



**HUNTERS HILL RUGBY UNION  
FOOTBALL CLUB**

**2009**

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

## **HHRUFC AWARDS - 2009**

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

Sam Henry

### **1st GRADE BEST & FAIREST AUB BENNETT TROPHY**

Sam Henry

### **2nd GRADE BEST & FAIREST Alex Vertoudakis**

### **3rd GRADE BEST & FAIREST Rob Gray**

### **4th GRADE BEST & FAIREST Joel Firth**

### **5th GRADE BEST & FAIREST Mitchell Tyson-Mobbs**

### **BEST NEW FORWARD Luke MacLennan**

### **BEST NEW BACK Dave Marshall**

### **MOST IMPROVED FORWARD JIM PEARCE MEMORIAL TROPHY Mitchell Tyson-Mobbs**

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

### **U/85kg PLAYERS PLAYER Ed Cummings**

### **U/85kg BEST FORWARD Robbie Wooley**

### **U/85kg BEST BACK Cosmo Jones**

### **1st Grade PLAYERS PLAYER Alex Light**

### **2nd Grade PLAYERS PLAYER Alex Vertoudakis**

### **3rd Grade PLAYERS PLAYER Rob Gray**

### **4th Grade PLAYERS PLAYER Richard Colley**

## **HHRUFC AWARDS - 2009**

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

Andy Ball

### **SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR**

Kylie Salmon

### **CLUB CAPTAIN**

Jules Arndt

### **1st GRADE COACHES & MANAGER**

Phill Shaw / David Polly  
Paul Shields

### **2nd GRADE COACHES & MANAGER**

Wayne Afrika / Mark French  
Jim Bone

### **3rd GRADE COACHES & MANAGER**

Andrew Harvey / Dean Vandine  
Jim Bone

### **4th GRADE COACHES & MANAGER**

Liam Cooper / Richard Colley  
Dave Warren

### **5th GRADE COACH & MANAGER**

Glenn Morrissey  
Chris Groves

### **Under 85kg COACH & MANAGER**

Glenn Morrissey  
Bruce Lycett

### **MOST POINTS SCORED**

Sam Henry

### **MOST TRYS SCORED**

Dan Casa – (29) \*Club Record

### **KICK OF THE YEAR**

Sam Henry  
Drop Goal vs Balmain @ Blackmore Oval

### **TRY OF THE YEAR**

Alex Light  
vs Petersham @ Boronia Park

**HUNTERS HILL RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB  
2009 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

<b>President</b>	Rod Salmon
<b>Vice President</b>	Jim Bone
<b>Secretary</b>	Pat Feige
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Chris Groves
<b>Treasurer</b>	Danielle Cliff
<b>Registrar</b>	Renny Iles
<b>Publicity &amp; Communications</b>	Jules Arndt / Jim Bone
<b>Committee Member</b>	Russell Kershler
<b>Club Captain</b>	Jules Arndt
<b>Ground Manager</b>	Thomas Cuniowski
<b>Tour Director / Assistant</b>	Chris Groves / James Wookey
<b>Historians</b>	<b>The Archive Committee</b> Brian Robertson, Bruce Lycett, John Hibbert, Terry Laundry, Ron White, Allan Southcombe.
<b>Webmaster</b>	Andy Ball

**2009 NSWSRU Awards**

**Suburban Club of the Year**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Division Club of the Year**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Division Club Champions**

**2009 Club Records Set**

Most tries in a season - Dan Casa (29)

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade most season points for – 451

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade most season points for - 497

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade best points difference – 392

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade most consecutive wins – 16 (2009 R1 to 2009 Rd 16)

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade highest score for – 60 v UWSH at Boronia Park (23/5/2009)

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade biggest win margin – 60 – 0 v UWSH at Boronia Park (23/5/2009)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade most season points for – 435

4<sup>th</sup> Grade most consecutive wins – 20 (2008 Rd 7 to 2009 Rd 5)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade highest score for – 52 v Epping at Boronia Park (4-4-2009)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade biggest win margin – 52 – 10 v Epping at Boronia Park (4-4-2009)



# 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, Phill	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	2009 Rod Salmon	

## 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	2009 Jules Arndt	

## 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 Phill 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
2009 Andy Ball		

## 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	2009 Kylie Salmon	

## **TROPHIES CABINET**

### **SYDNEY SUBURBAN 1ST GRADE PREMIERS**

1919

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

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

### **U/21 BARBOUR CUP**

2000 (joint Premiers with Old Ignations)

### **U/19 RUGBY CLUB CUP**

2005

### **RELIANCE SHIELD 2ND DIV. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

1971, 1993, 1994

### **BARRACLOUGH CUP**

1971

### **STOCKDALE CUP**

1992

### **BLUNT CUP**

1994

### **HARRIS SHIELD 3RD DIV. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

2009

### **NICHOLSON CUP**

2005, 2008

### 500 SENIOR GAMES

JOHN WHITE	DAVID POLLY	PHILL SHAW
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### 400 SENIOR GAMES

TONY BRUNSDON	MICHAEL MCNAMARA
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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	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	NICHOLAS GIACOMINI	ALEX LIGHT
CHRIS COLLINS	JON GELLING	JESSE CROUCHER	PAT FEIGE

Note: player records and statistics were recorded from 1979.



