



**HUNTERS HILL RUGBY UNION  
FOOTBALL CLUB**

**2008**

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



## **HHRUFC AWARDS - 2008**

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

Ron White

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

Robert Carter

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

Dave Weston

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

Robert Gray

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

Julian Hill

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

Simeli Latilevu

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

Jason Williams / Peter Allen

Jim Bone

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

Wayne Afrika / Ron White

James Edwards

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

Andrew Harvey / Dean Vandine

Lisa Crocker

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

Phil Shaw / David Polly

Paul Shields

### **CLUB CAPTAIN**

Andrew Johnson

### **SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR**

Danielle Cliff

## **HHRUFC AWARDS - 2008**

### **BEST NEW FORWARD**

Alex Vertoudakis

### **BEST NEW BACK**

Ross Warwick

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

Thomas Cuniowski

### **MOST IMPROVED BACK TONY BRUNSDON MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Matthew Graham

### **MOST POINTS SCORED**

Ron White

### **MOST TRYS SCORED**

Marc June

### **KICK OF THE YEAR**

Tim Dodds

### **DUMMY SPIT OF THE YEAR**

Chris Groves

## **HUNTERS HILL RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB 2008 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

President	Brett Ruth
Vice President – Football	Pat Feige
Secretary	Will Wassell
Treasurer	Danielle Cliff
Publicity & Communications	Alex Light
Registrar	Ron White
Club Captain	Andrew Johnson
Ground Managers	Chris Burnside, Jim Bone
Social Committee	Cyrus Church, Lisa Crocker, Danielle Cliff, Alex Light
Tour Director	Chris Groves
Historian	Bruce Lycett
Webmaster	Andy Ball

# HUNTERS HILL RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

## HONOUR ROLL

### LIFE MEMBERS

	Appointed		Appointed
* BENNETT, Aub	29.10.1976	McNAMARA, Michael	1.12.1994
* BORTOLUSSI, Ray	30.11.2002	MILLARD, Grant	1.12.1994
* BRUNSDON, Anthony	6.09.1980	MOSS, Michael	25.10.1974
* FARRANT, Don	26.10.1973	POLLY, David	15.12.1998
GOTHARD, Bruce	15.02.1949	PIPER, Doug	1.11.2003
* HARROD, Ross		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

\* 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	1963 – 70 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 Allan Southcombe	2005 - 06 Russell Kershler
2007 - 08 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	2001 Eric Brown	2002-04 Jason Gaff
2005 Pat Feige	2006 Will Wassell	2007 Ben Smith
2008 Andrew Johnson		

## 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 Tim Dodds	2004 Pat Feige	2005 Paul Shields
2006 Richard Colley	2007 Jim Bone	2008 Ron White

## 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
2008 Danielle Cliff		

**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, 2008

**RUGBY CLUB CUP**

2005

(U/19 Colts)

### 500 SENIOR GAMES

JOHN WHITE	DAVID POLLY	PHILL SHAW
------------	-------------	------------

### 400 SENIOR GAMES

TONY BRUNSDON	MICHAEL MCNAMARA
---------------	------------------

### 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	PHIL SHORTEN
BRETT RUTH			

### 100 SENIOR GAMES

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

## TONY BRUNSDON CHALLENGE CUP

### HUNTERS HILL V PETERSHAM

The inaugural Tony Brunson Challenge Cup was held in 2008 in honor of the late great Anthony Charles Brunson who sadly passed away this year. The annual Cup will be contested by Hunters Hill 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Vs Petersham 1<sup>st</sup> Grade sides on a nominated round by the holder in each year the clubs are in the same division.

If a club moves from the division then a match shall be played as a pre-season trial game, between select XV's. The match will be of at least 30 minutes each way in duration.

Hunters Hill Rugby Union Football Club will hold the trophy in perpetuity. The Brunson Family have offered to house the trophy between outings. The winning club will be presented a plaque or similar memento for winning the cup in that year. Congratulations go to Petersham in 2008, eventual grand finalists in Clark Cup. It's hoped this Cup is played for in the true spirit of rugby and the tradition is upheld for many years to come.

Year	Date - Venue	Winner	Result
2008	19 <sup>th</sup> July - Boronia Park	Petersham	20 - 5

#### Career Record

Match Appearances	482	1964 - 1992 (28 Years)
Points Scored	593*	*Records exist from 1976

#### Achievements

##### Player / Coach

Sub-District Rep Team	1972
Club Coach	1977, 1978, 1979, 1980
Kentwell Cup Coach	1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 2002
Burke Cup Coach	1982, 1985
Campbell Cup Coach	2003
Stockdale Cup Coach	2004
Clark Cup Coach	2005
Farrant Cup Coach	2006
Nicholson Cup Coach	2007

##### Club Honours

1973, 1974, 1975, 1976	Club Captain
1980	Life Member
1980	300 games
1981	Honour Cap
1983	HH Inaugural Golden Oldies
1984	Publicity Officer
1985	400 games
2007	CATS Tourist of the Year

#### Premierships

	Winner	Runner Up
Barraclough Cup	1971	
Kentwell Cup	1972 captain	1974
Kentwell Cup	1977 (undefeated)	1980
Kentwell Cup	1978	
Kentwell Cup	1979	1982
Burke Cup	1977	1981
Whiddon Cup	1969 (capt), 1983	
Judd Cup	1985	

The records of Tony Brunson are not only significant but indeed phenomenal. As a player and a coach his performances and achievements, will forever rank among the top performers for not only Hunters Hill Rugby but for Sydney Suburban Rugby Union forevermore.

His longevity and outstanding honors' are remarkable and to this day unrivaled.

The rivalry with Petersham began in 1972 with Hunters Hill defeating Petersham in Kentwell Cup. Tony went on an Invitational World Tour with Petersham in 1972/73 along with some Wallabies. Petersham went on to win the Kentwell Cup in 1973 and again in 1974 this time defeating Hunters Hill. Following these years, some Petersham players crossed over to Hunters Hill and went on to win the Kentwell Cup for an unprecedented three years in a row in 1977 (undefeated), 1978 and 1979. Tony was an instrumental figure in the following "Glory Years" of Hunters Hill Rugby Union Football Club.



## Presidents Report 2008

Reflecting on the 2008 season I am struck by the sad start and ending of the year.

The loss of Brunno although a severe blow was not completely unexpected. His bravery in the face of his cancer was an inspiration to all. Those of us who attended his funeral were able to celebrate a life well lived that touched more people than any of us ever imagined. The depth and breadth of feeling for Brunno was extraordinary and no doubt a matter of great pride for his family. His passion, sense of humour and organisational skills will be missed by all.

We all hoped this was the only tragedy to befall one of our members in 2008, unfortunately, this was not to be.

The loss of Paddy Roberts at the end of the season seemed at the time and still too many of us to be completely inexplicable. He was a larger than life gentle giant, full of stories and always smiling. The shock of his loss at such a young age is still felt by many of us.

In his short life, Paddy touched many people and will be missed by all who knew him. For the families of Brunno and Paddy I hope they find comfort in the fact both men will always be part of Hunters Hill Rugby collective memory and missed by all who knew them.

When I agreed to take on the job of President in late 06 it was clear the club needed a major change of direction. For most of this decade we have been a club in decline. Our centre of gravity had shifted from first grade to the lower grades, this had dramatic consequences for our performance in every grade. By the start of 2007 we did not have an effective first grade and had a reputation that made us unattractive to both quality coaches and players. We were in a self-perpetuating spiral of decline that could be fairly described as the "Chatswood syndrome". Losing 1<sup>st</sup> grade by the 30 plus points a game in third division was completely unacceptable and needed to end.

The only practical way to reverse the decline was to introduce new blood in the form of quality 1st grade players, hence the re-introduction of the imported player program. By seasons end nobody can doubt the success derived from the presence of Dave Weston and Stuart Woodbridge both on and off the field. This policy has been a tremendous success.

The imported player policy should be a normal part of club culture as it is impossible to consistently produce fifteen competitive 1<sup>st</sup> grade players from our own playing resources.

As the 08 season has shown, not only can we afford to strive to be better, we are duty bound to do so. Our club motto and history demand we never accept second best again.

Although not winning more than three games during the season, the nail biting nature of eight narrow defeats most of them by a few points show how much ground has been made up in the last two seasons. These narrow losses can be turned into wins in 09 provided 1<sup>st</sup> grade is prepared to train hard two nights a week.

In my opinion, the 08 season marks the point at which the decline of our club ended. It is no coincidence this coincides with the most successful playing season for the last five years.

This did not happen by accident and was the result of a lot of hard work and generosity. In particular I would like to thank the generosity of Bryan Aldridge from Tasman Tanks who support of the club made it possible to find and attract quality 1<sup>st</sup> grade players. I would also like to thank the tireless Rod Salmon whose support with employment, accommodation and transport made the imported player policy workable. As a result of their generosity I hope to see an expansion of this policy in 09 and with it further success for the club.

A special thanks goes to Jason Williams and Peter Allen for their hard work. Jason came to the position of 1<sup>st</sup> grade coach in 07 when it was obvious we did not have a competitive 1<sup>st</sup> grade side. One need only look back on the scale of the losses in the 06-07 season compared with 08 to see how far the first grade side has developed and improved. Both Jason and Peter deserve credit for this improvement. Their emphasis on individual skill development has helped players who previously only considered themselves to be 3<sup>rd</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> graders make the step up to first grade. As a result we have a very young pack who although smaller than virtually every other forward pack we played in 08 were equal to the task at every set play. Peter Allen's positive influence on the pack was clear. Both Jason and Peter have set the club up for further improvement in the 09 season and have my deep gratitude for what was often a thankless and difficult task.

