



**HUNTERS HILL RUGBY UNION  
FOOTBALL CLUB**

**2007**

**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
&  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**



## **AWARDS - 2007**

### **CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR RAY BORTOLUSSI SHIELD**

Jim Bone

### **ALL GRADES BEST PLAYER TED WARRILOW TROPHY**

Rhys Lyon

### **1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE BEST & FAIREST AUB BENNETT TROPHY**

Andrew Johnson/Colman Taylor

### **2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE BEST & FAIREST**

Rhys Lyon

### **3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BEST & FAIREST**

Adrian Harvey

### **4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BEST & FAIREST**

Mark Thornton

### **1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE COACHES & MANAGER**

Jason Williams / Wayne Afrika  
James McNamara

### **2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE COACHES & MANAGER**

David Polly / Phil Shaw  
Paul Shields

### **3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE COACHES & MANAGER**

Andrew Harvey / Dave Warren  
Ryan O'Toole

### **4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COACHES & MANAGER**

Tony Brunsdon / Russell Kershler  
Paul Shields

### **CLUB CAPTAIN**

Ben Smith

### **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

Thomas Cuniowski

### **MOST IMPROVED FORWARD JIM PEARCE MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Jules Arndt

### **MOST IMPROVED BACK**

Luke Bird

# HUNTERS HILL RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

## 2007 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	Brett Ruth
Vice President – Football	Tony Brunson
Secretary	Will Wassell
Treasurer	Stuart Nelmes
Publicity & Communications	Alex Light
Registrar	Stuart Nelmes
Social Convenor	Cyrus Church
Canteen Manager	Rebekah Smith
Canteen Support	Danielle Cliff, Lisa Harris, Belinda Piesnik, Monica Burnside, Chris Burnside
Ground Managers - Football	Richard Colley, Jim Bone
Club Captain	Ben Smith
Historian	Bruce Lycett
Webmaster	Andy Ball

# HUNTERS HILL RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

## HONOUR ROLL

### LIFE MEMBERS

	<b>Appointed</b>		<b>Appointed</b>
BENNETT, Aub	29.10.1976	MILLARD, Grant	1.12.1994
* BORTOLUSSI, Ray	30.11.2002	MOSS, Michael	25.10.1974
BRUNSDON, Anthony	6.09.1980	POLLY, David	15.12.1998
* FARRANT, Don		PIPER, Doug	1.11.2003
GOTHARD, Bruce	15.02.1949	ROBSON, Eric	
HUGHES, Tim	29.09.1989	ROSS, Ian	28.09.1995
KERSHLER, Russell	08.10.2005	* SHAPTER, Rex	
LANE, Gary	30.11.2002	SHAW, Phil	17.11.2000
LAUNDRY, Terry	20.10.1991	SOUTHCOMBE, Allan	1.11.1988
LYCETT, Bruce	16.09.1979	WHITE, John	3.09.1981
MACRAE, Derek	5.10.1984	WILLCOXSON, Morrie	3.09.1981
McNAMARA, Michael	1.12.1994		

\* Deceased

### HONOUR CAPS

Tony Brunson	John White	Terry Rust	Paul Ivory
Geoff Forster	David Polly	David Head	Gary Lane
Allan Southcombe	Michael McNamara	Grant Millard	Andrew Mostyn
Brian Robertson	Glendon Burgess	Paul Bryan	George Clulee
Mark French			

### PRESIDENTS

Charles Fairland	Don Farrant	-1971 Fred Tuynman
1972-80 Morrie Willcoxson	1981-82 Ian Ross	1983-85 Ross Elliott
1986-89 Allan Southcombe	1990-92 Bruce Lycett	1993-95 Ian Ross
1996-97 Andrew Mostyn	1998-99 Ross Sherrin	2000 Michael Keating
2001-03 Phil Shorten	2004 Alan Southcombe	2005-06 Russell Kershler
2007 Brett Ruth		

**CLUB CAPTAINS**

1973–76 Tony Brunson	1977 Russell Kershler	1978 Tim Hughes	1979 – 80 Ian Ross
1981-82 Geoff Forster	1983 Jim Pearce	1984-85 Tony Brown	1986 John Hibbert
1987 Paul Bryan	1988-89 Phil Shorten	1990 Paul Wallace	1991 Nigel Lory
1992 Anthony Warren	1993 Andrew Mostyn	1994-96 George Clulee	1997 Martin Stewart
1998-99 Bryan Aldridge	2000 Matthew Smith	2001 Eric Brown	2002-04 Jason Gaff
2005 Pat Feige	2006 Will Wassell	2007 Ben Smith	

**RAY BORTOLUSSI - CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR**

1973 Derek McRae	1974 Philip Roffey	1975 Alan Southcombe	1976 Bob Johnstone
1977 Ralph Carter	1978 Phil Power	1979 Greg Haines	1980 Glen Sanford
1981 Grant Millard	1982 Malcolm Baird	1983 John Hibbert	1984 David Head
1985 Gary Jardine	1986 Peter Wray	1987 Michael McNamara	1988 Peter McFarlane
1989 Michael O’Dea	1990 Peter McFarlane	1991 John White	1992 Ian Sanford
1993 Tony Brown	1994 Doug Fargher	1995 Doug Piper	1996 Sandra Bryan
1997 Phil Shaw	1998 Ron White	1999 Murray Flynn	2000 Dave Warren
2001 Mal Fraser	2002 Anthony Mork	2003 Mal Fraser	2004 Pat Feige
2005 Paul Shields	2006 Richard Colley	2007 Jim Bone	

**SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR**

1977 Jim Hopgood	1978 Eric ‘Boo’ Robertson	1979 Guy Kendall	1980 Ted Warrilow
1981 Ted Polly	1982 Morrie Dunstan	1983 Warren Lane	1984 Una Anderson
1985 Rex Bond	1986 Don Ingpe / Cathy O’Brien	1987 Capt John Evans	1988 Sally Preston
1989 Steve Newman	1990 Frank Lloyd	1991 Bernie McNamara	1992 Pam Saunders
1993 John French	1994 Harvey Chapman	1996 Kerry Ball	1997 Barry Johnson
2000 Jo Sutton	2002 Liz Cooper	2003 James McNamara	2004 James McNamara
2005 Brian West	2006 Monica Burnside	2007 Lisa Crocker	