## TONY BRUNSDON CHALLENGE CUP

### HUNTERS HILL V PETERSHAM

The inaugural Tony Brunsdon Challenge Cup was held in 2008 in honour of the late great Anthony Charles Brunsdon (30/6/1945 – 22/3/2008). The Cup is contested by Hunters Hill 1<sup>st</sup> XV verses Petersham 1<sup>st</sup> Xv teams 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 can be scheduled during the year consisting of at least 30 minutes each way in duration between select 1<sup>st</sup> XV's.

Hunters Hill Rugby Union Football Club will hold the trophy in perpetuity. The Brunsdon 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 to Hunters Hill in 2009, a grand stand final try by Alex Light a close friend of the Brunsdon family sealed victory on a momentous day celebrating the 1969 and 1979 reunions at Boronia Park. 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
2009	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug – Boronia Park	Hunters Hill	23 - 6
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
Barraclough Cup	1971
Kentwell Cup	1972 captain
Kentwell Cup	1977 (undefeated)
Kentwell Cup	1978
Kentwell Cup	1979
Burke Cup	1977
Whiddon Cup	1969 (capt), 1983
Judd Cup	1985

#### Runner Up

1974
1980
1982
1981

The records of Tony Brunsdon 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 honours are remarkable and to this day unrivalled.

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 2009

At the end of 2008 season the AGM had some interesting twists. For the first time in many years a number of positions on the committee had multiple nominees and voting was required for President, Vice President and Secretary. It turned out to be a sign that 2009 was going to be different to previous seasons.

The new committee, with a mix of old and new faces, immediately got on with the necessary steps to fix and improve the areas of the club that needed attention. The club had suffered some difficult seasons over the last five years and a number of past players from the halcyon days had asked me to consider moving from President of the Junior Club over to the Senior Club. The Juniors have become the fifth biggest club in Australia after growing from 252 players in 2005 to a peak of 454 players in 2008. Being President of the Juniors was like being the Principal of a medium sized school ... with 31 teams, around 80 coaches and managers and approximately 600 parents, 500 uniforms, lots of equipment, canteen, schedules for training and games plus many more things as well.

Thankfully Seniors was likely to be an easier job. The new committee were all focused on the job at hand and keen to move the club up from Third Division. On taking stock of the current position at the end of 2008 it was pleasantly surprising to find that things were in pretty good shape and the previous committee had already started the hard work of getting the club headed in the right direction. There was money in the bank, a surprisingly solid morale and a great data base of players and supporters.

The task became one of organising, recruiting, planning and implementing. There was already a clearly written action plan in place from the 2008 committee that was considered accurate and current so we went about continuing on with that plan. It was paramount that the stake holders within the club were intent on regaining its' position in higher divisions with the ultimate goal to be back in Division One contesting for the Kentwell Cup.

When elected I had stated my position on "paying players" and that I did not believe that "boot money" was acceptable in a club like Hunters Hill. I do however believe that having players join us from overseas was a good way to expand the spirit of rugby and encouraged the assistance necessary to have players from outside Australia join the club for a season or two. Previously the club had welcomed players from countries including South Africa, Fiji, Samoa, New Zealand and England. Our most recent had been Dave Weston and Stuart Woodbridge in 2008. I was supportive of this concept and wished to build further on it in 2009.

My year as President involved the efforts of a dedicated and hard-working team and a huge vote of thanks needs to go to all the committee members .....

In particular a big thank-you to Jim Bone for his fantastic assistance and tireless work as Vice-President. He made my job all the more enjoyable by offering a huge amount of knowledge and never ending work.

The efforts of Pat Feige, Danielle Cliff, Renny Iles and Russell Kershler were also a large part of the clubs success this year. The committee worked in harmony throughout the year and it was terrific to work with people who just wanted to get on with the successful running of the club.

Club Coach-Bruce Robinson, "Robbo", was like me in that he was new to the club and we were both conscious that we had a lot of Club history to deal with. Robbo took the coaching reins in a professional and decisive way that has benefited the club enormously. His direction and expertise throughout the season is surely one of the main reasons for the club's success in 2009.

Our Coaches this year did a superb job. Once everybody had a focus on club championship points and how the higher grades earned far more points than lower grades it seemed that we were all sailing the same ship and all participants had the same focus. The end result being that each grade had a terrific season. Phil Shaw and Dave Polly showed what heritage could do by combining their years of Hillies history with a dedicated bunch of players producing the most entertaining and successful rugby that

first grade has seen in a long time. To do everything but win the Grand final in a thriller going down by one point was a spectacular effort considering last year the team only won 3 games.

Wayne Afrika and Mark French created magic to keep coming up with wins in second grade even though they happily moved players into First grade whenever needed. Often dealing with last minute changes they reshuffled and still came up with wins.

Andy Harvey and Dean Vandine kept the third grade "juggernaut" trucking along delivering much appreciated club championship points week after week. Third grade had a spectacular season and were clearly the best team in that competition.

Richie Collie and Liam Cooper kept 4<sup>th</sup> grades winning streak in tact by adding to last seasons total to go 24 games undefeated before being felled by last years runners up Petersham. Their bounce back to be close to victory in the grand final was a great feat.