I would also like to thank Wayne Afrika for his ongoing support as the second grade coach. Wayne understood the club was more important than his team and was prepared to support 1<sup>st</sup> grade when ever needed, it was great shame this courtesy was not afforded to Wayne during the season.

The stability of 1<sup>st</sup> grade in 08 allowed a relatively stable platform for the lower grades. Up until the third last round it was possible 2<sup>nd</sup>'s , 3<sup>rd</sup>'s and 4<sup>th</sup>'s could all have made the semi's .

At seasons end we had 3<sup>rd</sup>'s and 4<sup>th</sup>'s in the semi's with 4<sup>th</sup>'s going on to win the grand final for the second time in three years. Congratulations to all those involved in the win, it was well earned and good example of the blend of youth and experience. It was great to see older ex-first graders like Mark French, Ron White, Richie Colley and Liam Cooper leading the younger players by example. Lets hope we see them next year, bodies willing.

I would like to thank the members of the executive for their hard work. Running a Rugby club is a difficult and time consuming job, this year was no different. In particular I would like to thank Danielle Cliff for her tireless efforts as treasurer, her work in the canteen and the balanced and intelligent way she discharged her duties during the season, often under difficult circumstances.

To all those who assisted with the operation of the club, in the canteen, at the grounds and managing sides thank you for your efforts. This behind the scenes work is vital.

Although the loss of Brunno and Paddy can never be replaced we also gained brand new members in the form of a new Ball, Croucher and Ruth with a Bone and White to come. These children will no doubt bring there parents great happiness as I know my daughter has for me.

I wish the club and it's members all the best for the 09 season and hope by the end of 09 we are closer to moving our club upwards and out of the 3<sup>rd</sup> division.

Good luck to all.

**Brett Ruth**  
**President – HHRUFC 2008**

## **Vice-President Football - Report 2008**

2008, what a year of rugby it was. I came into this position late in the game as I was approached to fill the position of Vice President-Football. What exactly does that position do? I asked that very question... unfortunately the response was short and non-descript. "Can you just sort of fix the problems that come up?" was all the job description I was given.

What a great year of rugby, from the fifth grade ad hoc games as organised by Paul Shields to the nail biters in first grade! And there was a few like that, the boys got a few over the line in the end. Hunters Hill is not unlike any other suburban rugby club in Australia, if it wasn't for the people who put in their own time to help with the day to day running nothing would happen. From Bec in the canteen to Bally running the refreshments after training and never to forget Pockets on the BBQ these are the people who are Hillies Rugby. However it does go further, we have guys who coach a junior team and others who work the food and drink stall on the junior rep days. These are the unsung heroes of rugby who not only made my job easier this year but made it possible for all to take the field and play the game we all enjoy so much.

On the field our results have been chequered but I'm sure we all had fun however our team went. I guess I have to start with the grand final win by Fourth Grade. Many thanks need to go to Phil and Polly and especially to the chemist who helped them through the close calls and stressful games. I sure the players in fourth grade had some influence over the results and a remarkable 15 straight wins including the Grand Final. Just sit down with Ron White over a beer; I'm sure he'll recount every game and probably has a copy of the GF on DVD in his back pocket. Andy and Dean under the constant supervision of Lisa did so well with third grade, but unfortunately missed out on a grand final berth. By far the most eager and consistent trainers in the club, no one could doubt the enthusiasm of 3rds, always there plugging away twice a week. I'm sure these guys will do better in 2009.

Second grade had a very mixed year by winning some real clinchers but also letting a few go in the dying minutes of the game. The team was a vibrant mix of new blood and some older rugby heads. The play was always exciting to watch and as a player, it was always enjoyable to participate. Thanks to Wayne who was always up for innuendo, trying some new plans as a coach and giving some good old fashioned African wisdom, shame none of us could take away what he was on about. A tough year with the continual turnover in players and not much support, but 2009 should see improvement on the foundations laid.

The firsts had a rough trot this year; however things started to turn around towards the back end of the season with some new blood injected in to the team by Dave Weston and Stu Woodbridge. This year some of the younger boys took the chance to stand up and be counted, whilst a few of the veterans showed some of the old magic. With Jason Williams and Peter Allen as the coaches the team was kept all on their toes and this also allowed the guys to finish the season with some new skills and a different view on how rugby can be played. Some great new young players in the form of Alex Vertoudakis and Best & Fairest winner Rob Carter all bodes well for a big 2009. Some standouts for the year are of course the victory party after the Fourth Grade win and not to forget "Rosco" Warwick playing all four grades at Blacktown, and not to mention as always the amazing feat of Doddsy surviving another season.

Thanks for all who assisted me over the 2008 season. Once again I reinforce that the club cannot function unless we the members dig in and all do our bit.

**Pat Feige**  
**Vice-President, Football – HHRUFC 2008**

## Secretary's Report 2008

Another season draws to an end and again we reflect on what was planned, what was achieved and what eventuated despite of (or resulting from) our best efforts.

Leaving the on field stuff for coaches, the finance stuff for the Treasurer and the waffling to the Mufti, I feel it falls to me to examine some of the off field performance and the general mien of the club as a whole.

We entered season 2008 mourning the loss of Tony Brunsdon, but determined to see our season through, as he would have wanted it. We said our farewells, publicly and privately, honoured his memory and instituted a memorial to his legacy, The Tony Brunsdon Challenge Cup. This will be contested annually between ourselves and "The Old Foe" Petersham RUFC, who were steadfast and generous in their support of honouring the old bloke throughout the season. We thank them for their efforts, and will strive to reclaim the silverware from them in 2009.

We welcomed many new faces into the Hillies fold throughout the season; Bally, Mini Me, Ritchie and Russ set about with glee, nick naming, re naming and in cases de-faming our new breed. Some key (and stunning) examples; "Hobo" Matt Booker, "Corey the Party Boy" Will Wright, "Harpoon" Dave Weston, "Acid" a.k.a. "Jack the Tripper" Jack Sandell, "Chunks" Matt Shelton and of course our own little hobbit "Frodo" Dan Karp-Law who sadly was last seen heading down to the Grey Havens (Sydney Uni) with the Elves, never to return to Hilly Earth.

The Mufti had foretold the coming of two travellers from afar to the Club and lo and behold Dave "Harpoon" Weston and Stu "Woody" Woodbridge arrived mid season to bolster 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. These two trouble makers quickly found themselves at home in the club, promoting a "Laddish" brand of amusement that made them an indispensable part of the club social scene. Quick with a Joke, even if it was at their own (or Gak's) expense, they proved a reliable (If somewhat slurred) source of entertainment across the back end of the season. They also proved stalwart supporters for both fours and threes during their respective finals campaigns much to the amusement of anyone in earshot (opposition wingers excluded).

There were some smaller additions to the fold also; we welcomed the births of a little Harvey, a little Tumanuvao, a little Thornton and another bouncing baby Ball(y). Something must have been in the water as we are also expecting the post season arrivals of a Cliff/Bone a Croucher/Crocker, another White and a little baby Imam, Mufti Jr.

We have also seen a closer bond with our Little Hillies Brethren, with Chris Groves and James Wookey providing some of the U11 boys (and girl) with some assistance, surprisingly without a subsequent increase in yellow cards dished out. Dave Weston also chimed in on this with a regular coaching spot with the Under 12 blues guiding them to a semi finals finish.

At Back to Hillies day, we saw Young Rory Vevers and Jared Wunsch from the junior club run out ahead of first grade as mascots and ball boys for the day. Both young men were proud as punch to have been a part of it, despite the scoreline.

Some notable names need to be singled out for their efforts this year.

- Jim Bone, Manager, Selector, organiser, quiz master and roustabout.
- Danielle Cliff, how the hell you put up with all of us boys is beyond me.
- Chris Burnside, Broke himself playing and still came to training to help out.
- Dave "Pockets" Palfrey, another stellar season on the BBQ.
- Rebekah Smith, for her stewardship of the canteen throughout the season.
- Paul Shields, yet again one of our best.
- Russ Kershler, coaching, advising, mentoring and pointing out what needed to be pointed out.
- Rod Salmon, for assistance in all manner of ways.
- Lisa Crocker, for demonstrating that sometimes it just takes some hard work and persistence.

And for mine, the pick of the year;

- Ron White & Bruce Lycett, for reminding us all, (Even jaded committee members) of why 116 years of tradition is important and must be celebrated.

I would like to extend thanks to all of those who helped out for the year lifting, fetching, carrying and transporting. Those who set-up and packed away, those who BBQ'd or canteened, those who held tackle bags and ran water and those folks who just turned up to watch and have a beer or a wine. That is what Hillies Rugby is about.

FACTA NON VERBA!

**Will Wassell**  
**Secretary – HHRUFC 2008**



## **Club Captain's Report 2008**

Firstly I would like to thank everybody involved in Hunters Hill Rugby for making my year as club captain a highly enjoyable one. I would also like to say special thanks to Jim Bone and Ronny White for always making sure that I got the match results and best and fairest points for the speeches. That meant all I needed to do was focus on was downing those beers. Tough job! but that's my duty.

Well done to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade for making the finals.  
Congratulations 4<sup>th</sup> grade, winning the Nicholson Cup on a very wet and muddy pitch. It took strong set pieces, great backline skills and tireless defence to pull off a huge victory. Excellent work!

Many thanks to everyone who made it out to watch the finals and support the teams. There was a lot of good spirit shown and I think the boys on the field really appreciated it.

It's been another tough year for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. It was a season of "So Close". I hope we can build on this season and turn those close results into positive results. I think once we get the real belief that we can win, it will come.

