Starkey & Daniel England for the way they led the team this season. Both men did a great job in rallying their team to achieve our common goal.

THANK YOU

The Board – Thank you for the trust you have in me to go about doing this job the way I want to. This allows me to grow and go about tasks confidently.

Peter Shipway – I appreciate you a lot Shippo. You're always there for support for me and the colts group. You leave no stone unturned. We, as a group are extremely lucky to have you involved.

My coaching staff – Mike, Dave, Rick, Blayne, Scano, Maddie & Amandine thank you for not just jumping on board but helping steer this thing. I really enjoyed how we worked together. My biggest thank you is for putting the boys' interest first. If not for this I don't think the development we saw in individuals would have been as it was.

Adam Elford – My longest serving staff member. Thank you for being so unselfish. I couldn't have been any happier to see you receive the Clubman of the Year award for 2017. You put so much in.

Paddy Wright – Wow....I'll miss your little blow ups at every single decision that went against us. You're a fiery lad. I really enjoyed working with you and enjoyed seeing you grow into that coaching role. Your knowledge and experience is a real asset to this program.

I do want to thank some men in the background of all this. I get a lot of praise that belongs to other people. People that aren't always seen. This Colts program still has a few steps to go until we get to where we want it to be. But the pathway there is clear and we're so close. This wouldn't be so if not for some early vision and ground work by a few that many have forgotten. To Stuart Hudson & Hamish McCathie – thank you for the vision and direction you saw years ago for the colts. The time and effort you both put in early was the start of all this.

To Darren Coleman – Your drive to really create & develop a program that attracts players and coaches was the best platform for this to be built on. Thank you, mate.

My biggest and most important thank you is to my wife Kylie and our three kids Justice, Malia & Samiuela (NB: my thank you to my youngest son Samiuela is a token thank you as he was born after the season and didn't suffer from not having me around). Thanks for putting up with my absence and my constant broken promises about what time I'll be home.

2nd Colts Report

Mike Doyle

Dave Allen and I arrived back to Easts Rugby after a period of absence from our beloved club, joining Pauli T's Colts Coaching team for the 2017 season, not really knowing what to expect. We were both pleasantly surprised in what Pauli had created and soon were in full swing coaching a group of delightful lads from all different places and backgrounds from across Australia and the world!!!

We progressed nicely through the rounds working with 1st Grade Colts closely to keep the best footballers on the park for the respective teams...along the way spreading the Pauli created 'Easts Colts Culture' to the new players at the club while the older players lived it and showed the way!!

In the 2s we had quality players across the park, who were all willing to be coached and learn from Dave and I...they then showed off what they had learned during the training sessions and through a solid club structure, continued to improve throughout season. The job of 2nd grade coaches is to provide players to 1st grade who can take their opportunities as they come and establish themselves as regular 1st graders...if you win with your team along the way then things are good...and things were good!

We ended the season in 2nd place only losing 2 games along the way... an outstanding season from these young men, whom many were playing their first year of Colts.

We enjoyed the semi-finals series, as both 1st and 3rds were involved...a first for Easts for some time!! The next thing you know both 1's and 2's were playing on the last day of the Rugby year in Grand Finals!! Congratulations need to be handed to the Third grade team and their coaches who supported us throughout the year...many of their players played superbly when called upon and to Rick and Blayne, 3's coaches, a huge thank you for your support and enthusiasm throughout the year.

Unfortunately we picked the last day of the year to play below the standard we had set ourselves this season and came in 2nd in the BIG ONE!