Fifth Grade and under 85's were handled by Glen Morrissey who took on the role last minute. These grades are two of the hardest to coach as the teams seem to change weekly. Glen introduced regular training for Fifth grade and it has now established fifth grade as a creditable force within the club. Under 85's was a worthwhile addition to the Rugby offering for players and was very useful in giving some of our Colt aged boys a competitive game. Thanks to Bruce Lycett for doing the regular ring around and making this team a reality. 2010 looks to be even stronger for the under 85's with a lot of interest in the mid week playing format.

Our Website has been administered by Andy Ball for some years. I am a firm believer in the importance of an informative and detailed web site and the club surely has one of the best in the rugby community. Andy's work on creating, developing and administering the web site is of great value to the club. The web site and Bally Bar are two important parts of the club's fabric and I hope that he will continue on with both these roles in the future.

Paul Shields is one of the most tireless workers within the club. His regular phone calls that started with "you got time to talk rugby" were always full of great ideas and ways to solve problems. He was always happy to get on with things and never walked away from a job.

The club adopted a winning culture from the very first trial at Hunters Hill High. When we continued this on to all the trial games it was already a good feeling at the club before we had even played our first competition game.

Game One against Epping was a culmination of the all the pre-season planning that had occurred. The fitness training sessions with Chris Atkins, the team playing style, the team trainings and the presentation and commitment all went on show when we turned up with five grades at Boronia park and won all five grades, backing that up a week later with four grades winning ... all of a sudden Hunters Hill were on top of the club championship. This position we never relinquished all season!

Support from the Golden oldies, "The Cats", was outstanding, not only as spectators but also as sponsors and behind the scenes support. I know that the Cats enjoy coming to the games and seeing the teams play an expansive and entertaining style of rugby like we did this year. The current players enjoyed themselves immensely having such an educated and vocal rugby crowd behind them. I am sure our opposition knew when they came to Boronia that they would be starting as the underdogs due to our home crowd advantage. Thanks Cats, we look forward to having even more of you at the games next year.

The canteen was improved and expanded in 2009 and a substantial increase on previous years turnover was achieved. The canteen was managed by my wife, Kylie, and by my daughter, Kiara. A wider range of beers and barbecue items offered helped to make the Boronia park experience more enjoyable.

Help from the regulars who are there at pack up and set up. Killer for stepping up to Ground set up, Mal, Angry, Gary Lane.

Rebecca French did a marvellous job with the Ladies day, Sponsor's day and the Trivia night. There is definitely times when a rugby club needs a woman's input and eye for detail and Rebecca's help in running the functions was invaluable. There was lots of positive feedback on all the functions and I look forward to the events getting even more popular in 2010.

Our overseas boys added much to the club this year and I really think our program of encouraging a few overseas players to join us each year really adds to the club spirit and promotes the world wide "spirit of Rugby? This year we were joined by Sam Henry, Luke MacLennan and Dave Marshall. Undoubtedly these boys added that little extra to the team that gave us the lift we needed to begin regularly winning games. It is exciting to hear that they are planning on staying with the club in 2010.

Chris Groves again made the Byron tour a spectacular success with 2 wins and a semi final appearance for the first time in modern history. Organising the tour is a big job and one that seems to go all year round. Wookie and Grovesy do the job with little hassle and from President and the committee I thank you both for doing such a wonderful job.

The establishment of the "The Archive Committee" was an initiative that the Cats and in particular Darkie Robertson and Ronny White who have spearheaded the collection of all the clubs Memorabilia and files and are now working with a team to catalogue all this history onto the web. The Display at Boronia was also a spectacular success.

It is with sadness that we had the death of Ted Polly at the end of the season. I am sure the season bought him much pleasure to be able to see HH on a winning streak, his contribution to the club goes back decades and he will be remembered always.

Our mascot Jed also passed away this year after a long fight with every known disease that a dog could have. We are all awaiting the new mascot in 2010.

Our Club Captain Jules Arndt did a great job this year and was instrumental in the weekly newsletter and game report as well as working on the presentation night AV show.

Dave Weston. A great example of the spirit of rugby traversing the world. His arrival at the club from England in 2008 was in my opinion one of the turning points of the club. His leadership and dedication were an inspiration to all. The season finale with the excellent audio visual presentation was mostly the work of Dave and made for a fitting end to a great season.

The successes of the year were many. The ultimate goal was to win the club championship and we did that with a comfortable margin. We made all 4 Grand Finals - a feat that has not been done for many many years by any club. We then went on to be awarded the "Suburban Club of the Year". This was the winning club from all subbies clubs from 1<sup>st</sup> Division to 6<sup>th</sup> Division and was a huge accolade for all the participants in the club in 2009.

I thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Club's senior division in 2009. I have made a lot of new friends, played some rugby (I now have eight games up and heading for fifty); I enjoyed watching all the games and shared in the highs and lows of the season with all. I trust that others have also enjoyed the season and look forward to seeing you all in the Black and Whites for season 2010.

"Let's do it again in twenty ten"

Promoting the spirit of rugby

**Rod Salmon**  
**President – HHRUFC 2009**

## Secretary's Report 2009

Another season draws to an end on an absolutely fantastic year despite our unfortunate final four games. I feel when all the arguing has eased and the dust has settled this has been a fantastic season and by far the best that I have been part of whilst at the club.