To all the coaching staff and management, we as players' thank you for all your time and dedication put in over the season. It is never easy making tough selections especially dealing with those players who felt they were wasted in the front-row and were better suited at fly half.

I would also like to acknowledge the very important role of those who perform the day to day operations for the club from signing up sponsorship, fund raising, setting up the field, running the canteen and barbeque, transporting and managing the kit, uploading/faxing in the team sheets, maintaining the web site to compiling the weekly news letter, without whom we could not have a successful club. Thank you!

I was very fortunate to be able to participate in two highly successful post season tours to Mudgee and Byron Bay. Thanks to Alex Light, Ron White, Chris Groves and James Wookey respectively for all their hard work in setting up and managing these tours.

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

As players we appreciate the work that Brett Ruth and the Management committee do behind the scenes to ensure we have a viable club and facilities in order to play this game we enjoy so much.

Welcome to all the new players who signed up this season. Many of whom are playing for the first time. I hope it has been a really enjoyable experience and you will continue with the club next season. I believe a real strength in Hunters Hill Rugby is the friendships that you build.

I hope to see you all next season.

Yours in Rugby

**Andrew Johnson**  
**Club Captain – HHRUFC 2008**

## **Clark Cup – 1st Grade Report 2008**

First and foremost my sincerest condolences go to Paddy's fiancée, family and close friends. The world has lost a great man who was taken from us too early.

### ***To the Rugby:***

The introduction to the team of Peter Alan was a master stroke by our President Brett Ruth and the Committee. Peter's commitment to training especially scrummaging and forward play was invaluable to the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and ensured continued improvement throughout the year. A couple of injuries to regular 1<sup>st</sup> Grade players meant that opportunities were created for those that wished to take them. Peter's fresh eyes on the club meant selections were done purely on performance and players lived up to his expectations by turning in solid performances.

The season was again filled with what-ifs, maybes and could-haves.

The one phrase I found myself using at the end of a majority of our losses was "oh so close!" Pessimists could say we found so many ways to lose games in the latter stages of the second half. However optimists would say in one year we found a way to be in a position to win so many games, the improvement in the side to be in these positions was encouraging for the future. The experience we lacked to put those close games away I'm sure will not be repeated in 2009.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who ran the line, helped with jumpers, water, backed up from 2nds, 3rds and yes even 4ths and those who stayed to support the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. It's my experience in sporting clubs that it's natural to receive plenty of feedback, (especially when we came so close at times!), from various quarters offering feedback on plays or selections which cannot always be implemented. However I believe it's a positive sign for Hunters Hill R.U.F.C. that so many members, supporters and players have such a vested interest in the success and longevity of the Club.

A special mention to:

- Peter Allen who gave his time and expert knowledge freely.
- 'Bones' who gave his all both in playing and as our Manager.
- Wayne 'Afrika' (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Coach) who despite us at times taking players at the last minute was always making his best players available to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade without hesitation.
- The canteen ladies who were always there with a smile, bread roll (sometimes a sausage) and a beer for us at the end of each home game no matter the score or how cold and tired they were.

Finally I wish the incumbent Committee and President much success for 2009.

Naaku Noa  
Jason Williams

**Jason Williams / Peter Allen**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Coaches – HHRUFC 2008**

FIRST GRADE CLARK CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP >7p	BP	Pts
Blacktown	18	16	0	2	464	189	275	8	2	10	74
Blue Mountains	18	14	0	4	457	307	150	7	0	7	63
Petersham	18	12	0	6	389	275	114	4	1	5	53
Balmain	18	10	1	7	406	406	0	7	1	8	50
UWSH	18	8	1	9	361	398	-37	7	3	10	44
Hawkesbury Valley	18	4	1	13	251	362	-111	5	4	9	27
<b>Hunters Hill</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>-174</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>
Brothers	18	3	1	14	292	509	-217	2	3	5	19

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Clark Cup 2008



Back: Matthew Graham, Thomas Cuniowski, Nicholas Giacomini, Alex Vertoudakis, Chris Collins.  
Middle: Jason Williams (Coach), Pat Feige, Andrew Johnson, Matthew Macrae, Dave Weston, Peter Allen (Coach).  
Front: Corey Newton-Green, Colman Taylor, Luke Bird, Alex Light, Dean Thomson, Stuart Woodbridge, Jules Arndt.  
Absent: Matthew Lane, Will Carew, Chris Burnside, Ben Smith.



## **Farrant Cup – 2nd Grade Report 2008**

Firstly, congratulations to fourth grade winning the final for 2008.

I like to congratulate all the players who played second grade this year.

We had a very good year as a team, but unfortunately we didn't make the finals.

I think that the second half of the season, we played a very good style of open, entertaining rugby. We learnt in this season how to get better results for next season.

We were well led by Cyrus Church and I offer him a big thank you.

Also congratulations to Robert Carter as the club player of the year as well as Robert Gray who was second grade best and fairest and played in every 2<sup>nd</sup> grade match.

I don't want to single out any other players as I feel anyone who played for us this year made a valuable contribution to our season.

I would also like to thank all third grade and fourth grade players who stood by for us during the season.

As most of the second grade players know it is hard to play your guts out for you grade and then be expected to run out and perform for first grade, it is however, greatly appreciated.

The table doesn't tell the story as with three games to go we were in semis contention, a brave performance against Balmain, with a few of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade players stepping up unfortunately saw us fall just short, but that was backed up with a 43-0 win v Brothers and then disappointingly our biggest loss of the year 5-60 v Blacktown. After a promising start winning 4 from 6, the results didn't follow and commitment varied, a couple more wins would have seen us in the semis, however the platform is set for next season, with more commitment required by players to attend training and to stand by and back up if needed for the club to succeed.

I would like to thank Ron White for his support & coaching and for stepping in when I was unavailable, it's hard to do both playing and coaching but he deserves the reward for helping out when needed. I would also like to thank the committee and other coaches and a huge thank you to our physio Sarah for looking after the boys with strapping and injuries.

Finally it was a treat to work with manager James Edwards it was a real team effort and again thank you to all the players, it was a really enjoyable year and I hope to see you all back next season, to go on to win a premiership.

Amici per rugby

**Wayne Afrika**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Coach – HHRUFC 2008**

SECOND GRADE FARRANT CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP >7p	BP	Pts
Petersham	18	16	0	2	542	118	424	9	1	10	74
Blue Mountains	18	15	0	3	573	134	439	10	2	12	72
Balmain	18	10	0	8	422	305	117	7	4	11	51
Blacktown	18	9	0	9	450	232	218	7	4	11	47
Hawkesbury Valley	18	9	0	9	270	338	-68	4	2	6	42
<b>Hunters Hill</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>-46</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>
UWSH	18	5	0	13	286	457	-171	4	3	7	27
Brothers	18	0	0	18	60	973	-913	0	0	0	0

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Farrant Cup 2008



Back: Ron White (Assistant Coach), Tim Vertoudakis, Pat Feige, Ross Warwick, Robert Carter, Shane Marchant.  
 Middle: Robert Gray, Brian Walker, Paul Roberts, Thomas Cuniowski, Kit Baigent, Garrett Bourke.  
 Front: Tom Mazzaferro, Cam Van Oirschot, James Edwards (Manager), Wayne Afrika (Coach), Cyrus Church, Chris Collins, Matt Calderwood.

Absent: Josh Gane, Tristian Reid, Ray Tumanuvao.

## Campbell Cup – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Report 2008

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team this year had another solid year making another Final only to lose again. Our Year mirrored that of 2007 but with some exceptions.

We were again very strong in the forwards but unlike 2007 our strength was in our backline.

Yet again we had a slow start to the season losing 3 of our first 4 games. All 3 games lost were to the teams that would make up the top 4.

We recovered to win the next 2 but then dropped another game to Petersham who we struggled against all year.

This loss seemed to rev the side up going on to win the next 8 games straight. In the winning streak we defeated Balmain 31-14, Blue Mountains 35-26 and Petersham 18-14. Our biggest win for the year came against Brothers with a 51-0 thrashing.

Out of our last 4 games heading into the semis we won 3 setting the side up nicely for the elimination Semi against Balmain. Out of the last 12 games in the season, we won 11, having lost to Balmain 16-5 in a tight game which we thought we would win by just turning up. This would be the best thing that happened to us all year.

We went into our Semi weary but at the same time quietly confident. Most of the side that played in 2007 were on the park that day so experience was on our side and it showed with a resounding 35-8 win which would send us onto the final to play Blue Mountains for a spot in the big one against Petersham.

Against Blue Mountains we struggled to gain any dominance and eventually went down gallantly 18-8.

While disappointed at the time, we could take a lot away from the season in that we had beaten every side in the competition.

Highlights for the year would be our win against Blue Mountains at home where we showed a lot of fighting spirit. Other highlights would be the playing group itself. We had a range of personalities on the team who kept our spirits high at all times.

As mentioned above, 2008 was a year where our backline stood out. Coming into the season we hadn't settled on the makeup of the side with Dean "Dutchy" Vandine still yet to settle on his centres and five eight. Enter Zane Thomas, who throughout his time at the club has predominately played on the wing and sometimes fullback. Dean shifted him to 5/8 and the rest as they say is history. Zane was a revelation and was one of the key reasons we were a success in 08. On top of the shift, we then made him Captain on the advice of Manager Lisa Crocker, in which he again excelled.

Outside of Zane was a very talented 12 and 13 combination who were new to the club in Kane Nicholson and Marc June. These 3 were the backbone of the side constantly scoring at will and saving more tries than they scored.