That certainly motivates us all for 2018...but before we turn our minds to that....a few thank you's ...Dave and I had incredible year coaching back at the club that has meant so much to us over so many years...I am a great believer in 'that you get out, what you put in' but Dave and I were rewarded more with some great friendships and some great times throughout the year that made our year so enjoyable...First thank you is to the players an outstanding group of young men that gave everything to that special jersey!! We don't often single players out but we will in this case...to our Captain Tom Lenahan, you led the 2s throughout the year and was our 'Best and Fairest'. He did an incredible job was a pleasure to have leading our team...well done and thank you Tom!! To Paddy Wright, it was a huge pleasure to renew our acquaintance after many years and your advice and knowledge was paramount in our success. To Peter Shipway, who continued in his role as Colts Manager...come Board Director, it was huge fun working with such a good friend...and such a fantastic East person...Thanks Shippo! To Adam E., Somo, Blayne, Ofa, Ed, Mandine, Maddy and Scano all who contributed their own time to making Easts Colts '17 something that will take a lot of beating...a huge thank you to all of you!

Now to Pauli...thank you for allowing Dave and I to continue to build something very special, Easts Colts program...adding to what you had put in place in the previous years...your passion and love for what you

do, shines through in every Easts Colt that has the privilege to be in your program and wear the Easts jersey...you created the building blocks with which Easts will use as a foundation for many years to come...you did this with a huge smile on your face that was infectious throughout the program...well done, thank you and best of luck as Head Coach of the Club!!! Rip in !!!

Finally to Dave Allen, my co – coach, your energy and love of the Club, and of Rugby, kept this old man going many times during the season...thank you for that...it meant a lot to me !! Your knowledge and ability to pass it to the players is exceptional and extremely well received by the players...I look forward to working with you in the future and watching you ply your coaching trade in the coming years at Easts.

3rd Colts Report

Rick Somerton

Our third grade a terrific year making it into the finals.

The thirds tasked themselves with starting each week off for the club with a win to set the scene for the higher grades. They did this 12 times in the 18 rounds and helped themselves to a spot in the finals finishing 4th.

Amongst the highlights of the Season were dishing up one of minor premier Sydney Uni's only two losses and similarly a second round win over arch rivals Randwick for one of their two losses. We were the only team to beat each of the top three teams during the season.

It was great for the boys to get a taste of finals footy. They were desperately unlucky to only draw 12 all against a full-strength Randwick in the first week of the semi's. By virtue of finishing lower on the table we had to face Sydney Uni the following week in the second of the major semis and were not up to it on the day and were knocked out. This was disappointing as we probably had Randwick's measure and they went on to win the Premiership.

The thirds did their job in supporting the club during the season and there were a number of players including Charlie Yole, Kurt Stevens, Charlie Gill, Ed Negus, Leon Tupolo, Ed Schiller, Jack Pearson and Brett Kelly Wirth who at various time slotted into a very strong seconds colts unit and helped them to maintain their momentum.

The success of the thirds would not have been able to have been achieved without depth and we were lucky to have a very strong bench with players like Nick Gregory, Hayden Griffiths, Max Overall, Harry Tate, Cale Williams, Ethan Patete and Matt Tierney providing starting strong cover.

The team had a number of natural leaders, including Moff Maloney, a tough uncompromising prop who led the forwards by deed and word and Ed Negus who captained the team throughout the season. Ed led with a great aplomb and his general play grew throughout the season as he glided through Larkham like on many occasions to score or set up his outside backs, with 5 tries Ed was our top try scorer.

James Coppola was the leading points scorer with 21 Conversions, 2 Penalties and 3 tries for a season total of 63 points, his boot was an important part of our successful season.

One of the strengths of rugby are the international links that come with the game. We were lucky to be able to be joined by Sam Rowland Jones, from Wales, Musa Moya and Jack Pearson from England and Cale Williams from the USA. These three boys were great value and made many friends during their stay and will have plenty of good experiences to share, they were great additions to our team on and off the field.

The international experience of the thirds was extended when they hosted touring sides Kings from England and Stanford University.

Manager Ed Todd provided great support throughout the year as did John "Scanno" Scanlon who filled in more than one occasion. Unfortunately, Blayne O'Hara, the backs coach, had to deal with some family issues in the middle of the year and was unable to enjoy the end of year experience. It was a credit to the structure that Pauli put in place that the load from Blayne's absence was able to be shared across the coaching team without really missing a beat.