**HUNTERS HILL RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB  
TROPHIES WON**

**SYDNEY SUBURBAN 1ST GRADE PREMIERS**

1919

**BRUCE GRAHAM 1ST DIV. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD**

1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1987

**KENTWELL CUP**

1972, 1977 (undefeated), 1978, 1979, 1981, 1987, 1995, 1997

**BURKE CUP**

1925 (joint Premiers with Briars), 1926 (undefeated), 1954, 1977, 1980, 1987

**WHIDDON CUP**

1949, 1951, 1955, 1969, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1986

**JUDD CUP**

1979, 1980, 1983, 1985

**RELIANCE SHIELD**

2nd Div. Club Champion 1971

2nd Div. Club Champion 1993

2nd Div. Club Champion 1994

**BARRACLOUGH CUP**

1971

**STOCKDALE CUP**

1992

**BLUNT CUP**

1994

**BARBOUR CUP**

2000

(joint Premiers with Old Ignations)

**NICHOLSON CUP**

2005

**RUGBY CLUB CUP**

2005

(U/19 Colts)

### 500 SENIOR GAMES

JOHN WHITE	DAVID POLLY
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### 400 SENIOR GAMES

TONY BRUNSDON	MICHAEL MCNAMARA	PHIL SHAW
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### 300 SENIOR GAMES

GLEN BURGESS	DAVID HEAD	PAUL IVORY	GARY LANE
DEREK MACRAE	GRANT MILLARD	JOHN PAUSEY	PAUL BRYAN
RUSSELL KERSHLER			

### 200 SENIOR GAMES

BOB BEASLEY	TONY BROWN	TERRY LAUNDRY	PAT HAGAN
MARK FARRER	WAYNE FARTHING	ANDREW MOSTYN	BRIAN ROBERTSON
LEIGH FITTON	PAUL BRYANT	ALLAN SOUTHCOMBE	BRUCE QUINN
GLENDON SANFORD	PETER CORRIGAN	GEORGE CLULEE	TONY WARREN
MICHAEL O'LEARY	MARK FRENCH	TIM DODDS	

### 100 SENIOR GAMES

STEWART ARMSTRONG	LYALL McCARTHY	SANDY CAMPBELL-SMITH	LIDSAY McCORMACK
SHANE CAUSER	ALAN CLARK	ROSS ELLIOTT	ROBERT LITTLE
PHIL DOYLE	COLIN DUNLOP	DOUG HEAD	KEN McFARLANE
ALAN GARRICK	JOHN GLENNON	GARY JARDINE	PAUL SOWERBY
RAY HICKMAN	TIM HUGHES	GEOFF LINDSEY	BILL WEBB
STEVE KAVANOUGH	COLIN LAUNDRY	STUART McDONALD	PETER WRAY
BRUCE LYCETT	MALCOLM BAIRD	PETER MILES	GEORGE SINNIS
PETER McFARLANE	KEVON MELLOR	BRIAN POYZIER	SEAN FROGETT
CHRIS O'TOOLE	JAMES PEARCE	PHIL SHORTEN	NIGEL LORY
TERRY RUST	IAN ROSS	SHAYNE WOLFE	DARREN BOLLARD
BRUCE TAIT	PAUL WALLACE	PAT CORRIGAN	BRYAN ALDRIDGE
JOHN WHITTINGTON	PETER WINCOTE	MARTIN RAYNOR	RON WHITE
NICK HUTCHINSON	PETER ELLIS	RALPH CARTER	BOB JOHNSON
DOUG PIPER	GRANT BRYAN	ANDREW DAVIS	MARK HALLUM
MICHAEL KEATING	GEOFF FORSTER	PAUL CHARLTON	JASON GAFF
JOHN HIBBERT	ANDREW BALL	BRETT RUTH	LIAM COOPER
JASON MCLAUGHLIN	CRAIG MOSS	DAVID PEACOCK	BEN DUNSTAN
WINSTON GREEN	SCOTT LIDDICOAT	ANDREW JOHNSON	RICHARD COLLEY

## **Presidents Report 2007**

I would like to thank all the members of the executive and other club members and partners who assisted with the activities of the club during 2007. Without your assistance the club would not be able to function, your work and dedication is appreciated by all concerned.

My evaluation of our season in 2007 is a mixed one. Off the field the club maintained it's highly collegiate spirit. New comers are always made to feel welcome and this continues to generate the loyalty and spirit of a diverse range of people.

At first glance our on field performance appears to have improved. It was the first time in six years we had two grades qualify for the semi finals and only the second time in six years a team had qualified for the semi finals.

Closer analysis of our performance in 2007 shows an ongoing decline in the performance of first grade. In my seventeen years with club 1st Grade has never finished with the wooden spoon, unfortunately, it did so in 2007. This should raise alarm bells will all members of the club, we will not sustain our position in 3rd Division with such a poor performance for 1st grade in 2008.

To reverse this performance we need to understand the competitive nature of our game and the location of our club means we need to be innovative in how we attract players and coaches to the club. This requires a dedicated focus to building a winning 1st Grade team by marshalling the resources of goodwill that exist in the wider community. Resistance to taking the necessary steps only makes it harder to attract quality players and coaches. As a club as in life we need to understand that winning creates winning. Once we start to win the job of winning becomes easier.

In my opinion the maintenance of a culture were our club is just a place to drink beer and then play some footy is disastrous, for too long, in my opinion, this has been the dominant club culture. Our performance on the field amply demonstrates how damaging this approach has been.

To all the players, supporters and coaches thank you for your efforts in 2007, lets work together to build on the successes in 2008.

**Brett Ruth**  
**President – HHRUFC 2007**



## Vice-President Football - Report 2007

My main job was to insure that every Saturday four graded teams took the field to enjoy their game of rugby and play to win.