Add to that Mr Reliable Aaron Puha and Matt Payne and you have one hell of a backline.

We had a lot of new faces who helped with the success, with the team clown Albert "my shoulder's gone again" Patu, Will "Corey" Wright and James Morgan.

Again our Forward pack was tremendous led by Shapelle, Doddsy and Mato in the front row, with Laki and that other guy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> row, and Jesse, Albert, Kit and player of year Hilly in the back row. Hilly again was his usual self, taking no prisoners when he got the ball. The challenge the pack had with cleaning Hilly out was trying to avoid the debris of players he was bumping off.

Off the park we had nothing but the best the club could offer. Dean Vandine did an outstanding job with the Backs starting from scratch and moulding them into a unit that would go close to being a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade backline in 2009. I've known Dean for a number of years (actually since he and my brother were 5 when they played Nappy's) and while he is quiet by nature, the desire he had to win week in week out and the fact that he leaves no stone unturned in his preparation was first class. Knowing that your backline will be up every week is a huge bonus when you have someone like Dean on board.

Midway through the season we asked for the help of one of Hunters Hill rugby's most respected figures in Russell Kershler. Russ was a huge hit with the team and was a huge factor in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade getting to where we did this year. A huge thank you goes to Russ on behalf of the team.

And lastly a special mention goes to our ever reliable Manager Lisa Crocker who went above and beyond this year. A lot of work goes into the success of a rugby team and while a lot of people see the results on the park, not many see what goes on behind the scenes. Lisa was everywhere. Organising our teams for the week, getting our jerseys ready before kick-off, making sure that our team sheets were up to date, going out of her way to get a number of players to the games when they didn't have a way to get there and the list goes on. Mind you doing all this while she was heavily pregnant. She even ran the water when no-one else would assist.

While she would be the first person to shine the lime light elsewhere, I think it's time that she spent her time under the spotlight for the tireless work she did for all of us in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. If you had seen Lisa at our games you would always catch her with her clip board in one hand and pen in the other. A big thank you goes to Lisa for the entire season. Not only for all of the above and having to deal with the boy's on a weekly basis, but also for putting up and organising the man of the match plaques for all 18 rounds. She really is something special.

To round up this long winded report, while it was another solid year, we had the potential to do a lot better. Our major downfall was the lack of training we had for the year. You will find that the top 2 teams were a lot better at grinding out a game as they had trained a lot more frequently as a group throughout the year. If a team were ever serious enough to want to challenge for a premiership (like our 4<sup>th</sup> grade side) then they must as a playing group have the discipline to train regularly.

Also the lack of support and the various threats made by certain people to have 3<sup>rd</sup> grade pulled out of the semi's and myself stood down were distracting to say the least. If you're not willing to go ahead with your threats, then don't say them out loud publicly.

All in all an enjoyable year and one that we won't forget. We are on track for 2009 and hope this time we can go 2 steps better. I've been told a number of times by different people that you need to lose one to win one. Well we've now lost 2 finals so we are due at least for a decent showing in 09.

**Andrew Harvey / Dean Vandine**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade coaches – HHRUFC 2008**



THIRD GRADE CAMPBELL CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP >7p	BP	Pts
Petersham	18	15	0	3	446	119	327	10	3	13	73
Blue Mountains	18	15	0	3	444	195	249	9	0	9	69
<b>Hunters Hill</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>65</b>
Balmain	18	11	0	7	258	179	79	5	2	7	51
Hawkesbury Valley	18	7	0	11	155	271	-116	1	3	4	32
Blacktown	18	5	0	13	176	300	-124	1	4	5	25
UWSH	18	3	0	15	181	396	-215	2	1	3	15
Brothers	18	3	0	15	118	520	-402	0	1	1	13

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Campbell Cup 2008



Back: James Morgan, Marc June, Kaz Ria, Jesse Croucher.

Middle: Russell Kershler (Assistant Coach), Matthew Payne, Adrian Harvey, Aaron Puha, William Wright, Dean Vandine (Coach).

Front: Tim Dodds, Julian Hill, Andrew Harvey (Coach), Zane Thomas, Chris Groves, Victor Yang, Albert Patu.

Absent: Lisa Crocker (Manager), Kane Nicholson, Kit Baigent, Ray Tumanuvao, Mataiapo Mataki, Adam Limberiou.

## Nicholson Cup - 4<sup>th</sup> grade Report 2008

Shining lights in a tough year for Hunters Hill, with a grand final win in Nicholson Cup and our Campbell Cup team making it through to the finals. This gives a good platform for 2009 if managed well.

Congratulations to all the players on their premiership win and to the reserves and supporters, who are as much a team as the players that run on to the paddock.

The season started somewhat quick, by being asked by Wayne Afrika and some committee members to coach (I still have not said yes), so Dave Polly and myself did not have much time to work out players positions, abilities, strengths and weaknesses, hence we got to a shaky start with a loss to Petersham 17-12, draws with Balmain 12-12 and Brothers 0-0 an away loss to Blue Mountains 3-7, then an away game to UWS Hawkesbury 5-27 loss (we started with thirteen players, including myself) our worst loss.

Time for a change, a spark was needed, so we brought in Loni Katoa for the next game for the last ten minutes against Hawkesbury Valley to win 27-5 (three tries in ten minutes) which set the platform for all grades to win that day. Loni got the team going forward from here we never lost a game, 15 straight wins to win the Premiership. Loni became the club's leader and try scorer after three games (actually 30 minutes of rugby). Unfortunately his next game was over in a matter of seconds after a cheap shot that ended his season, but his influence carried on.

The season progressed as did the players, the numbers swelled. We were pleased to see such players skills develop, with notable improvement in such players as Hayden Brown, Will Wassell, Matt Shelton Ross Warwick, Jim Bone and Ben Williams to name only a few. Other players who stood up to be counted were tight head taking hooker Andy Ball lock Rob Knight, back row Renny Iles, Liam Cooper, Jon Gelling, 5/8 Ron White. Centres Mark French and Simeli Latilevu (Fiji Tim), and fullback Ryan O'Toole.

The captain and half back Richard Colley was the driving force behind the teams success with out distracting from the best and fairest award, he would have figured in the points weekly but he asked not to receive any this year, he led both on the field and off, enjoy this win Richie.

A big thanks to tireless working manager Paul Shields and assistant manager / runner Gary Lane, whose work was priceless to co-coach Dave Polly and myself. No coach or team can perform to their best without good managers and support.

A big thank you to all the reserves who stood by, sometimes getting little game time but still turned up to training and supported the team in every way, the strength and depth of the squad proved a big factor in winning the premiership, we hope you return and continue to improve next year and defend the title.

The platform has been set, to make 2009 a bigger, stronger and more successful season for Hunters Hill.

**Phil Shaw / David Polly**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Premiership Winning Coaches – HHRUFC 2008**



FOURTH GRADE NICHOLSON CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP >7p	BP	Pts
Petersham	18	15	0	3	465	118	347	10	2	12	72
<b>Hunters Hill</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>65</b>
Blue Mountains	18	11	1	6	250	149	101	4	3	7	53
UWSH	18	9	1	8	284	362	-78	7	1	8	46
Brothers	18	5	3	10	184	334	-150	1	4	5	31
Hawkesbury Valley	18	7	1	10	141	240	-99	1	0	1	31
Balmain	18	5	2	11	165	285	-120	1	3	4	28
Blacktown	18	2	0	16	109	289	-180	0	5	5	13

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Nicholson Cup 2008



Back: Simeli Latilevu, James Wookey, Ryan O'Toole, Glen Morrissey, Scott Liddicoat, Rob Knight, Greg Forsyth, Mark French.

Middle: Phil Shaw (Coach), Gary Lane (Trainer), Max Marraffa, Sunjay Jain, Oz Lee, Ross Warwick, Mark Thornton, Glenn Truelove, Ben Williams, Jack Sandell, David Polly (Coach) Alex Polly (Ballboy).

Front: Paul Shields (Manager), Jonathon Cuniowski, Cam Van Oirschot, Andy Ball, Richard Colley, Ron White, Matthew Shelton, Nathan James, Hayden Brown.

Absent: Will Wassell, Renny Iles, Liam Cooper, Jon Gelling, Jim Bone, Loni Katoa, Will Carew, Stuart Brunson, Kurt Gelling, Peter Quinn, Chris Groves.

## Halligan Cup 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Report 2008

Despite the complete failure of the 07 Halligan Cup campaign (70-0 loss to Colleagues) I again tried to get a Halligan Cup/5<sup>th</sup> grade side up & running.

Rd 2 v Balmain at Blackmore Oval. Jim Bone ran the side as I was stuck at work. First game for Hunters Hill for Kit & Cody and they impressed all. Ross Warrick had his first full game for the club, followed by his 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> later in the day. Owen Steiner-Davies scored his first & second try ever, the second in super slow motion so everyone got a good look. Hunters Hill 31- Balmain 7.

Rd 8 While the rest of the club played Petersham at Camperdown we played Balmain again at Blackmore. Tom Mazzaferro popped in for a quick game on his way home from an all night bender. We still only had 13 players, so they gave us a gun breakaway & a dud winger & a scrappy game began. Drew Sunderland (son of Kegs) played well in his first game for the club, Wookey scored a much deserved try, Carp-Law converted from out wide, Cerial pulled off some great hits & Chucks got me into a melee with the "Pelican". We should have pulled off a last minute win but "the dud" dropped the ball with the line wide open. Balmain - 12 Hunters Hill - 7

Rd 9 v Balmain again this time at Boronia. Peter Quinn's 1<sup>st</sup> game for Hunters Hill combined with big Scott Liddicoat in the centres. Adam Limberio lasted a run & a ruck before coming off for a new lung. Blake Shields impressed in his first & so far only game for the club. We failed to convert possession into points & missed a kick from in front in the last minute to finish the game locked at 5pts all.