Leaving the on field stuff for coaches, Bally Bar to well.... Andy Ball and the pestering to Cooper, I feel it once again shows that the good results can only be chalked up on the scoreboard (of which was a new addition this year) if there is a lot sweat and hard work done in preparation off the field. I'm not talking about the outstanding pre-pre-season training conducted by Dave Weston or the pre-season training conducted by Chris Atkins. What allows a club to function as we did this year was the planning and foundation of a sound business plan. Everything from every player running on for the 1<sup>st</sup> game in a new kit (Except for Oz and his damn Skunk shorts) to having ARU skill coaches giving advice toward the end of the season was all born from a core group of people with a clear vision and direction.

Under the leadership and at times firm direction of HHRUFC President Rod Salmon, I feel we were able to use the previous year's efforts to springboard as a club to achieve what we did this year. From the unheard of canteen takings to unbelievable crowd numbers, this year Hillies had it all. Apparently Decca almost smiled at a home game, but according to sources close to the incident reported that he just got a joke Russ told him three weeks previously and then farted. Our on field success showed the foundation laid 2 months before the first trial was played at Hunters Hill High School.

2009 saw us all move clubhouse to what some would call our spiritual home, The Hunters Hill Hotel or 3H's to most. Sam and his family recognised the unique environment we at Hillies rugby put forward and promote. Sam was quite eager to align his organisation with ours. I feel we all can agree that this marriage of sorts have been quite beneficial to us and I hope in the future we can cement the relationship further.

We welcomed many new faces into the Hillies fold throughout the season, and with special note to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade players who were always last to leave the training field. And whilst playing against teams of a much higher calibre, these men of Hillies rugby always played with all they were worth and did us proud. I'm not too sure these blokes got all the accolades they deserved this year but I applaud Glen Morrissey and Angry for taking charge and forming a core of eager and determined rugby players. They are definitely a group to watch coming up through the ranks in the 2010 season.

Back to Hillies day, a day that will always stand out in my mind as the best day of rugby I have ever been part of. The passion of playing in front of a hostile Stadium Boronia home crowd must have been daunting for the Petersham boys and at the end of the day with Dave Weston holding the Tony Brunson Cup aloft signified to all present what were there to do. I feel it also silenced a lot of critics. I feel the passion shown on the day by the players (yes I scored a try in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade that day) and the supporters showed we turned a corner and have become once again the great rugby club Hunters Hill deserves to be. Oh and that small thing where we secured 3rd Div Championship with the 4 wins on the day also was a sweetener.



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

- First and foremost the wives and girlfriends that put up the charade that we all “just waiting” our call up from the ARU.
- Kylie Salmon for letting Rod play the part of Club President and all the unseen work that she did through out the season, even at one stage with one arm in a sling.
- The members of the coaching and management team. Being out there supporting and at times giving us the shits at the same time. I appreciate the effort you put in the 2009 season
- Paul Shields and Russell Kershler for being the perennial “Mr Fix-it Men” and Cat’s liaison / wrangler.
- The Cat’s for their support through out the season. I can personally say I was both uplifted and offended by your collective comments and insults through the season. However I wouldn’t have it any other way!
- The Senior Committee, thanks for all you hard work and support throughout the season. I also want to highlight Danielle Bone for never failing in her duty as treasurer and fitting in having a baby at the same time. Champion effort.
- Chris Atkins for beating our sorry arses into shape week in and week out. Those who didn’t have the Spalding’s to come to the Tuesday night training definitely missed out on essential conditioning and surely can’t be allowed to be missed in the Div 2, 2010 season.

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 worked the canteen, 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.

And finally for Jed, next year at Stadium Boronia just won’t be the same old mate.

FACTA NON VERBA,

**Pat Feige**  
**Secretary – HHRUFC 2009**

## Club Captain's Report 2009

Sporting success almost inevitably lends itself to cliché. Hunters Hill coming from nowhere to claim a Club Championship in 2009? A fairy-tale. Hillies losing four consecutive Grand finals on the same day? Devastating. For those involved in these twin and intertwined achievements, such cliches are as trite as they are inadequate. Hillies' 2009 season deserves more than cliché. It deserves thought.

The success of 2009 was built on a foundation of clear planning, extensive preparation and open and ambitious goal-setting. At some point in the off-season, the realisation finally dawned that it was not acceptable for Hunters Hill, such a successful club with a rich history in Subbies rugby to perpetually languish as also-rans in the Division Three Competition. Management boldly outlined a five year plan that included the initial step of Club Championship victory in Division Three. This goal was to be achieved not "one day", not "soon" but immediately. In my 4 years at the club as a player, I had never heard such a clear and ambitious goal be considered let alone so openly outlined. Once success was defined, it suddenly seemed achievable.

To adequately describe the extent of our success in 2009, it will take someone with far greater historical perspective than I. What I do know is this. In almost every facet of every grade in 2009, Hunters Hill improved and in some cases did so dramatically.

Our new Under 85s side got off the ground and did so with panache. With an element of serendipity that would permeate the whole season, many of these men will return in 2010 as our new Colts side.

For the first time in many years we had a Fifth Grade *team*. Their 17 games forged a spirit of war that other grades in the club could be inspired by. They played with pride whatever the opposition and in my opinion their wins stand as club highlights in a glittering year. Their improvement was hard earned and built on a Glen Morrissey training regime that put other grades to shame.