I wish to preface my report by stating that, as far as all the players are concerned, the 2007 playing season was one of the most harmonious years, I think that the club has enjoyed. Comradeship fostered; complaints were minimal and players generally enjoyed the football season.

Club football starts with the weekly selection of teams on Tuesday nights. In 2007, for Hunters Hill this process proved to be a disappointment. However by dedicated work from the coaches, four graded sides had been trained and were ready to play every Saturday.

Home games were great for the players but hard work for many officials, helpers and Canteen staff. With the untimely passing of Ray Bortolussi (Lucy), field preparation and accompanying chore still had to be done. The club gives special thanks to Richard Colley and Jim Bone who led a willing band of helpers in making sure all was ready.

Thank you to the Canteen staff who kept the club in the black and thanks to the Ground Marshall's and those who ran the touchline and the Club Management Committee.

To those players who trained two nights a week, I am sure your efforts were rewarded in the Saturday games. My thanks to the dedication of all Coaches and Managers:

	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Coach	Jason Williams	David Polly	Andrew Harvey	Tony Brunsdon
Assistant Coach	Wayne Afrika	Phil Shaw	Dave Warren	Russell Kershler
Manager	James McNamara	Paul Shields	Ryan O'Toole	Paul Shields

Congratulations to the Club as a whole with Second Grade making the Semi-Finals and Third Grade making the Finals. We look forward to an even better season in 2008

**Tony Brunsdon,**  
**Vice-President, Football – HHRUFC 2007**

## **Secretary's Report 2007**

I would like to say that Season 2007 ran smoothly but that is taking a fairly charitable view of things. In retrospect we finished the season better than we thought we would, but not as well as we would have liked. That said I have found great support, strength and dedication from many in the club both on field and on the sidelines and a sense of "Hillies Family" that has underpinned the entire season. As a first start Club Secretary my learning curve this season was pretty steep, at times vertical. The one great lesson I learned from the experience was that running a Rugby Club takes a group of very dedicated people working in concert to make the season happen smoothly.

The day to day operations of the club were shared between a number of people, without whom we could not have gotten as far as we did, I hesitate to name names for fear of forgetting someone, but much kudos needs to go to the following people. Tony Brunson, for his unstinting support and assistance.

Rebekah Smith, for her operation of the canteen and provision of some fresh ideas. Monica Burnside, Chris Burnside, Danielle Cliff, Jim Bone, Dave "Pockets" Palfrey (BBQ Master Extraordinaire), for their unceasing effort in the canteen and on the sidelines.

Richard Colley and the team of perpetual volunteers who helped set out the field on home games and to organise and transport gear for away games.

Stuart Nelmes, for suffering in silence and meeting the demands of myself, the canteen and the Mufti for funds.

Chris Groves and James Wookey for being unswerving in their support and defense of the club and their club mates (As well as being 1<sup>st</sup> rate debt collectors).

And lastly but by no means the least, Paul Shields. Not many appreciate exactly how much work Shieldsy put in for the club over season 2007, managing 2 teams, organising sponsors in lower grades, getting prize support for club events and generally doing a good impression of an octopus on speed. Somewhere in all of that he managed to play a few games, score some points and retire (at least 3 times during the season by my count). Paul will be sorely missed next season due to work commitments

Without the great efforts of these people, and the contributions of many, many more besides what we did manage to achieve this season would not have been possible. I express my great gratitude and admiration for these people and their efforts throughout the season and beyond.

I know that moving in to Season 2008 we have a much clearer picture of what is required of us in terms of organisation and preparation and I look forward to pursuing our shared goals to fulfillment.

**Will Wassell**

**Secretary – HHRUFC 2007**

## **Club Captain's Report 2007**

Another year gone for Hunters Hill Rugby, but an enjoyable one at that. Firstly I'd just like to congratulate 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teams on an outstanding season, both making the semi finals and unlucky not to go further. Hopefully that will put a bit of hunger back into the players to go that little bit further next season. Fourth grade, our talent pool, to all those blokes playing in and out of position, week in and week out a great effort, many of you reserving if not running on for all other grades, a big thank you.

Onto first grade having another tough year, but some promising signs. A few good new players who I hope will stick around next season and some older guys still putting in the effort. I'm sure we can learn from this season and build on for next year.

To all the coaching staff and management, we as players thank you for putting up with our crap and hope you'll do it all again next year. To the girls and boy of the canteen thanks for all your hard work this season we hear it will be bigger and better next year.

For me the most memorable part of the season was the Reunion Day, celebrating the historic 1977, 1987 & 1997 premierships for Hunters Hill Rugby. Some may have lost a yard or two in pace but they still know the quickest way to the bottom of a can.

To the social side, not as many as we would have hoped for down at the Woolwich Pier for after match speeches, but a hard core few for a refreshments after training got us through. Hopefully we'll see a few more supporting the club next year.

For all those who were unable to make the Xmas party you missed your chance to get up close and very personal with the big fella, no I'm not talking Ruthie or Andy J, I mean Santa Clause. He like so many were getting in the spirit and enjoying them selves.

Last of all, Thanks to all of our sponsors for their support of Hunters Hill Rugby and we all hope to have them on board next season.

Yours in Rugby

**Ben Smith**  
**Club Captain – HHRUFC 2007**

## Clark Cup – 1st Grade Report 2007

In looking back on the 2007 year I can see a lot of positives and the negatives are nothing that can't be fixed.

We started the pre season with skills training, which was a change to the pre seasons in the past. I believe most of us can run round an oval but there was or is the question. Could being fitter improve our skills? "NO" is my thought. Being fitter didn't give us any more skills it just meant we could have run round the field quicker. So with the input of all the coaches we came up with a training structure that was challenging but specific to the game of Rugby.

The trials we put in place didn't go as well as I had hoped. We lost key players and had to draw on guys for 1st grade who were a year or so off that level. We also had little opportunity to put together combinations in any grade.