Rd 10 v Mosman, Ben Dunstan returned, Jason Williams and Jim Bone carved up before their 1<sup>st</sup> commitments, Rod and Nathan Salmon added to the long list of father & sons to play a game together for Hunters Hill. Nathan who was only 14yr old got the 2 pts and dominated the lineout. Scotty Prentic had his biannual game for the club & Crazy Dave use the unlimited inter change to his advantage. Mosman were too strong and won 24-12.

Rd 12 v Petersham. A great game played in a great spirit Glen Truelove had a dominate game at outside centre. "Cerial" threw himself at anything in Petersham jersey. The Petersham Polynesian Props ran riot in the second half & Petersham won the game 24-12. Rod Salmon's mate took photos all of which were great shots & showed off the magic setting of Oval #2, but the most memorable photo being the shot of "Jack the Tripper" Sandell at work.

Rd 13 v Convicts, Rod Salmon played his first and last game at prop, Morrissey and Sparks had a go at 5/8 and then each other, Ryan Kershler (son of Russ) impressed both sides. Fairytale kept getting better. The clubs player depth was highlighted with Max, Thorto and Grovesy all had a run in highest 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Convict held on for a 7-0 win.

Rd 15 v Petersham. Brett Ruths 200<sup>th</sup> game for Hunters Hill. Drew Sunderland & Ben Dunstan clashed heads early in the game with Drew coming off worst. Matt Porter had a run & brought some of his U18's team, who all impressed. Petersham won 14-7. It was our last Halligan Cup game but the 5th graders filled in up the grades & helped 4<sup>th</sup> grade win the Nicholson Cup.

I think it was worth while running 5<sup>th</sup> grade, it gave a game of Rugby to all those who wanted one. It also provided an entry point into the club for new players & a re-entry point for some old players. I would like to thank Ian Kellaway for refereeing our games (sometimes at very short notice) & Chris Burnside & his crew for setting up oval #2 for our games. I would like to acknowledge the efforts at training & on the paddock of Nathan James, Greg Forsyth, John Cuniowski, Glen Truelove, Jim Bone, Jack Sandell, Nick Scott, Oz Lee, Nathan Packham, Ben Allen, Drew Sunderland, Evan Tanswell & James Wookey. All of whom would had started in fourth grade in any other season.

**Paul Shields 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Organizer HHRUFC 2008**



## Division 3 Club Championship 2008

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	Pts
Blue Mountains	420	240	120	46	826
Petersham	360	256	120	60	796
Blacktown	480	144	40	8	672
Balmain	315	160	88	24	587
UWSH	255	80	24	38	397
<b>Hunters Hill</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>378</b>
Hawkesbury Valley	135	144	56	30	365
Brothers	105	0	24	26	155

## HHRUFC Club Results 2008

Rd	Date		Against	1st Clarke	2nd Farrant	3rd Campbell	4th Nicholson	5th Halligan
1	5-Apr	H	Petersham	L 3 - 28	L 0 - 19	L 15 - 16	L 17 - 21	-
2	12-Apr	A	Balmain	L 10 - 32	W 16 - 15	L 5 - 22	D 12 - 12	W 31 - 7
3	19-Apr	A	Brothers	L 12 - 15	W 17 - 0	W 32 - 12	D 0 - 0	-
5	3-May	A	Blue Mountains	L 7 - 41	L 12 - 28	L 0 - 37	L 3 - 7	-
6	10-May	A	UWSH	L 20 - 22	W 20 - 10	W 25 - 14	L 7 - 27	-
7	17-May	H	Hawkesbury Valley	W 26 - 8	W 23 - 19	W 14 - 0	W 27 - 5	-
8	24-May	A	Petersham	L 8 - 22	L 5 - 34	L 3 - 10	W 26 - 24	L 7 - 12
9	31-May	H	Balmain	L 17 - 24	L 12 - 13	W 31 - 14	W 19 - 15	D 5 - 5
10	14-Jun	H	Brothers	L 23 - 35	W 49 - 5	W 51 - 0	W 21 - 17	L 12 - 24
11	21-Jun	A	Blacktown	L 16 - 18	L 5 - 30	W 26 - 0	W 15 - 7	-
12	28-Jun	H	Blue Mountains	L 21 - 38	L 0 - 15	W 35 - 26	W 16 - 0	L 14 - 27
13	5-Jul	H	UWSH	L 12 - 13	W 34 - 11	W 31 - 7	W 41 - 7	L 0 - 5
14	12-Jul	A	Hawkesbury Valley	L 26 - 30	L 3 - 12	W 34 - 7	W 25 - 7	-
15	19-Jul	H	Petersham	L 5 - 20	W 17 - 14	W 18 - 14	W 15 - 0	L 12 - 24
4	26-Jul	H	Blacktown	L 20 - 21	L 15 - 26	W 22 - 7	W 29 - 5	-
16	2-Aug	A	Balmain	W 19 - 10	L 16 - 26	L 5 - 16	W 20 - 0	-
17	9-Aug	H	Brothers	W 22 - 19	W 43 - 0	W 39 - 10	W 47 - 12	-
18	16-Aug	A	Blacktown	L 5 - 50	L 5 - 60	W 34 - 7	W 10 - 5	-

Semi 23-Aug

Final 30-Aug

GF 6-Sep

v Balmain v Petersham  
W 35 - 7 W 22 - 7

v Blue Mountains  
L 8 - 18

v Petersham  
W 12 - 0



## Point Scoring HHRUFC 2008

### All Grades Top Points Scorers

Ron White	103
Marc June	98
Matt Lane	85

### 1st Grade Top Points Scorers

Matt Lane	79
Alex Vertoudakis	45
Ben Stark	25

### 2nd Grade Top Points Scorers

Luke Bird	31
Robert Carter	30
Pat Feige	25

### 3rd Grade Top Points Scorers

Marc June	93
Zane Thomas	77
Kane Nicholson	52

### 4 th Grade Top Points Scorers

Ron White	79
Richard Colley	55
Liam Cooper	40

### 5 th Grade Top Points Scorers

Cody Herewini	11
Owen Steinle-Davies	10
Ross Warwick	10



# Point Scoring HHRUFC 2008

		Rd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
		Total	5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Jul	3-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	5-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	2-Aug	9-Aug	16-Aug		
<b>1st Grade Total</b>																						
Matt Lane	PG	48				3		6		3	3	6	6	6		12			3			74
Matt Lane	G	26				2		2	6		4	2				4		2	4			
Alex Vertoudakis	T	45		5	5	5		5						5			5	10	5			
Ben Stark	T	25							10		5	5				5						
Dave Weston	T	15								5		5		5								
Jules Arndt	T	15							5					5	5							
Matthew Graham	T	15										5	5							5		
Penatly Try	T	15				5			5									5				
Ben Smith	G	6			2		2	2														14
Ben Smith	T	5									5											
Ben Smith	PG	3	3																			
Dean Thomson	T	10					5	5														
Stuart Woodbridge	T	5				5																9
Stuart Woodbridge	G	4													2			2				
Colman Taylor	T	5																	5			
Corey Newton-Green	T	5																			5	
Marc June	T	5			5																	
Matt Calderwood	T	5		5																		
Matt Lane	T	5														5						
Paul Roberts	T	5										5										
Will Carew	T	5												5								
<b>1st Grade Total</b>		<b>272</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>		

		Rd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
		Total	5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Jul	3-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	5-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	2-Aug	9-Aug	16-Aug	
<b>2nd Grade Total</b>																					
Luke Bird	G	14			2			2	2		2	2			4						31
Luke Bird	PG	12						3	6						3						
Luke Bird	T	5										5									
Robert Carter	T	30				5									10		5		10		
Pat Feige	T	25		5	5				5			10									
Ray Tumanuvao	T	20						10							10						
Ron White	PG	9																9			17
Ron White	G	8													2			2	4		
Robert Gray	T	15			5						5							5			
Matt Morrissey	T	10										5	5								14
Matt Morrissey	G	4					2					2									
Cyrus Church	T	5		5																	12
Cyrus Church	G	4				2											2				
Cyrus Church	PG	3				3															
Brian Walker	T	10							5											5	
Jesse Croucher	T	10										10									
Richard Colley	T	10															10				
Ross Warwick	T	10			5							5									
Tim Dodds	T	10					10														
Matt Lane	PG	6		6																	
Ben Herud	T	5																		5	
Chris Collins	T	5																		5	
Glen Truelove	T	5																			5
Julian Hill	T	5									5										
Matt Calderwood	T	5																		5	
Sione Uasilaa	T	5								5											
Sunjay Jain	T	5																		5	
Thomas Cuniowski	T	5						5													
Simeli Latilevu	T	5										5									
Tom Kellaway	T	5										5									
Tom Mazzaferro	T	5				5															
Tristan Reid	T	5													5						
Penatly Try	T	5							5												
Paul Roberts	G	4																		4	
Michael Kellaway	PG	3														3					
<b>2nd Grade Total</b>		<b>292</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5</b>	