The four competition sides made the Grand Final. This in of itself is a stupendous feat. Third Grade's effort of a minor premiership and just two losses throughout the year was an exceptional one and much credit must be given to Andy Harvey and Dean Vandine. First Grade must also be congratulated. The 2009 vintage won more games than the previous three years combined.

2009 must be remembered as a season where a tired club was revitalised. Veterans like Alex Light, Andy Johnson, Colman Taylor and Ben Smith suddenly had a spring in their step as they finally enjoyed deserved success after some very lean years. Legends like French, Colley and Cooper became coaches and produced excellent results. The deluge of new players not only brought skill to our ranks but they became clubman of the highest order.

A club Championship is exactly that and as such all members of the Club deserve congratulations.

To the committee and the board I express the players deepest and sincere thanks for giving your precious time and skills to making our games possible let alone successful. It is incredible how little understanding I had of the time and effort that goes into running the club by generous and patient people. Hunters Hill players are a lucky bunch.

To the hurricane that is Rod Salmon, to Renny our Registrar, Fridgley our Secretary, Danielle our lovely treasurer, to Shieldsy and Russ Kershler, Grovesy, Killer and Bally, I thank you. To Jim Bone, you were the skeleton over which the rest of the club was built.

To the coaches and managers thank you for your time, your expertise and your passion.

To Kim our amazing physio, thank you for looking after us this season. To Axe, thanks for your "tough love".

To our sponsors, without your assistance, generosity and interest, 2009's progress would not have occurred. The return to the Hunters Hill Hotel was a great success for the club and ensured that club spirit and social attendance were always at healthy levels.

To the other volunteers, the linesmen, the referees, the canteen staff, the organisers of the social events and anyone who put up their hand, your contributions make this club a great place to be. Thanks must also be extended to the Hunters Hill Juniors. We look forward to a continuing an ever-growing relationship.

To the wonderful Ladies of Hunters Hill, your support makes this club, and in many cases our lives, possible. To the ever-present Hillies Old Boys, you are living testimonies the rich history of our great club. We hope that we have done that history justice this year.

I would personally like to recognise the contribution of First Grade Captain and clubman Dave Weston. His leadership both on and off the paddock this year has been exceptional and of great assistance to me. He is a man who consistently tries to make our club a better one.

And finally to the players, the Hillies Boys.

Thank you for sharing fairy-tales and devastation with me as Club Captain this year. I am very aware that I was especially fortunate to be elected in a winning year and it is an opportunity that I am very thankful for. To stand in the one-time shoes of Tony Brunsdon makes me especially proud. I would encourage all players to volunteer for a job at our great club and become a part of its legacy. If you are going to play for a club, you might as well become part of one.

It is my hope that in 2010 we all be back, and we will be ready to meet the twin impostors of triumph and disaster once again. We cannot fall back on 2009's success to hold our own in 2010. We must continue on our way and fundamentally we must improve. We have arrived in Second Division but there is still much to do.

The Hunt Continues

**Jules Arndt**  
**Club Captain – HHRUFC 2009**





## 2009 Year in Review – Club Coach Report

After finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> last in the 2008 Club Championship in 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, it was our goal in 2009 to be competitive in every grade and to put ourselves in contention for the Semi Finals.

We were to review this throughout the season and if each team was in fact in contention that would mean that we could in fact push for the Club Championship, but the realistic anticipation was that it would take 2 years to be promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.

So to have achieved promotion in 1 year is a credit to all the players, coaches, trainers, managers, committee and the supporters for their efforts throughout the season – well done to all.

This year unearthed some new talent to the Club which added to the overall playing strength and allowed us to be more competitive than last year.

The culmination of having 4 teams in the Grand Finals was an unexpected bonus and had not been done by the Club for 30 years and presented the club with a real challenge on the day.

The result was not what we wanted but it will prove to be a great building block for the future, as we have learnt what it takes to win a Grand Final –

- You cant turn up on the day and not be mentally prepared
- You must have an effective game plan
- You must take your opportunities to score points when they present themselves

For the Club to be competitive in 2<sup>nd</sup> Division we are going to have to address a few areas:

- ATTITUDE
- COACHING
- ORGANISATION
- SELECTIONS
- RECRUITMENT
- SKILLS

and RUGBY NOUS on how to win games and protect a lead.

I've enjoyed the season, working with the Coaches and Committee and hopefully helping you the players develop as Rugby players and that you enjoyed playing attacking rugby.

Bring on 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.

**Bruce "Robbo" Robinson**  
Club Coach – HHRUFC 2009



## 1st Grade Clark Cup Report 2009

Congratulations Hunters Hill, give yourselves a big slap on the back, a job well done. By the end of the competition all teams finishing either first or second, then all teams through to the grand finals!

Last year Dave Polly and I were approached by Rod Salmon and the new committee to coach first grade for the 2009 season. Despite them finishing second last in 2008 and 2007, we recognised their potential and promised them we would get the team through to the final series. The player's vast improvement surprised even us and we had to keep setting new target goals for them.

The captain of the team, leading from the front was Dave Weston (despite occasional language comprehension problems) did a good job, both on and off the field with his clubman like attitude and enthusiasm which became infectious to not only the team but the whole club. He started the ball rolling with some pre-preseason training with a core of about ten players per session from various grades, which not only kept them fit, but kept them together and thinking about the season ahead.