As a club I thought we started the year well. I watched the drills we all practiced with a lot of blood, sweat and yes sometimes tears, used on the rugby field in the heat of battle. I hope all the players who had worked so hard for felt their achievement. I know all the coaching staff that had put together those early sessions enjoyed watching those players reach those achievements.

The 1st Grade had a problem in consistency. We would lose in the forwards one week and backs the next, be strong in the scrum against a good scrumaging sides and get dominated against the weaker sides. This was put down to the mental attitude of players. We also lost players due to their work, injuries and moving, this again drew on our club depth and while we have great club spirit, we did not have an inexhaustible amount of numbers.

While trying to win 1st grade was Wayne and my number 1 priority, Wayne and I fully supported the Executive Committee in the clubs duty of care by not putting any player at physical risk. Also in keeping with players wishes, letting them play at the grade they felt they could enjoy their rugby. We were sometimes forced to ask players to make the jump which was a credit to the commitment of those players that took the field at different stages to "help out", which Wayne, the club and myself, could only admire those individuals.

It was decided after 7 weeks that we could no longer put players at risk and we would try to attract players for the last part of the year. These players came in and stabilized the 1st grade side. This had a positive flow on effect that can be measured as all lower grades up to the last rounds were looking to secure semi final spots.

1st grade were not lucky enough to be part of the struggle for the semis however we had many positives to come from 2007. The discovery of players within our mists, who there is no doubt we have and will become very good 1st graders. Players who with the right drive maybe be able to go on even further. A club who's lower grades all pushed for semis. A young 1st grade side with a years experience under their belts. The right amount of hard heads to lead the way for 2008 and beyond and a committee driving towards the club becoming a force in subbies rugby again.

I would like to personally thank

- Wayne for his never unwavering support.
- Jim Bone who was ready to do what ever he could to put us in a position to win the games.
- Our manager James McNamara for whom nothing was to much trouble.
- Coleman as a strong leading captain in a non rewarding year on the pitch
- All players who played 1st grade who never gave in whatever the score.
- Those players who played 2 games to help us out.
- All the players who made turning up to both training and games a pleasure to be amongst you.
- To the supporters, wives, girlfriends who stood in rain and cold to support the lads, and the suggestions from behind the fence were helpful.
- The coaches from the lower grades for helping me through those long Tuesday nights of selection meetings.

As my sons of almost 4, and 5 say. "Go Hillies" in 2008.  
Naaku Noa.

**Jason Williams / Wayne Afrika**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Coaches – HHRUFC 2007**

1st GRADE – CLARK CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
Waverley	18	15	0	3	557	286	271	75
Oatley	18	15	0	3	444	262	182	72
Hawkesbury Valley	18	12	0	6	500	269	231	58
Blue Mountains	18	11	0	7	498	399	99	55
Petersham	18	6	0	12	344	343	1	33
Balmain	18	6	0	12	310	433	-123	30
Brothers	18	5	0	13	251	533	-282	21
Hunters Hill	18	2	0	16	302	681	-379	16



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Clark Cup 2007

Back Row (L-R): Matt Calderwood, Terry Dodd, Dean Thompson, Adrian Harvey, Rhys Lyon, Paul Roberts, Tim Vertoudakis.

Middle Row (L-R): George Piesnik, Luke Bird, Levi Dodd, Josh Gane, Andrew Wookey, Garret Bourke, Ron White.

Front Row (L-R): Jules Arndt, Tristan Reid, Ryan Dodd, Colman Taylor (C), Andrew Johnson, Ben Smith, Nehmeh Estephan.

Absent: Jason Williams (Coach), Wayne Afrika (Coach), James McNamara (Manager).

## **Farrant Cup – 2nd Grade Report 2007**

We hit the ground running at the beginning of the season by beating the eventual premiers Petersham 17-8 and followed through for the next few games, but we paid heavily in from the injury toll (11 major injuries) leading to a season low of a 3-0 loss to Oatley. From there we took stock and redeveloped into a successful season with team members playing standard notably increasing throughout the season.

The team stayed reasonably constant with a balance of good attacking backline and hard working forwards. Improvement in players is what gives coaches satisfaction and there was plenty of that, one of which was Nati Danielson who had never played rugby before, but became one of our main strike weapons.

We made it through to the final series only to be beaten by Petersham 20-10. Notably both 2nds & 3rds were beaten by the teams that went on to win their respective premierships. A good sign for the future of the club, as long as the committee supports the coaches and allows the coaches to do their job, which is giving the players every possible advantage in knowledge, tactics, mental and physical preparation for their game.

Thank you for the help we received on game day throughout the season from Paul Shields and Gary Lane. Thanks to captains Renny Isles (until he injured his knee), and Brett Towers who took over, with help from "ever talking" Richard Colley leading the backs. Thanks to all players who took the field for 2007, we felt the team enjoyed the year both socially and playing together.

**Phil Shaw & Dave Polly**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Coaches – HHRUFC 2007**

2nd GRADE - FARRANT CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Waverley	18	17	0	1	350	145	205	72
Blue Mountains	18	12	0	6	333	228	105	55
Hunters Hill	18	11	0	7	349	221	128	54
Petersham	18	12	0	6	359	215	144	53
Hawkesbury Valley	18	8	0	10	253	297	-44	35
Oatley	18	7	1	10	211	264	-53	34
Balmain	18	2	1	15	211	428	-217	15
Brothers	18	2	0	16	102	370	-268	13



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Farrant Cup 2007

Back Row (L-R): Ron White, Alex Light, Matt McRae, Mark Bramble, Nicholas Giacomini, Jesse Croucher, Matthew Lane.

Middle Row (L-R): Phil Shaw (Coach), Gary Lane (Runner), Wayne Davis, Tim Vertoudakis, Renny Iles, Nati Danielson, Pat Fiege, Craig Moss, Dave Polly (Coach), Paul Shields (Manager).

Front Row (L-R): Richard Colley, Matt Graham, Chris Groves, Brett Towers, Josh Munro, Cyrus Church, Ray Tumanuvao.