<b>3rd Grade Total</b>		<b>Rd</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Semi</b>	<b>Final</b>		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>5- Apr</b>	<b>12- Apr</b>	<b>19- Apr</b>	<b>26- Jul</b>	<b>3- May</b>	<b>10- May</b>	<b>17- May</b>	<b>24- May</b>	<b>31- May</b>	<b>14- Jun</b>	<b>21- Jun</b>	<b>28- Jun</b>	<b>5- Jul</b>	<b>12- Jul</b>	<b>19- Jul</b>	<b>2- Aug</b>	<b>9- Aug</b>	<b>16- Aug</b>	<b>23- Aug</b>	<b>30- Aug</b>		
Marc June	T	75			5						5	10	5	10	5		10		10	10	5		93	
Marc June	G	12									2					2					4	4		
Marc June	PG	6																				6		
Zane Thomas	T	35				5					5	15		5							5			77
Zane Thomas	G	24				2						4		2	6		2			6	2			
Zane Thomas	PG	18												3			6			3	3		3	
Kane Nicholson	T	50			5	10		5				10	5			10				5				52
Kane Nicholson	G	2														2								
Cody Herewini	T	15			5									10										36
Cody Herewini	G	12			4				4		2			2										
Cody Herewini	PG	9			3					3				3										
Julian Hill	T	25							5		5	5	5									5		
Aaron Puha	T	20							5						5			5	5					
Albert Patu	T	20														10				5	5	5		
Chris Groves	T	15																		5		5	5	
Andrew Harvey	T	10	5												5									
Dean Nicholson	T	10									10													
Kaz Ria	T	10	5																			5		
Richard Colley	T	5			5																			9
Richard Colley	G	4										4												
Ron White	G	4						2				2												7
Ron White	PG	3						3																
Adam Limberiou	T	5																				5		
Adrian Harvey	T	5													5									
Cam Van Oirschot	T	5										5												
James Katan	T	5			5																			
James Morgan	T	5													5									
Jesse Croucher	T	5														5								
Kit Baigent	T	5						5																
Kurt Gelling	T	5	5																					
Lenga Danielson	T	5				5																		
Matt Macrae	T	5		5																				
Matt Morrissey	T	5						5																
Matt Payne	T	5														5								
Ray Tumanuvao	T	5										5												
Roy Danielson	T	5																				5		
Tim Sparks	T	5						5																
James Morgan	G	2										2												
Jason Herewini	G	2									2													
<b>3rd Grade Total</b>		<b>463</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>8</b>		

		Rd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Semi	GF	
		Total	5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Jul	3-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	5-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	2-Aug	9-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	6-Sep	
<b>4th Grade Total</b>																							
Ron White	G	44				4		2	2		4	6			6	2	2		12		2	2	79
Ron White	T	20				5								5		5		5					
Ron White	PG	15					3							6		3	3						
Richard Colley	T	55	10			10				5	5		5		5		5	5				5	
Liam Cooper	T	40							10	5		5	5		5	5					5		
Ross Warwick	T	25													5			5	5	5		5	
Ben Williams	T	25													5				10		10		
Stuart Brunson	T	20				5								10				5					
Simeli Latilevu	T	15													5	5			5				
Renny Iles	T	15											5			5					5		
Max Marraffa	T	15								10											5		
Matt Shelton	T	15										5				5		5					
Loni Katoa	T	15							10		5												
Ryan O'Toole	T	10						5							5								
Rob Knight	T	10											5							5			
Matt Payne	T	10	5	5																			
Mark Bramble	G	6								6													
Tim Dodds	T	5									5												
Peter Quinn	T	5																		5			
Matthew Booker	T	5							5														
Mark Thornton	T	5				5																	
Cody Herewini	T	5		5																			
Mark Lucey	G	2		2																			
Evan Tanswell	G	2	2																				
<b>4th Grade Total</b>		<b>384</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	

		Rd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
		Total	5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Jul	3-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	5-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	2-Aug	9-Aug	16-Aug		
<b>5th Grade Total</b>																						
Cody Herewini	G	6		6																		11
Cody Herewini	T	5		5																		
Owen Steinle-Davies	T	10		10																		
Ross Warwick	T	10		10																		
Matt Morrissey	T	5										5										9
Matt Morrissey	G	4										4										
Brad Chambers	T	5															5					7
Brad Chambers	G	2															2					
James Wookey	T	5								5												
Peter Quinn	T	5									5											
Mark Thornton	T	5										5										
Ben Dunstan	T	5															5					
Daniel Karp-Law	G	2								2												
<b>5th Grade Total</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

## Match Appearances HHRUFC 2008

		Clark	Farrant	Campbell	Nicholson	Halligan	Total
Afrika	Wayne			1	2		3
Allen	Ben			1		4	5
Arndt	Jules	16					16
Avalos	Alex	1	1				2
Baigent	Kit		4	10		1	15
Ball	Andrew			2	17		19
Barber	Hayward			1			1
Bird	Luke	8	11				19
Bollard	Tim				1		1
Bone	Jim	1	2		9	5	17
Booker	Matthew			2	7		9
Bourke	Garret	3	11	3	1		18
Bramble	Mark				1		1
Brown	Hayden			6	18	1	25
Brunsdon	Stuart				4		4
Burnside	Chris	9	1				10
Calderwood	Matt	7	8				15
Carew	Will	10	2		4		16
Carter	Robert	1	12	3	4		20
Charmers	Brad					1	1
Church	Cyrus		12				12
Colley	Richard		1	7	17		25
Collins	Chris	8	8				16
Cooper	Liam		1	2	11	1	15
Croucher	Jesse	4	6	10			20
Cuniowski	Jonathon		2	2	10	5	19
Cuniowski	Thomas	7	11	2			20
Danielson	Lenga		1	2			3
Danielson	Nati		1				1
Dodd	Jason				1		1
Dodds	Terry	1					1
Dodds	Tim		11	14	1		26
Dunstan	Ben					3	3
Empson	Matt				1		1
Esptehan	Norm					1	1
Fangupo	Sione			1			1
Farrar	Nick					1	1
Feige	Pat	8	12				20
Fitzgerald	James				2		2
Forsyth	Greg		1	2	6		9
French	Mark				6	1	7
Gane	Josh	2	12	2			16
Gelling	Jon				9		9
Gelling	Kurt			3	3		6
Gerecs	Jayson			1			1
Giacomini	Nick	14	5				19
Graham	Matt	18					18
Gray	Robert		18	1			19

Groves	Chris		3	14	2	1	<b>20</b>
Harvey	Adrian			17			<b>17</b>
Harvey	Andrew			18			<b>18</b>
Herewini	Cody	1		7	1	1	<b>10</b>
Herewini	Jason			1			<b>1</b>
Hill	Julian		5	14			<b>19</b>
Iacono	Thomas	5					<b>5</b>
Iles	Renny		1		15		<b>16</b>
Jain	Sunjay		2		2		<b>4</b>
James	Nathan		1	2		6	<b>9</b>
Janzen	Peter		1				<b>1</b>
Johnson	Andy	18	4				<b>22</b>
June	Marc	1	1	16			<b>18</b>
Karp-Law	Dan			1	3	2	<b>6</b>
Katan	James			1			<b>1</b>
Katoa	Loni				5		<b>5</b>
Kellaway	Michael		1				<b>1</b>
Kellaway	Tom	2	3				<b>5</b>
Knight	Rob			1	10		<b>11</b>
Lane	Matt	15	1				<b>16</b>
Latilevi	Simeli		6	1	10		<b>17</b>
Lee	Oswald			2	5		<b>7</b>
Liddcoat	Scott		1	2	9	1	<b>13</b>
Light	Alex	16					<b>16</b>
Limberiou	Adam		1	3		2	<b>6</b>
Lucey	Marc			1	1		<b>2</b>
Luke	Kaifiaki			1			<b>1</b>
Macrae	Matt	8	6	1			<b>15</b>
Marchant	Shane	1	12	2			<b>15</b>
Marraffa	Max				16	1	<b>17</b>
Mataki	Matta			5			<b>5</b>
Mazzaferro	Tom		10		2	2	<b>14</b>
Metusela	Paul				1		<b>1</b>
Morgan	James		1	14	1	2	<b>18</b>
Morris	Alex					2	<b>2</b>
Morrison	Chris		1	4	6	2	<b>13</b>
Morrissey	Glen		1		8	3	<b>12</b>
Morrissey	Matt	1	10	2		2	<b>15</b>
Newton-Green	Corey	13					<b>13</b>
Nicholson	Dean			1			<b>1</b>
Nicholson	Kane		2	16			<b>18</b>
O'Toole	Ryan			2	15		<b>17</b>
Packham	Nathan			1	1	4	<b>6</b>
Patu	Albert	1		19		2	<b>22</b>
Payne	Matt			8	7	2	<b>17</b>
Porter	Matt				1	1	<b>2</b>
Preedy	Dan				3		<b>3</b>
Prentice	Scott					1	<b>1</b>
Price	Dean					1	<b>1</b>
Puha	Aaron		2	14			<b>16</b>



Quinn	Peter				2	2	4
Ratunaiyale	Lex		2		3		5
Reid	Tristian	7	8				15
Ria	Kaz			11			11
Roberts	Paul	7	7				14
Ruth	Brett			1	1	4	6
Salmon	Nathan					1	1
Salmon	Rod					3	3
Sandell	Jack			1	4	6	11
Scott	Nick				2	4	6
Sellara	Claudio			7			7
Shaw	Phil				4	5	9
Shelton	Matthew				18	4	22
Shields	Blake					1	1
Shields	Paul				2	5	7
Smith	Ben	8					8
Snowball	Andrew	3	5				8
Sparks	Tim		2	5	4	1	12
Stark	Benjamin	6					6
Steinle-Davies	Evan		1				1
Stenile-Davies	Owen					2	2
Sunderland	Drew				2	3	5
Tanswell	Evan			2	4	1	7
Taylor	Colman	11	1				12
Thomas	Zane		1	12			13
Thomson	Dean	18					18
Thornton	Mark		2	5	5	2	14
Tiaki	Kai			1			1
Tohna	James		1				1
Truelove	Glenn		1	1	9	5	16
Tumanuvao	Ray	3	7	6			16
Uasilaa	Sione	3	1				4
Van Oirschot	Cam	3	9	7	1	1	21
Vertoudakis	Alex	18	2				20
Vertoudakis	Tim	3	12				15
Walker	Brian	5	11				16
Warren	Dave			1		1	2
Warwick	Ross	1	6	8	15	5	35
Wassell	Will		1	7	11	3	22
Weston	Dave	15					15
White	Ron		5	4	15		24
Williams	Ben			1	13	1	15
Williams	Jason					1	1
Woodbridge	Alex	1					1
Woodbridge	Stuart	7					7
Wookey	James		2		3	3	8
Wright	Will		2	14	2		18
Yang	Victor			3			3



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade "Winners are grinners" after their semi final thumping of Balmain 35 – 7.