The measure of success of the thirds colts is not just on the field, but in how they are able to support the teams above us and how they develop as players and as club men. On each of these measures we were a success. Many of the boys will be returning next year and will be looking to achieve higher honours, players such as Charlie Gill, Will Somerton Lachie Stewart, Kurt Stevens, Julian Boscoe and Brett Kelly Wirth are all working hard in pre-season with the 2018 top group. As well a strong group including Charlie Yole, Ben "lineout supremo" Horton, Moff Malloy, Ed Schiller and James Coppola will be moving into the senior ranks.

The strength of the support team really underlies the good year we had. Thanks to Amandine and Madi S and C coaches who kept our boys at a high level of fitness, Adam Elford, who worked hard to make stiffen our defence and to Peter Shipway who supported all of our teams throughout the year.

2017 Player Statistics

<i>Player</i>	<i>1G</i>	<i>2G</i>	<i>3G</i>	<i>4G</i>	<i>1C</i>	<i>2C</i>	<i>3C</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>PREV.</i>	<i>CAREER</i>	<i>1ST xv</i>	<i>TRIES</i>	<i>GOALS</i>	<i>PEN</i>	<i>FIELD</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
ADCOCK, Emerson		3	2					5	0	5		1				5
ANTICO, R							7									0
BAILEY, Brodie			3	8				11	6	17		4				20
BARAKAT, Lewis							6									0
BATESON, J				1				1	0	1						0
BEEVER, Guy		1	12					13	20	33						0
BEGGS, David			8	2				10	0	10		1				5
BERENGER, J					5	11						3				15
BERRY, Liam		7	6					13	39	52		5				25
BIGELOW, William		7	2					9	16	25						0
BODKIN, Charles						13	1					2				10
BOSCOE, Juliiian						7	4					7				35
BRACEWELL, Jordan			3	6				9	0	9		1				5
BROTHERTON, Angus		3	1					4	32	36	1					0

BROWN, Andrew?				2				2	0	2			1				5
BROWN, Angus					3	13							10				50
BROWN, Luke				7				7	0	7			2				10
BROWN, Mitch			2	1				3	0	3							0
BUCHANAN, Tim	17							17	14	31	31		1				5
BURSTON, O							3										0
CAM, Charlie				1				1	0	1							0
CAPEL, Harry				1				1	0	1							0
CHEUNG, D						2	4										0
CHRISTIE-JOHNSTON, Darcy					12	9							4				20
CLARKE, Will			5	3				8	0	8			4				20
CLIFFORD, Jack						12							5				25
CLIFTON, Charlie	4	10						14	59	73	48		6				30
CLIFTON, Tom			4	8				12	11	23			2				10
CLOHESSY, J				1				1	0	1							0
COLLINS, L						7	1						2				10
COMINO, C							1						1				5
COOPER, Charlie					21	1							4				20
COPPOLA, James							12						9	18	1		84
CORBISHLEY, Liam		3	13					16	17	33			5	5			35
CORBISHLEY, Rhys		5	8					13	16	29	2		2				10
CRAWFORD, A					1	13											0
CRERAR, N							3										0
CRONE, Andrew			3	14				17	3	20			3				15
CULLINANE, Luke	1	10	2					13	39	52	1		3	1			17
CUMMINS, T						1	1						1				5
DAHMEN, Tom			3	9				12	0	12							0
DALY, John				1				1	0	1							0
DICKINS, Mitchell							6						3				15
DIGBY, Jack	9	2						11	0	11	9						0
DOHERTY, Connall		3	1					4	0	4							0
DONATO, Daniel					10	6							11	27	9		136