## Campbell Cup – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Report 2007

2007 was a successful year for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade side having made the final and being eliminated by the eventual winners Hawkesbury Valley.

We started the year off slow going down to the 2006 premiers Petersham in the opening round by a massive 40 points to nil. We then went on a 4 game winning streak and played some pretty consistent rugby. The highlight being the win away to Waverley, who at the time were sitting at the top of the table.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade competition was very close at the half way mark of the season with 6 teams jostling for a position in the top 4. We were sitting 3<sup>rd</sup>, but knew that we would have to remain consistent if we were to have any chance of making the finals.

The second half of the year was a lot more challenging having already played each team once. We suffered some heart breaking defeats to the Blue Mountains (3-0) and Brothers (20-17) with penalty kicks after full time in both matches, and came away with 2 draws to Hawkesbury Valley 8 all and Brothers 3 all. We had some pretty big wins against Oatley (33-3) and Balmain (31-10). I'd have to say that 2 of the best wins of the year came against Petersham where we won both games in the last minute. The first occasion we won with a try in the last minute of play (14-7) and the second we came home with a wet sail to send Petersham crashing out of finals contention 21-9. The impressive thing about the latter is that we played the last 25 minutes of that match with 14 players due to a send off offence.

We finished off the regular season in 4<sup>th</sup> position and booked our spot in the minor semi final where we would face a fast finishing Waverley outfit. They had only lost 1 of their last 6 games to snatch an unlikely finals spot where along the way they had knocked off both teams who had finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We went into the Semi final confident, having not lost in our previous 2 encounters with Waverley but extremely weary of their impressive run of late. We came out of the game with a tough win 16-11 to progress through to the final where we would face a Hawkesbury side that we hadn't beaten all year.

Against Hawkesbury we hit the ground running going to an early 6-0 lead only to lose gallantly to the eventual premiers 27-6. Whilst we would have loved to challenge for the title, at the end of the day the year's results exceeded my initial expectations of making it as far as the last game before the grand final.

There were a few other incidents that occurred that kept the season lively. Tristan Hart's brain snap when he decided to play soccer with the head of an opposition player. Clearly Tristan wanted to emulate Kiwis heroics from the year before. Tim Dodd's fists letting loose on a CBOB's player after he had been a victim of a Christmas hold. Another mention for Tim Dodd's fists when he went after a Hawkesbury player twice his size for copping a cheap shot (I've never seen a player that big stumble and s\*%t himself at the sight of Doddsy).

Jesse Croucher consistently went toe to toe with the biggest guys on the field, except of course in the finals, when he broke the ribs of a Hawkesbury winger. Liam Cooper also had a bit of a brush with a player he met "perhaps" a little too late and a little mid air.

From a rugby perspective our young guy's pretty much carried the weight of the team. Players like Lucas Roe who came of age in the finals, showed that he will be pushing for a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade spot next season. Laurie Mullan, who was used at 9 and 10 through the entire season, remained consistent throughout, taking on our playmakers roles and the added extra of being our goal kicker.

The older heads in the team had a good solid year with special mentions to Julian Hill who again showed why you don't stand in his way when he has the ball. Timothy Dodds, George Piesnik, Jesse Croucher and Tom Daven for being absolute pests at the breakdown aswell as taking on the extra work load for some of the other forwards.

But without being biased, our most consistent player all year round was Adrian "Laki" Harvey who took out the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade best and fairest award. Laki was a rock in the lineouts, strong in the scrums and at times was all over the park covering for his lazy brother.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my support staff. Firstly Dave Warren for his dedication. We've had our moments but one thing you can't question about Dave is that his heart is truly in the right spot. He's the sort of person who bleeds black and white. And lastly Ryan O'Toole, who only came on board due to being injured after the first game. Toolie's preparation was second to none. It really does help when you can just concentrate on playing knowing full well that the team will be ready week in week out.

Like I said, 2007 was a great year for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Yes we didn't go all the way but as I was told, you have to lose a final to win one. We've laid the foundation for another big year in which I hope will end with a premiership. A lot of us are ready to hang up the boots at the end of the year so why don't we go out in style. Let's make 2008 a year to remember for all the right reasons.

**Andrew Harvey**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> grade coach – HHRUFC 2007**

3rd GRADE – CAMPBELL CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Blue Mountains	18	15	0	3	320	121	199	66
Hawkesbury Valley	18	14	1	3	315	159	156	63
Waverley	18	10	0	8	277	160	117	49
Hunters Hill	18	9	2	7	257	189	68	49
Brothers	18	9	1	8	234	158	76	47
Petersham	18	7	0	11	315	179	136	41
Oatley	18	5	0	13	183	324	-141	25
Balmain	18	1	0	17	115	726	-611	4



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Campbell Cup 2007

Back Row (L-R): Ryan O'Toole (Manager), Will Wassell, Kurt Gelling, Adrian Harvey, Chris Burnside, Jesse Croucher, George Piesnik, David Warren (Caoch).

Front Row (L-R): Simeli Latilevu, Lucas Roe, Tim Dodds, Andrew Harvey (Coach, Captain), Ron White, Andrew Ebbett, Laurence Mullan.

Absent: Mark Thornton, Hayden Brown, Andrew Snowball, Tom Daven, Hayward Barber, Zane Thomas.

## **Nicholson Cup - 4<sup>th</sup> grade Report 2007**

Fourth Grade is where you enjoy your rugby for 25 minutes each way and try very hard to be selected in Third Grade the next week.

One of the reasons for this is that in most games Hunters Hill 4<sup>th</sup> Grade had well over 15 players ready to play and so many players only played half a game.

My Assistant Coach Russell Kershler and Manager Paul Shields and I would like to thank all of those players for being so understanding in this enviable situation. We try to ensure that everyone who turned up got some game time.

I would not try to name every player at the risk of offending those that I may omit. However there were some stand out performers and characters worth mentioning.