Hilly on the charge



Back me up Jono



Don't worry, I've got him



Dave Weston – go low



My boots will distract him



Dean Thompson flies!

## Social Report 2008

There's an expression in rugby that the 'team that plays together stays together'. The social side of the rugby club is a relatively fickle thing – and a good indication of the relative health of how the club is going. And it works both ways too – when teams are winning, more people are socialising, but often you'll see that when the social side picks up, so does the performance on the field.

This season's social side was a mixed bag. There were some fantastic highlights, with the start of season party and the end of season party both big nights. And of course the night of the winning 4<sup>th</sup> grade grand final. We also had a big night on the night of the Super 14 grand final, which also happened to be Ladies Day. It is always great to see all the Cats and the former players back to the hill for Back to Boronia Day, which thanks to Gary Lane, Macca and the Cats, it was a great turnout and another inspirational and motivating day for the guys on the field.

But there were some low points as well. The attendance at the post-match speeches was terrible this season – particularly for the away games. This is something that needs to be turned around for next season – it is such a big part of the fabric of playing rugby, in meeting and socialising with other teams, and more importantly, having a beer with your teammates. So often was Andy Johnson risking his driving license for having to drink multiple beers to make up for teams that didn't have any players back at speeches. Full credit to the big guy who did it uncomplainingly week in and week out.

Some of the organised functions were also somewhat disappointing. This season we attempted to run a poker night and budgeted for 40 people – unfortunately we only had 14 players. It was an easy night for a poker shark like Irish to sweep the pool. Shame he couldn't match his big talk with his performance!

The trivia night this year also saw a smaller turnout this year than previous, when it had been one of the bigger functions on the calendar. This is a real shame as the trivia night is a great event to involve not just the players and administrators of the club, but friends and families, juniors and Cats in the senior club.

Hunters Hill Rugby is a club for so many people beyond just those playing on the field week to week, and moving forward it's really important that we get the broader community involved in the social side and support of the club. It's also really important to realise just how much of an impact the social side of the season has on the performance on the field. It is no coincidence that fourth grade was highly successful this season, with a strong core of players who have been at the club and strong mates for a long time driving the culture on and off the field in the team.

Next season, let's turn this around. Let's all of us make a bigger effort to come back to the club after a game for a beer for speeches. Let's invite more friends to our functions. And make Hunters Hill a strong force off the field. 20 weeks of the year is a long time if it's not that enjoyable – and the more we can invest into the social side of the club, the better a place it will be for everyone involved.

Finally, some thanks are due to a small group who consistently put considerable effort into the social side of the club this season;

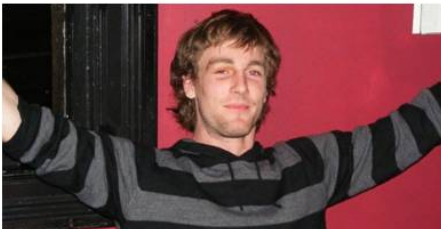
- Andy Johnson, the rock of the speeches who never complained despite getting free beer after free beer to skull;
- Danielle Cliff, who put a lot of time into organising several of the bigger social functions on top of her workload as treasurer;
- Ron White for his efforts in resurrecting the traditional presentation night and the work behind the scenes in organising this;
- Chris Groves for his efforts to get a poker night happening this year, and always leading the social charge from the front;
- Dave Weston, who's infectious 'geezer' brand of post-match celebration was such a big contributor to the off-field culture this season.
- A few other people who deserve thanks for social efforts as well; Rebekah Smith, Lisa Crocker, Jim Bone, Will Wassell, Cyrus Church.
- And of course The Woolwich Pier and the staff there; Kim, Shaughn, Jonno and Harrison.

Cheers guys.

Here's to as successful a season off the field as on the field in 2009.

**Alex Light**  
**Social Committee - HHRUFC 2008**





## 2008 HHRUFC Byron Bay Tourists

The 2008 tour commenced in much the same fashion as years before, with most of the Skunks sprawled through the airport bar for early tour beers. Foreskin took out first beer of the tour in 2008, however he also took out the first skull of the tour, forgetting in his excitement to down his beer, which hand he was supposed to be drinking from. He also took out the second skull of the tour, having used the wrong hand to complete his first skull.

Schapelle's mystery tour from Ballina didn't disappoint, with the first stop being Ballina Woolies liquor. The Skunks were excited & no longer thirsty (having locked Pepe in the overhead locker). Our youngest virgin Corey received the first of his many fines for being last on the bus at the airport. It was onto the highlight of the Mystery tour – the BIG PRAWN!!!!

Much to the disappointment of the Skunks we found you can no-longer venture into the Prawn's insides. So we made do with having a beer outside it.

Those that had flown to Byron then made our way to the Rails Hotel, where our bus driver (Alfred) beamed as he deposited us on the main street of Byron. Once safely ensconced in the Rails beer garden, it didn't take long for the Skunks to attract the attention of the local crazies, who delighted in shrieking "SKUNKS, SKUNKS!!!!!" at us for the rest of the weekend. A few hours of 'bonding' & giving Chunks grief about his skunk hat & tail and seeing Bally's joke about Snoop walking into a bar come to true. Once we'd met up with Harpoon, Noose, Rags, Mini-Me & Chippy who'd all driven up, it was onto the 2008 tour house. Whilst not quite as flash as last years house, the 2008 Hillies tour home stood strong against abuse to its walls by Ralph & Harris, to its Lawn by Snoop, & to its bathroom by Lara. Once rooms had been decided upon ("No Chunks, this is my bed, but you can have the floor..."), we broke out the first batch of Steaks on a plane. Cumshot & Lara arrived, & both set-up camp in their mobile homes (Lara's looked much more comfortable than Cumshot's Commodore).

The first night on tour saw Snoop receive the Idiot hat Noose & Rags were crowned biggest pests of the night, Foreskin met the Pink ladies for the first (but not last...) time, Rapunzel met someone from Luxembourg, Fiji Tim told everyone to be home in bed by 10pm ("rugby tomorrow boys"... ) & then broke curfew, Acorn (our Petersham import) marvelled at the beer drinking prowess of the Hillies on tour, & Harpoon, Rags, Noose, Merkhin & Mini-Me created a song.



Panda Warms up

Saturday however saw the Skunks first win in Byron in years! 41-12 over the Flying Montgomery's saw us singing the club song on Byron Oval! Cumshot, Panda, Uluru & Foreskin) & Lara had a rolling maul go 70 metres down the pitch (much to the confusion of the Bustards Eagles).



'Super' Coach Churchill & Lara discuss tactics. Acorn takes the piss....bloody Petersham players!

Saturday arvo saw a trip to the beach all agreed they were glad there wasn't too much surf after Ralph assured everyone he could save them, as he was a lifeguard in the off-season. Saturday night saw Harris crowned as the biggest pest of the night, & Killer strutted his stuff, alongside Panda with the ladies at the Beaches Hotel. Panda tried to convince all present that Chocolate Éclairs had healing properties (Schapelle was of the opinion that Kebabs were much better), Churchill wouldn't stop telling us about the Ex-Wallaby he'd met.

Sunday was an even slower start, but a good one nonetheless! For the first time in many many years the Hillies had a team starting the day in the C division comp rather than both in D division. A narrow loss for the team in D division (28 – 19) showed that the work we'd done with Coach Axe in Sydney was well worth it! (Cheers Axe – without your coaching we wouldn't have made it!), & a game of soccer for those in C division. (believe it or not it was far more dignified than taking the Marist Bros on in Sevens football). Fiji Tim was crowned the highest scorer on tour (19 points) & 2008 Tourist (Skunk) of the year! That afternoon there was a trip to the beach for some, a few bebies in the bowl for others.

With 26 tourists to get through, a mammoth 4 hour Kangaroo Court, followed by People's court. Fiji Tim's cousins cooked up a wicked Chicken Curry for us (Thanks Ladies!), the last of the Steaks on a plane went on the BBQ, & off into the last night on tour. We met the Fiji Uprising Resort team at the Beaches Hotel. They'd just won the A Division Grand Final that afternoon, so of course they wanted to swap shirts with the Skunks! There are now a dozen Fijian Seven's players running around Fiji with 2008 HHRUFC Skunks polo shirts.

Monday morning was a flurry of cleaning. Lara left Byron at 4:30am (& got home late that night). The flight home was much quieter than the flight there, & at Sydney Airport a (slightly beaten) Pepe was returned to Schapelle.



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our great & valiant Sponsor, Goodride Tyres. Thank you so much for your much-valued sponsorship in 2008. We hope to continue the relationship in 2009. Thanks for the Tour. One of the best yet. See you back up there in 2009!