Pre season started with Chris Atkins (Axe) doing a great job of getting everybody fit for the season ahead, of which he continued through the year, he was a valuable asset for the club's success, this combined with Bruce Robinson co-ordinating the smooth running of the drills made pre season highly successful, as was evident throughout our all conquering trail matches.

The season started with a bang at Boronia Park by beating Epping 17-5 to top off an all grades win on the day, this set the platform and momentum for the rest of the year. Despite winning games such as Hills 55-7 and Hawkesbury Valley 55-10, we still had concentration lapses during games, the worst being a totally unexplainable loss to Brothers 24-28 (it still sticks like a thorn in my side), but in round 9 against last years grand finalists Petersham was a more significant win 54-12, this was a game we were switched on for the full eighty minutes and everything we tried worked well and left us leading the competition (at the beginning of year we had aimed at being in fourth spot at this stage of competition, leaving us once again to set new goals for them).

The team was playing well as a unit with all players doing their job well, Dave Weston, Jules Arndt and Andy Johnson dominating scrums, our speedy try scoring locks Dean Thomson and Jordon Butler dominating lineout's, loose forwards Luke MacLennan, Colman Taylor and Alex Light were tackling machines and controlled the breakdown, scrum half Stuart Woodbridge and fly half Dave Marshall provided the attacking spark igniting our lethal backline, orchestrated in the centre by "best & fairest player" and kicker Sam Henry along with Dan "the try scoring machine" Casa (29 tries in total), out wide the fast finishing speedster pair of elusive Burzin Mehta and palm off as many as possible on the way to the line Ben Bates and fullback Matt Lane had a great year, in both defence and attacking flair. Three quarters of the way through the season a new hard running centre Duncan Taylor added a new dimension along with super boot Chase Mason.

Other players who contributed through the year and were considered as much a part of the squad were Matt Macrae (who's year was cut short by a "slap on the pills", Nick Giacomini who went off for a six week "Arabic" jaunt, Latu Havea, Bruce Purcell, James Hammond, Luke Bird, Cam Van-Oirschot, Will Carew, Michael Kellaway, Ben Smith and especially Alex Vertoudakis who had an outstanding year only surrendering his spot through injury.

Such players give the necessary future and depth to win premierships of the future.

Through to the major semi-finals, this produced an awesome but heartbreaking game of football, losing to Merrylands in the last minute of the game 31-32. This forced us to play Blacktown in the final, while Merrylands had a weeks break to rest and sit back and watch which team they were going play in the grand final fight it out with each other. Blacktown came out strong to build up a good lead by half time, but Hunters Hill finished strongest to win 38-19.

Into the grand final against our "hoodoo" team Merrylands for another action packed game, only to be beaten again in last seconds of the game by conceding a try, an incident after the try was touched down resulted in us being awarded a penalty back on halfway. Chase Mason brought the heckling Merrylands crowd to silence as his kick sailed through the air towards posts with plenty of distance but only to be wide by a matter of inches to lose after time heartbreakingly again 12-13.

A big thanks to team manager Paul Shields, a true club man whose' tireless work and enthusiasm makes a coaches job easier (the man is a legend), along with game day assistant club stalwart Gary Lane your help and experience is invaluable. To Rod Salmon and the committee for their support, instead of against us, has made coaching this year a pleasure instead of a battle, they have set a good platform for the promotion into the new division in 2010.

**Phill Shaw / David Polly**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Coaches – HHRUFC 2009**



FIRST GRADE CLARK CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP >7p	BP	Pts
Merrylands	18	17	0	1	586	302	284	0	11	11	75
Hunters Hill	18	13	1	4	548	277	271	2	13	15	69
Balmain	18	11	1	6	451	368	83	2	10	12	58
Blacktown	18	12	0	6	356	256	100	3	6	9	57
Epping	18	11	0	7	384	328	56	2	5	7	51
Petersham	18	7	0	11	262	321	-59	3	2	5	33
Hawkesbury Valley	18	6	1	11	282	347	-65	4	2	6	32
UWSH	18	5	0	13	310	518	-208	4	6	10	30
Brothers	18	5	0	13	307	485	-178	2	6	8	28
Hills	18	1	1	16	188	472	-284	2	0	2	8

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Clark Cup 2009



**Back:** Alex Light, Jordan Butler, Dean Thompson, Matthew Lane, Duncan Taylor.

**Middle:** Gary Lane (Trainer), Paul Shields (Manager), Dan Casa, Andrew Johnson, Luke MacLennan, Matthew Macrae, Michael Kellaway, Dave Polly (Coach), Phill Shaw (Coach).

**Front:** Jules Arndt, Sam Henry, Dave Weston (Captain), David Marshall, Alex Vertoudakis, Stuart Woodbridge.

**Absent:** Colman Taylor, Ben Bates.

## 2nd Grade Farrant Cup Report 2009

Congratulations to all teams making the Grand Final this year, unfortunately we didn't win the day, but as we all know, we won the year!

Congratulations to all players who played second grade in 2009 we played a consistent style of rugby with strong forward defence and exciting back line plays. There were some high scoring games but most of them were hard fought and down to the wire.

Well done to Alex Verto for being second grade Best and Fairest and for his contribution as a well respected leader and strong captaincy skills.