The Ayer's rock of our scrum was undoubtedly Hayden Brown. When he moved, everything else moved with him. Many other front rowers ably supported him namely Nathan James, Oz Lee, Mussell, Greg Forsyth, Shieldsy, Michael Moses, Will Wassell, Phil Shaw and Andy Ball to name a few.

Two of the most improved players formed the second row: Tom Cuniowski and Chris Burnside. These two helped Adam Louriha develop his skills. The breakaways were Adam Limbirio (With much bling), Brett (Call me Pres.) Ruth, James B Wookey, Ed (very special) Galloway and the two outstanding improvers Max Marraffa and Mark Thornton.

The Number 8 Scott Liddicoat captained the side well. Matt Payne fitted in as the regular half back, Chris Brunsdon made some good breaks at Five Eighth while Tom Mazzaferro, Daniel Wood and Ray Tumanuvao were strong in the Centres. Wingers and Fullback were often rotated between Jason Dodd, goal kicker extraordinaire; Jim Bone, who helped with everything imaginable; Ben Dunstan, the veteran who trained with his two year old son and Simon Clancy.

We trained well and went extremely close to making the semi finals.

Again my personal thanks to Russell Kershler and Paul Shields for calming me down when I took things too passionately on the sideline. We'll be great in 2008.

**Tony Brunsdon**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach – HHRUFC 2007**

4th GRADE – NICHOLSON CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Blue Mountains	18	16	0	2	381	136	245	73
Waverley	18	13	0	5	287	192	95	57
Petersham	18	12	0	6	329	146	183	55
Balmain	18	8	0	10	248	245	3	41
Oatley	18	8	0	10	165	223	-58	37
Hunters Hill	18	6	1	11	156	238	-82	32
Hawkesbury Valley	18	5	0	13	167	236	-69	26
Brothers	18	3	1	14	105	422	-317	17



#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Nicholson Cup 2007

Back Row (L-R): Hayden Brown, Thomas Cuniowski, Max Marraffa.  
 Middle Row (L-R): Paul Shields (Manager), Pat      , Oswald Lee, Daniel Woods, Brett Ruth, James Wookey, Mark Thornton, Russell Kershler (Assistant Coach).  
 Front Row (L-R): Jim Bone, Jason Dodd, Ben Dunstan, Scott Liddicoat, Tom Mazzaferro, Matt Payne, Nathan James.  
 Absent: Will Wassell, Chris Brunsdon, Simon Clancy, Tony Brunsdon (Coach), Simon Elliot, Wayne Afrika, Andrew Ball.

## Division 3 Club Championship 2007

Waverley	854
Blue Mountains	706
Oatley	642
Hawkesbury	624
Petersham	476
Hunters Hill	342
Brothers	272
Balmain	260

## HHRUFC Club Results 2007

Round	Date	Against	1st Clarke	2nd Farrant	3rd Campbell	4th Nicholson
1	14-Apr	Petersham	L 0 - 28	W 17 - 8	L 0 - 40	L 0 - 11
2	21-Apr	Brothers	L 17 - 19	W 18 - 12	W 5 - 0	L 10 - 14
3	28-Apr	Balmain	L 10 - 35	W 5 - 17	W 32 - 7	W 7 - 5
4	5-May	Waverley	L 12 - 59	L 10 - 29	W 13 - 0	L 10 - 17
5	12-May	Oatley	L 10 - 47	L 0 - 3	W 30 - 7	W 14 - 7
6	19-May	Hawkesbury Valley	L 10 - 53	W 23 - 22	L 10 - 15	W 24 - 8
7	26-May	Blue Mountains	L 28 - 50	L 5 - 19	L 10 - 13	L 13 - 14
8	2-Jun	Petersham	W 29 - 24	L 10 - 13	W 14 - 7	W 21 - 17
9	16-Jun	Brothers	L 9 - 13	W 39 - 6	L 17 - 20	D 3 - 3
10	23-Jun	Balmain	L 24 - 32	W 24 - 13	W 31 - 10	L 11 - 15
11	30-Jun	Waverley	L 31 - 36	L 8 - 17	W 20 - 15	L 7 - 12
12	7-Jul	Oatley	L 15 - 38	W 27 - 18	W 33 - 3	L 7 - 15
13	14-Jul	Hawkesbury Valley	L 14 - 54	W 26 - 0	L 10 - 17	W 12 - 0
14	21-Jul	Blue Mountains	L 12 - 52	L 22 - 23	L 0 - 3	L 0 - 13
15	4-Aug	Brothers	W 38 - 15	W 42 - 0	D 3 - 3	L 0 - 15
16	11-Aug	Petersham	L 0 - 46	W 38 - 19	W 21 - 9	L 0 - 24
17	18-Aug	Hawkesbury Valley	L 17 - 39	W 15 - 5	D 8 - 8	W 10 - 0
18	25-Aug	Blue Mountains	L 26 - 41	L 8 - 9	L 0 - 12	L 7 - 48
				Petersham	Waverley	
<b>Semi</b>	1-Sep			L 10 - 20	W 16 - 11	
					Hawkesbury Valley	
<b>Final</b>	8-Sep				L 6 - 27	

## Point Scoring HHRUFC 2007

### All Grades Points Scoring 2007

128	Terrance	Dodd
71	Laurence	Mullan
56	Ron	White

### 1st Grade Points Scoring 2007

128	Terrance	Dodd
18	Ben	Smith
15	Levi	Dodd

### 2nd Grade Points Scoring 2007

49	Ron	White
26	Mark	Bramble
26	Josh	Munro

### 3rd Grade Points Scoring 2007

71	Laurence	Mullan
30	Andrew	Harvey
25	Adrian	Harvey

### 4th Grade Points Scoring 2007

38	Jason	Dodd
18	Tom	Mazzaferro
17	Chris	Brunsdon

### All Grades Points Scoring 2007

128	Terrance	Dodd
71	Laurence	Mullan
56	Ron	White
38	Jason	Dodd
35	Matthew	Graham
33	Chris	Brunsdon
30	Mark	Bramble
30	Andrew	Harvey
30	Adrian	Harvey
26	Josh	Munro
25	Julian	Hill
25	Matthew	Lane
23	Tom	Mazzaferro
23	Ben	Smith
20	Liam	Cooper
20	Nati	Danielson
20	Reece	Kooijman
20	Simeli	Latilevu
17	Matthew	Smith
15	Julian	Arndt
15	Richard	Colley
15	Levi	Dodd
15	Tim	Dodds
15	Kurt	Gelling
15	Nick	Giacomini
15	Alex	Light
15	James	Wookey