DONATO, James					21								8				40
DOYLE, Ben						1	6						3				15
DOYLE, Harry					3	7							2				10
DUFFY, Joel	2							2	3	5	5						0
DWYER, Lewis	2	12	1					15	0	15	2	3	1				17
ENGLAND, Dan					12								3	1		1	20
Evrard, Matt				1				1	0	1							0
FAY, Scott			1	1				2	57	59	26						0
FELL, H							2										0
FENTON, Cameron	8							8	0	8	8	1					5
FERRIS, Andrew	2	9	5					16	40	56	2	4	4				28
FERRIS, Scott		8	5					13	74	87	11	10					50
FIELD, James	5	7						12	48	60	5	4			1		23
FLAHERTY, J							5										0
FOGARTY, Sam	4	4	2					10	0	10	4	7					35
FOXTON, Will						7	7						5				25
GARCIA, Diego			3	7				10	0	10		1	3				11
GILL, Charlie							10										0
GODDARD, Kevin			2	4				6	0	6							0
GRANT, Jack	10	1						11	39	50	31	5	2				29
GREENWAY, Tom			7	6				13	0	13							0
GREGORY, N							1										0
GRIFFITHS, Hayden							6						1				5
GUERRA, Cohan		12						12	32	44	4	3	5	2			31
GUNTON, Jai				3				3	0	3							0
HALL, Archie	4	7						11	2	13	4	4	1				22
HART, Henry		2	5	4				11	13	24		3					15
HAWKINS, James		1						1	0	1							0
HAWKINS, James					10	7							7				35
HEDLEY, Nicholas		1						1	37	38							0
HEKA, Othello		3	12					15	0	15		6					30
HICKS, Will							5						1				2
HILL, Tom					8	1						1					5
HOLDEN, Henry		1	11	1				13	33	46		2					10

HOOPER, Matt		4	13				17	17	34		11				55
HOOPER, Toby				4			4	0	4						0
HOOPER, Toby						2									0
HOPKINS, J				2			2	0	2		1				2
HORTON, B						10					1				5
INSAU, Marcos			9	4			13	19	32		4				20
IOSUA, Suaesi		12	1				13	13	26		1				5
JACKSON, Sam	3	4					7	17	24	5					0
JOHNSTON, Damien			12	5			17	72	89						0
JONES, Beau				2			2	20	22						0
JONES, Lucien					5	4					2				10
JONES, Luke		6					6	15	21		1	17	3		48
JULIAN, John		3	8	4			15	12	27		1				5
KEFT, Tom		1	5	8			14	0	14		4				20
KEMENY, Tate						3					2				10
KING, Alex		3	6	1			10	14	24		1				5
KING, Archie	18						18	50	68	47	11	13	3		90
KING, James	1	12	4				17	0	17	1	8				40
KURZ, T						1									0
LAMENS, Thomas					3	4					6				30
LAMPH, Jack				16	5						10				50
LANAWAY, Tom				2			2	0	2						0
LAU, K						7									0
LAWRENCE, Cameron			3				3	5	8		1				5
LEE-WARNER, Fergus	15						15	35	50	47	3				15
LENEHAN, Tom					20						6	59	3		157
LENNAN, Nathan			5	1			6	0	6		1				5
LONGWELL, Steve	14						14	0	14	14	3				15
LUIZI, Dylan				13	4						10				50
MACFARLAND, Kurt				7			7	2	9						0
MADDOCKS, Jack	3						3	8	11	11	2	1			12
MADDOCKS, James				2			2	0	2			1			2