I'd also like to thank Luke Bird, John Mallos, Thomas 'Killer' Cuniowski and Nathan Michaels for such strong commitment to the team by being there week in, week out, as well as the third graders who were prepared to stand by and assist.

We came second on the Table and second on Grand Final Day. For the first time in a long time, the club experienced an amazing show of camaraderie this year. The bonds between the players, the officials and the supporters was a breath of fresh air and ultimately led to the amazing season that the club experienced.

Our two best games of the year saw us play Brothers, 52-0 and 51-0 some great high lights for the backs scoring some really exciting tries. There were also some very close losses to Balmain and Petersham with 3 points being the most we lost by until Grand Final day, where lessons were learned. Thanks to Bones and Wayne for their support all year, and to Rod Salmon – a great leader, Renny Iles, Pat Feige, Phill Shaw, Dave Polly & Paul Shields for helping in every way possible.

The experience for me was very rewarding especially to get to the Grand Final in my first year of coaching. I feel privileged to have shared such an amazing experience with everyone involved. I'm looking forward to another great year and to winning the Grand final in 2010.

**Mark French**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Coach – HHRUFC 2009**



SECOND GRADE FARRANT CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP >7p	BP	Pts
Petersham	18	15	1	2	498	173	325	1	10	11	73
Hunters Hill	18	15	0	3	407	172	235	2	8	10	70
Balmain	18	11	1	6	390	230	160	3	8	11	57
Hawkesbury Valley	18	10	1	7	302	212	90	4	5	9	51
Blacktown	18	9	0	9	384	153	231	6	5	11	47
Merrylands	18	8	1	9	478	323	155	6	9	15	45
UWSH	18	7	0	11	327	422	-95	2	3	5	33
Hills	18	6	2	10	262	327	-65	2	3	5	33
Epping	18	6	0	12	279	363	-84	4	4	8	32
Brothers	18	0	0	18	34	986	-952	0	0	0	0

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Farrant Cup 2009



**Back:** Thomas Cuniowski, Brian Walker, Matt Calderwell, Chris Groves, Nicholas Giacomini.

**Middle:** Jim Bone (Manager), Wayne Afrika (Coach), James Hammond, Heilala Hevea, Jesse Croucher, Mark French (Coach).

**Front:** Michael Kellaway, Will Wright, Luke Bird, Colman Taylor (Captain), Zane Thomas, John Mallos, Ben Smith.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Campbell Cup Report 2009**

Another Rugby Season gone and what a season it was for the mighty 3rd grade side. A year that promised so much, but delivered heartbreak. We did complete what we set out to do and that was to improve on last year's season, but we came agonisingly short of the ultimate prize. That being said would rather concentrate on the positives of the year.

The year started off scratchy with some close wins to Epping and Hills to start off the year. What was evident in those 2 games is that we were not a cohesive unit. Once we got those games out of the way the rest of the year seemed to just fall in place. The 3rd grade side went through the regular season winning 17 games out of the 18 played. A remarkable achievement for a side that was always swapping personnel. Highlights of the year were definitely our big wins being against UWSH both times, Brothers and Hawkesbury. We had some tough wins against arch rivals Petersham and Merrylands. Unfortunately we weren't good enough on the day that matters going down to a somewhat different Merrylands side from the team we played throughout the year 21-23. But it wasn't a season in which we left completely empty handed by winning the Minor Premiership. But we would swap this for the big one any day of the week.

We went into the year with a plan that was different to years gone by. We placed a heavy emphasis on our defence through the year and that showed in only conceding less than 80points for the season. Our attack wasn't too bad either mainly centering on the success at our set piece. Our scratchy start to the season was due to a change of personnel within the halves. Once we settled on a scrum base duo, we seemed to play good, smart rugby.

Special mentions for the year go to our Captain Tim "I love my pre-game ritual" Vertoudakis who probably had one of the toughest assignments in the club having to try and rein in some of the personalities we had in the team. He took the job and ran with it leading his charges to a near perfect season. His cool headed approach during the game probably saved us a lot more yellow cards than we thought. His cool headed approach during the game probably saved us a lot more yellow cards than we thought. Other mentions go to Jono "Cue ball" Gelling who was an absolute Titan round the park and unstoppable at the lineout. Matt "Steve Price" Taka was a notable figure throughout the backend of the season being largely responsible for the ball we won at the breakdown. Speaking of breakdown, Tim "I'll take the tap and run into those giant Islanders" Dodds was yet again enormous for us this year. The guy as you all know has no care whatsoever for self preservation and was the glue that kept this forward pack together. Adrian "Laki" Harvey was his aggressive self, knocking out everyone who wanted to take a tap (even knocking out the guy's in his own team trying to help). Chris "I did my shoulder in the Grand Final" Collins was a rock in defence all year in the centres. Part of the reason why were so successful was his ability to shut down attacking raids through the middle 3rd. And finally Dean "I dropped the ball over the try line with my first touch of the footy in 4 years" Vandine was probably the difference in terms of stability from years gone by. He didn't have the speed of a five eight, he didn't really have the figure of an inside back, he didn't really look like a back in general. But looks can be deceiving and Dean's ability to kick us out of trouble, tackle through the middle and guide the team round the park was invaluable. He also was a huge support for me as coach.