# Point Scoring HHRUFC 2007

HHRUFC Points Scorers - 2007 Round 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 TOTAL

1st Grade			Total	4/14	4/21	4/28	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26	6/2	6/16	6/23	6/30	7/7	7/14	7/21	8/4	8/11	8/18	8/25	TOTAL		
Dodd	Terrance	T	55							10				5	5		10	15		10			55	128
		G	52							8	6		6	6	2	4	2	8		4	6		52	
		PG	21								3	9	3		3					3			21	
Smith	Ben	T	15			5									5						5		15	18
		PG	3			3																	3	
White	Ron	T	5					5															5	7
		G	2		2																		2	
Dodd	Levi	T	15											5							10		15	
Wookey	James	T	10					5	5														10	
Cannons	John	T	10		5													5					10	
Newton-Green	Corey	T	10											5							5		10	
Reid	Tristan	T	10								10												10	
Smith	Matthew	T	10		5	5																	10	
Stark	Ben	T	10										10										10	
Taylor	Coleman	T	10			5							5										10	
Thompson	Dean	T	5															5					5	
Arndt	Julian	T	5											5									5	
Calderwell	Matthew	T	5															5					5	
Church	Cyrus	T	5													5							5	
Estephan	Nehmeh	T	5								5												5	
Dodd	Ryan	T	5					5															5	
Harvey	Adrian	T	5						5														5	
Iacono	Thomas	T	5											5									5	
Johnson	Andrew	T	5								5												5	
Kooijman	Reece	T	5				5																5	
Light	Alex	T	5													5							5	
Roberts	Paul	T	5		5																		5	
Bramble	Mark	G	4			2	2																4	
<b>1st Grade</b>			<b>302</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>302</b>	









## Match Appearances HHRUFC 2007

	Clark	Farrant	Campbell	Nicholson	Total
AFRIKA, Wayne			2		2
AINSCOUGH, Ben	6				6
ARNDT, Julian	12	9			21
BALL, Andrew			1	4	5
BARBER, Hayward			3		3
BIRD, Luke	10	1			11
BOLLARD, Tim		3			3
BONE, James	1		1	11	13
BOURKE, Garret	8	4			12
BOYD, Michael	4	3	2		9
BRAMBLE, Mark	3	7			10
BROWN, Hayden		1	4	12	17
BRUNSDON, Christopher		4		12	16
BURNSIDE, Christopher		2	3	13	18
CALDERWOOD, Matt	18				18
CANNONS, John	4	5			9
CANSDELL, Andrew	1			3	4
CHURCH, Cyrus	9	9	1		19
CLANCY, Simon				3	3
COLLEY, Richard	4	10	2	5	21
COLLINS, Chris	1	7	1		9
COOPER, Liam			9	6	15
CORSKIE, Jonathon			3		3
CROUCHER, Jesse		4	14		18
CUNIOWSKI, Thomas			1	17	18
DANIELSON, Nati		2	2		4
DAVEN, Thomas			14	2	16
DAVIS, Wayne	3	7	7		17
DAVISON, Jack	4	1	3		8
DODD, Jason			2	15	17
DODD, LEVI	2				2
DODD, Ryan	9				9
DODD, Terrence	10				10
DODDS, Timothy		2	13	7	22
DOLAN, Andrew			3	5	8
DUNSTAN, Ben			2	13	15
EBBETT, Andrew		2	14	2	18
EDWARDS, James	4	9			13
ELLIOT, Simon		4	2	4	10
ESTEPHAN, Nehmeh	3				3
FEIGE, Patrick	6	5	6	1	18
FORSYTH, Greg				2	2
GALLOWAY, Edward				8	8
GANE, Josh	17				17
GELLING, John	1	9			10
GELLING, Kurt		1	5	5	11
GIACOMINI, Nicholas	2	8	12		22
GRAHAM, Matthew	5	4	8		17
GROVES, Christopher		15			15
HART, Tristan		1	3	5	9
HARVEY, Adrian	7	1	18		26
HARVEY, Andrew			16		16
HERAUD, Benjamin	7	6	1		14
HILL, Julian		1	10		11
HOLSWICH, Brenton	1				1
IACONO, Thomas	5				5

	Clark	Farrant	Campbell	Nicholson	Total
ISLES, Renny		8	4		12
JAMES, Nathan			1	11	12
JOHNSON, Andrew	17				17
JOHNSON, Craig		2			2
KATOA, Loni				2	2
KERSHLER, Russell				3	3
KOOIJMAN, Reece	1	1	7	1	10
KRIKETOS, Leo				1	1
LANE, Gary				4	4
LANE, Matt		15			15
LATILEVU, Simeli	2	8	2	5	17
LEE, Oswald				4	4
LEW, David	1	2	1	3	7
LIDDICOAT, Scott				13	13
LIGHT, Alex	6	9	3	1	19
LIMBERIOU, Adam				5	5
LOURIHA, Adam			1	5	6
LYON, Rhys	11	11			22
MACRAE, Matt		14			14
MANATUA, David			6		6
MANSOUR, Jarod	1	1		1	3
MARCHANT, Shane		4	6		10
MARRAFFA, Max			6	6	12
MAZZAFERRO, Thomas			5	15	20
MCCOY, ERIC				3	3
MOSES, Michael			1	4	5
MOSS, Craig			6	2	8
MULLAN, Laurence		1	12	2	15
MUNRO, Joshua	1	4			5
NEWTON-GREEN, Corey	10				10
O'TOOLE, Ryan			7	1	8
PAYNE, Matthew			2	7	9
PIESNIK, George	2	2	8	4	16
REID, Christopher	1	1	3	1	6
REID, Tristan	8	3	2	1	14
ROBERTS, Paul	15				15
ROE, Lucas			9		9
ROSE, James				2	2
RUTH, Brett				10	10
SAUVAO, Ben		2			2
SCUGLIA, Christopher	8	1			9
SHAW, Phillip				2	2
SHIELDS, Paul				5	5
SMITH, Benjamin	16			6	22
SMITH, Matthew	5	7		2	14
SNOWBALL, Andrew	2	2	3		7
STARK, Benjamin	9				9
STEINLE-DAVIES, Rory			2		2
STURDY, Mark	4	3			7
TANCRED, Steven		4		1	5
TANSWELL, Evan		1	4	6	11
TAYLOR, Coleman	15	1			16
THOMAS, Zane			2	1	3
THOMSON, Dean	9	10	2	1	22
THORNTON, Mark			5	10	15
TOWERS, Brett	1	5	6	1	13
TUMANUVAO, Raymond		4		4	8
VERTOUDAKIS, Timothy	10	12	7		29