MADDOCKS, William	6	8					14	24	38	6	9	30	9		132
MAHONY, Tom		9	9				18	0	18		4				20
MALLAT, George		2	8	4			14	5	19		5	1			27
MALONEY, M						5	8								0
MASON, Mack	11						11	0	11	11	2	12	2		40
MATHER, Andrew			2	9			11	0	11		1				5
MAYMAN, Steve			4	7			11	15	26						0
MCCARTHY, James						1	3				1				5
MCCAULEY, Ryan	3						3	1	4	3					0
MCGAHAN, Rory			10				10	0	10		3	9	4		45
MCGEOCH, E					3	9					3				15
MCILROY, C							2								0
MCTAGGART, Matt					5	1					7				35
MERRIT, Tom	14	1					15	12	27	26	5				25
MOORE, Clarrie	16	1					17	39	56	40	3				15
MOYLAN, Liam		4					4	38	42	7	3				15
MOYO, B							6				1				5
MUDDLE, M					1	4	6								0
MURPHY, Cooper					8	2					4				20
NEGUS, Edward						1	16				5	1	1		30
NGUYEN, N						14	2				4				20
NICHOLLS, William					16	4					5				25
NORRIS, Sam		1					1	11	12						0
O'BRIEN, Jake					10	1	2				4				20
O'BRIEN, M						9									0
OVERALL, Max							5				3				15
PARELLI, James					7		7	0	7		1				5
PARRELLI, Nick					13		13	0	13		1				5
PASSMORE, Gab		3	5				8	0	8						0
PATERSON, Henry		2					2	0	2						0
PATERSON, Henry					18						14				70
PATERSON, William		10					10	44	54	36	5		1		28
PATETE, E							8								0
PEARCE, Kade					3	3	1				7				35

PEARSON, Jack					4	8							2				10
PELE, Joshua				1	14								5				25
PEPPER, E						2											0
PERRY, Rowan	15						15	17	32	32	2						10
PHILLIPS, Ben	1	12					13	0	13	1	1						5
PICONE, Will				10			10	0	10								0
PIEROTTI, Alex				3			3	0	3		1	1					7
PIGGOT, Lachlan	3	11					14	52	66	3	3						15
PINCUS, Joe	13						13	0	13	13	6	1					32
PINCUS, Tom	10						10	0	10	10	6	26	10				112
POWELL, Tom						3					1						5
PYE, Ted	6	7					13	0	13	6	3						15
QUIN, Declan				17	1							13					65
RADLEY, H						2											0
RATHIE, A					15	4					2						10
RAYNER, Will			2	1			3	22	25		1						5
ROBINSON, Jakobi						2											0
ROEBUCK, Brae			4	4			8	0	8		3	8	1				34
ROWLAND-JONES, S			1				1	0	1								0
ROWLAND-JONES, Sam				1	1	3						5	1				13
SARROFF, Alex				5			5	0	5								0
SCHILLER, E					2	6											0
SHANLEY, Rob			1	6			7	25	32								0
SHANNON, Nicholas				15	5						4	31	1	1			88
SHEMINANT, Tom	18						18	0	18	18	1						5
SIMPSON, M				6			6		6								0
SMITH, Josh				5	5						5						25
SOMERTON, Rick				3			3		3								0
SOMERTON, Will						6											0
STARKEY, T				16							1						5
STENMARK, Will				12							1						5
STEVENS, Kurtis					7	4					1						5

STEVENS, Lindsey	5	8						13	18	31	5	6				30
STEWART, Lachlan						4	11					3		3		24
STITCHER, Sam	7	1						8	56	64	38	1				5
STUDDY, Felix					1	10						7				35
SZANGOLIS, O							6					2				10
TATE, H							2									0
TIERNEY, Jake				15				15	10	25		3	12	5		54
TIERNEY, Matthew							7					2				10
TILLEY, Henry				9				9	15	24						0
TODD, Harry				9	7							8				40
TOOTH, Harry		2	7	3				12	11	23		4		1		23
TUINAUVIA, Fetongi	2	5						7	10	22	5	2				10
TUINEAU, J						1						1				5
TUPOLA, Leon					2	6						7				35
TURNBULL, Jake		15						15	28	43		2				10
WALKER, Cody				6												0
WALKER, H							3					1				5
WALKER, J							2									0
WHEELER, Jack			3	1				4	0	4						0
WILLIAMS, Cale							4					4				20
WILLIAMS, Sam					2	12	1					4				20
WILSON, Luke				12				12	57	69		2				10
WIRTH, Brett					3	7						8	5			50
WOODS, Dylan		1						1		1		1				5
WOODS, Dylan		1		13	2							4				20
WRIGHT, Jayden				12	4							8	12			64
YEOMANS, Ned	18							18	1	1	19	5				25
YOLE, Charles					6	11						1				5