### Schapelle – Tour Director



Back Row: Schapelle (Tour Director), Fiji Tim, Fairytale, Mini-Me, Noose, Churchill ('Super' Coach), Crouching Tiger.

Middle Row: Lara, Acorn, Chippy, Ralph (Assistant Tour Director), Foreskin, Rapunzel, Chunks, Stimp.

Front Row: Killer, Merkhin, Cumshot, Harpoon, Woody (with Pepe; 2008 mascot), Uluru, Corey, Mr Movies, Panda.

On Ground: Snoop Doddy Dodds.

## 2008 HHRUFC 1<sup>st</sup> XV Mudgee Tour



Facta Non Verba – Deeds not words

# Hunters Hill "CATS" Golden Oldies Report 2008

## Cats 2008 Report

Well the saucer is empty and a number of sore heads and bruised egos will attest to the fact that a bumper year was had by the CATS. Even with the sad passing of one of the main CATS Bruno, TC ensured that there was something for everyone, and there was.

The season kicked off with a bang with St Gertrudes day at The Sawdust. This was such a success that none of the CATS Management can remember it and there are no photos to record this monumental event for the CAT public.

The next event of the year was the Eastwood Invitational at T G Milner field where a star studded CATS lineup with a few ring-ins from the Alpha Males put up a gallant effort against the much stronger Eastwood lineup with 34 reserves recording a gallant 17 all draw.

TC and the CATS were awarded the CATS Charcoals Cup to add to our impressive trophy cabinet. Some of the highlights of the day included big games from Super Coach Polly in the centre's and Bobby Little who played with gusto for both teams even at times not knowing which one he was actually supposed to be playing with.

## Lovedale 2008



Firstly it was the shortest tour in CAT history. The usual suspects pulled out just before the tour eg, Paul Wallace, The Bone, Whoray... but were more than made up for by first time tourists such as Southy, Whiddo, Darkie, and Shieldsy. They were much more fun to be with and licked up a hell of a lot more milk.

At Lovedale, Brownie out did himself by booking the CATS into a hotel which was in receivership and for our game on the hard concrete like prepared ground (nice one Brownie). The only problem TC reported after booking us in, was we were down to play 3 games, yes that's right 3 GAMES. The whole team instantly headed straight for the bus and asked Donny to head south. TC renegotiated so we could only play the one game which meant them rescheduling the entire competition. A brilliant close fought game against The Pink Panthers brought us a credible 17 all draw. The highlight being Hibbo's magnificent intercept pass, the shock of which caused him to immediately pass it back to the opposition.

Sylvester found ex Wallaby Mark Ella to play with. On boarding the bus home at noon, Phil "6 Pack" Shorten spat the dummy and stormed off saying "it's a disgrace to leave so early when there's so much fun to be had". Muddy Waters stayed back and played

another game. Muddy for his efforts was rewarded with concussion and a trip to the local hospital where it was confirmed that you would have to be an idiot to play two games of rugby after a big night at our age. Millard was again awarded tour pest and Angry Tour Courage Award. Darkie took out the coveted Best Dressed award.



## AGM 2008

There was a near disaster at this year's CATS AGM when confirmed pest and serial menace SHREK made a lunge for the Treasurers position. Luckily sanity prevailed and the vote narrowly defeated SHREK's bid by 25 to nil. CATS in attendance were once again treated to a multimedia presentation and welcome by the spiritual leader TC who outlined the deeds and achievements of the CATS over the past 12 months.

PETECAT in an unprecedented move had printed minutes of the last meeting. Luckily a hasty motion from the floor saw all copies collected and burnt after the meeting. Whitey again officiated the election of the CATS Board of Directors and proceeded to speak in Swahili for a good 10 minutes. As expected TC was again voted in as President and PETECAT as Secretary.



It was then that the controversy began. BIN tabled a confidential e-mail from SHREK to TC in which his treasonous bid to usurp the hard working MACCA was revealed to the CAT Public. His impassioned plea to kick out MACCA and that he could do better with an abacus was rejected by the CATS and he was once gain banished to the depths of Lower Lower Management.

BIN (OAC) was again returned to the Social Conveynor and Editor and Chief of the Purring Pussy for another Year and SIX-PACK was again elected to be SHREK's minder and general Dog's Body.

In other news

- Supercoach Polly was elected as Coach and Conditioner of the CATS. This will be handy as the CATS are going to enter a team in the 2009 World Masters Games to be held in Sydney in October 2009.
- Mayor Sue Hooperman was again voted as the CATS Patron for 2009.
- Newly elected President of the Seniors Rod "Big Fish" Salmon, gave the CATS the latest on the HHRUFC attempt to get a clubhouse at Boronia Park. The plans are being drawn up and a DA will be lodged with Council in the new year.
- Ronnie White was then given a CAT for turning 35 and therefore being eligible to be a CAT.

The meeting then discussed the placement of a memorial seat at Boronia Park on the CATS Hill to honour and respect those CATS and Hillies players and supporters who are no longer with us. This was unanimously accepted. BIN stated that he will use his Parks contacts to get a suitable vandal proof seat to place on the hill at Boronia Park.

Discussion then shifted to the HHRUFC Archives, which up until now have been housed and administered by Bruce "ANGRY" Lycett. All agreed that ANGRY has done a spectacular job of cataloguing and preserving the history of the club. It was resolved that a T.A.C (The Archive Committee, also CAT spelt backwards) consisting of Brian 'Darkie' Robertson, Bruce Lycett, Terry Laundry, John Hibbert and Ronnie White be set up. All photos, documents, Annual Reports, pennants and other memorabilia be digitally scanned at high resolution and the originals be stored in a suitable fire-proof and secure location. This was unanimously supported by all present.

TC then distributed photos the ball pit at Giant Steps School for Autistic Children which was made possible through the fund raising activities of the CATS and HHRUFC. The look on the faces of the children using the facility was testament enough to the hard work and efforts of TC and the others that made this facility possible.

As there was no more business the CATS were treated to the 2008 CATROSPECTIVE which highlighted the highs and lows of the 2008 season including the tour to Lovedale, the Eastwood Charcoals Invitational and a moving Vale tribute to Brunno with a musical background of Teddy Bear's Picnic and Whisky in the Jar.

The CATS then headed out for the traditional Mufti Bowls Challenge. As usual, Red Dog showed his prowess around the greens and his trio were victorious over the hapless team of Big Fish and Co. The game ended with a game of Sixes where again Red Dog and his team scored a convincing 1 nil victory over the one end final. The afternoon finished out on the balcony watching the parade of She CATS coming to collect their tired kittens.



Victorious

Young Whitey, Mussell, Big Fish, Shagga, Shaw, Red Dog

## Orange Tour 2008

Off to Orange for the end of season tour where a great time has had by all. As per usual, the CATS accommodation was first class. We arrived at the Arris Hotel to be greeted by preparations to the L-Shaped Saloon Bar for a wedding by a 55 year old overweight grandmother of 20 with a mullet and tattoos. Some of the brave ones headed off to the golf course for a quick 9 holes while the majority of the tourists opted to stay and watch the cavalcade of trailer folk arrive for the wedding.

Off to the Canobolas hotel for a feed and night of fun, even though the Ram Rooter beat the Wallabies in the Hong Kong Bledisloe. The CATS were however rewarded with some of the best optic-nerve ever seen on tour. Fossy would have been in his element if he had chosen to come with the CATS rather than going on the Mr. Bubbles, Pat Pong Rd Ping Pong Ball Tour of Thailand. TC after a long night on the syrup gathered all the CATS together and said when I hold up two fingers that means 11 o'clock so we head back to the Arris for a compulsory Sister Tia. At midnight TC was still wandering around with two fingers up so the CATS left the Canobolas which had a band 2,000 gorgeous females and a great atmosphere and headed back to the Arris where they were just pushing the last lot of the trailer folk and their mess into the carpark.

We looked around to see where TC was but he was a no-show. He did cop some the next morning and the rest of the tour all CATS had two fingers in the air when we saw TC. Tour Bronze medal was Shrek and Millard even though Millard did not tour. Silver to Donny for driving the bus suffering from sleep deprivation and dysentery. Gold went to TC for the compulsory that he didn't turn up to. Angry was awarded the Lucy CATourist of the Year

We look forward to a bumper 2009 with highlights like the World Masters Games in which the CATS are entering a team and the usual tours and get togethers around the saucer. The Purring Pussy and Dr Drill will again be there to help CATS with their problems.



Well the Tia is drunk, the bus put away, the tourists are all saying "That's the best tour I have ever been on" and what a tour and year it was.

**BIN (OAC)**  
**Social Co-Ordinator - HHRUFC CATS 2008**

## **VALE**

### **Paul ' Paddy' Roberts (27/04/1982 - 6/10/2008)**

Played – 29: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 22, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 7.

Points – 14: Tries – 2, Goals – 2.

'Paddy' as he was known to most, arrived at Hunters Hill Rugby Club at the start of the 2007 season. His large frame, elevated blond hair and uncompromising attitude on the field ensured he rapidly developed rapport with his teammates and a reputation with the opposition. He brought with him an ingrained passion for the game of rugby union reminding us all why we continue to give up our Saturdays. Paddy took very little and gave everything, a true comrade on the field and a genuine mate off the field. His loss while unexpected and distressing, is a token of how futile our concerns can be and a stark reminder of what is truly important.

Paddy hailing from New Zealand loved the game of rugby union and played it hard and fair. He played even harder off the pitch, being a regular attendee on the ferry trips from the Woolwich Pier to the city late on a Saturday night. He was a big guy with an even bigger heart and will be sadly missed.







2008 Annual Report prepared by Ron White



MMVIII