	<b>Clark</b>	<b>Farrant</b>	<b>Campbell</b>	<b>Nicholson</b>	<b>Total</b>
WASSELL, Will		1	4	12	17
WHITE, Ron	3	13	1		17
WITIKA, Quinn		1		1	2
WOOKEY, James	9		2	11	22
YANG, Victor		1		8	9

## Hunters Hill “CATS” Golden Oldies Report

Well another year rolled by and the highlights for the CATS just kept coming. The season commenced with the traditional St Gertrude of Nevilles – the patron saint of CATS, Day. This year club stalwart “Big Fish” Rod Salmon threw open the doors of the Sawdust Hotel and let the kittens in to lick the top shelf saucer which included BBQ Occie, King Prawns and a few hundred schooners. The Most High Dalai Laney “TC” welcomed all CATS and led The Ode. Following the major thunderstorm, the CATS were on the bus with the traditional Gourmet Domino Pizzas and DA Longnecks off to the SFS for the Silver CAT Pack game between the Tahs and the Stormers.

The next event held by the CATS was the Magnificent 7s Reunion. Well that was a weekend that will long be remembered—or maybe not, by all those Hillies past and present that attended. Dicky knees and creaking backs were forgotten when Hunters Hill’s finest came together to celebrate the deeds and exploits of the club. Kicking off at the Red Bar of the Hunters Hill Hotel on the Friday night, as per usual, some of the CATS (Macca) went in hard early and paid the price for the rest of the weekend. The next day was the highlight of the Reunion, the lunch at Gladesville Sporties. CATS from near and far congregated to relive the exploits of the HHRFC. George Solomon turned up at the entry desk and said “I played in the 1948 Whiddon Cup side that beat Randwick and I bought me team photo along” And he did to! Bin then showed a multi-media presentation which showed the exploits of the HHRUFC

One of the highlights of the day was the appearance of Sid James, otherwise known as the Black Flash from Bowraville and his recollection speech – delivered in Swahili. After the event it was off the Boronia Park where the Kentwell Cup side cheered on by a couple of hundred CATS went on to score a resounding victory over the traditional foe Petersham. Off to The Pier where the night went into the small hours. The weekend finished with a bowls day at The Fountain where those still surviving mounted their mats and grabbed their bowls. Special thanks to the organising committee for a memorable weekend.

Selected CATS then went off to the Lovedale Golden Oldies Tournament in the Hunter Valley. Torrential rain for the preceding week which saw the Pasha Bulka beached could not stop the CATS from joining into a Lovedale All Stars team which under a very damp pitch had a narrow 17 all draw. Thanks to Brownie for a great weekend and the only winery in the Hunter with Reschs on tap.

The CATS then turned their attention to the Black and White Ball and it was good to see some of the former review tuxedos dusted off for this star studded night that saw \$15,000 raised for the CATS Sponsor Giant Steps. This will go towards the construction of the occupational therapy ball pit at the centre. The traditional Charcoals Day on the next morning saw a less than enthusiastic tam take the field for our two games. CATS, led by Bairdy once again won the First to Bar award and TC and the CATS were awarded the Eternal Fraternity Award at the presentation Ceremony.

Mudgee end of season Tour was the last major tour event for the CATS in 2007 and what a tour it was. From the time the bus left on Friday night till a very tired and emotional bunch landed back on Sunday afternoon all that could be heard was “!@\$# that was a great tour”. Highlights – and there were many, include Brunno, in

a less than fully fit state, turning up and saying "lets have a drink" and as usual Millard embarrassing the CATS by yelling out at the Saturday morning breakfast at the Butchers Café "Hey those two sheilas on the next table are Dykes". Millard again featured with 55 litres of stale beer and water being tipped onto his head from the verandah of the pub.

The Saturday winery tour was less than well attempted as the 235 race card at the pub TAB kept the likes of Fossy and Co. glued to the tele. Those that did go sampled some of Mudgee's finest wines and food. On arrival back at the pub the CATS formed a conga line and imitated Brunno's limp and gammy arm from the bus to the bar. The 2007 Pink Jacket went in close scoring event to TC for the second year in a row. That was after Decca took 40 minutes to find the course.

On the way home Rosco started a new CATegory and we voted on the "Pests of the Tour". No prizes for guessing that Millard won Gold, Macca won Silver and SHREK won the Bronze. Brunno was awarded the LUCY CATourist of the year for his outstanding effort.

The last event of the year was the CATS AGM where in a surprise move, Bairdy – CATS Secretary stood down. He was replaced by PeteCat McFarlane who beat SHREK by 1,451 votes to 1. SHREK was rewarded yet again by being made Shark Shit – you can't get any lower than that. The CATROSPECTIVE closed down the 2007 season and we all look forward to 2008 and another big year for the CATS.

The Purring Pussy with its regular "Spotlight on a CAT" and Dr Drill again informed and entertained the CATS and will be back in 2008

**BIN (OAC) 2007**