One person that we must not forget is Rob Gray. The standout performer all year for 3rd grade and was an absolute pest for opposing sides. A five-eight playing out of position, Rob was enormous all year being the difference at times between winning and losing.

I do apologise if I have left anyone out. It has been a pleasure to be involved with this club, this team for a 3rd year in a row. Considering we took this team from a side who finished 8th in 2006 and built it into a side who finished 3rd in 2007 & 2008 and losing the big one in 2009 gives me great pleasure in knowing that in some way shape or form I have left a base to work from. While we didn't win the GF, the friends you make and the good people within this club that you meet is worth a lot more than just a Grand Final win. Hoping that 2010 is just as successful. Bring on 2nd Division.

**Andrew Harvey / Dean Vandine  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Coaches – HHRUFC 2009**





THIRD GRADE CAMPBELL CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP >7p	BP	Pts
Hunters Hill	18	17	0	1	458	76	382	1	10	11	79
Petersham	18	15	1	2	462	105	357	1	8	9	71
Merrylands	18	12	1	5	438	209	229	3	11	14	60
Hills	18	10	0	8	307	236	71	5	4	9	49
Balmain	18	10	0	8	305	172	133	3	4	7	47
Blacktown	18	8	2	8	265	226	39	4	4	8	44
Epping	18	7	0	11	294	385	-91	4	4	8	36
Hawkesbury Valley	18	5	0	13	183	298	-115	3	3	6	26
UWSH	18	2	0	16	157	645	-488	2	3	5	13
Brothers	18	2	0	16	106	623	-517	1	1	2	10

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Campbell Cup 2009



**Back:** Jon Gelling, Adrian Harvey, Garrett Bourke.

**Middle:** Jim Bone (Manager), Robert Carter, Matthew Taka, Alex Ronzel, Adam Limberiou, Paul Shields (Runner).

**Front:** Andrew Harvey (Coach), Kane Nicholson, Andre Thomas, Tim Vertoudakis (Captain), Chris Collins, Dean Vandine (Coach), Tim Dodds.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Nicholson Cup Report 2009

After a tight win against Petersham in the 2008 Grand Final, 4<sup>th</sup> grade started the year with added vigour & enthusiasm. The team was conscious as the reigning premiers, every opposing team was looking for their opportunity to take us down and stake a claim as contenders. With Richard Colley taking the helm, we were ready to start where we left off & give the black & white army the perfect start to each Saturday.

Scoring 120 points in the 1<sup>st</sup> three games was a message to all that we were determined to build on last year's success and defend our premiership. Well tested by Brothers with a 5 all draw, 4<sup>th</sup> grade remained undefeated til round 9 & our arch nemesis – Petersham. This was the wake up call the players & coaching staff needed to adjust attitudes and tactics to get to the business end of the season. Apart from an upset loss to UWSH, 4<sup>th</sup> grade firmed as serious contenders & were now looking at Merrylands and Petersham as possible final foes.

The intensity of play, coaching and the administration was a significant step up from last year & the faces of all involved told the story. We were simply loving our footy. With a total of 15 wins, 1 draw and 5 losses, 4<sup>th</sup> grade were pipped in the grand final by a stout Merrylands outfit. Looking back, one can admire the intensity in which the game was played & respect the defence on the line the Merrylands pack displayed in the last 10 minutes.

One of the great aspects of rugby is the humbling emotion of losing a grand final. That said, we now have a greater respect for our opposition & the game, and came away learning something of ourselves.

I would like to thank all players in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade squad & "Crazy" Dave for the early mornings, the extended training sessions and their passion for each other and Hunters Hill Rugby. Special thanks goes to Jim Bone & for those who made the effort to support and share our love for all things black & white.

### Liam Cooper & Richard Colley 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Coaches – HHRUFC 2009



FOURTH GRADE NICHOLSON CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP >7p	BP	Pts
Merrylands	18	16	0	2	639	139	500	2	14	16	76
Hunters Hill	18	14	1	3	404	148	256	0	8	8	66
Brothers	18	11	2	5	293	168	125	3	4	7	55
Petersham	18	11	0	7	278	181	97	3	4	7	51
Hills	18	8	3	7	177	247	-70	2	2	4	42
Balmain	18	5	3	10	190	270	-80	5	4	9	35
UWSH	18	7	0	11	268	300	-32	2	4	6	34
Hawkesbury Valley	18	7	1	10	124	309	-185	1	0	1	31
Blacktown	18	3	2	13	127	370	-243	3	1	4	20
Epping	18	2	0	16	92	460	-368	3	0	3	11

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Nicholson Cup 2009



**Back:** Matthew Graham, Cyrus Church, Scott Liddicoat, Tom Kellaway, Brad Chalmers.

**Middle:** Scott Keenan, Matthew Amery, Max Marraffa, Oswald Lee, Hayden Brown, Matthew Shelton, Dave Warren (Coach).

**Front:** Mark Thornton, Joel Firth, Mark French, Richard Colley (Captain / Coach), Ron White, Liam Cooper (Coach),

Renny Iles, Martin Merrick. **Absent:** Simeli Latilevu, Andy Ball.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Halligan Cup Report 2009

The 2009 HHRUFC Halligan Cup effort resulted in an 11th place finish out of 31 teams. This was an impressive result for a team that some weeks had to resort to bribing Wayne Afrika with breakfast to borrow Killer's boots and have a run.

The 2009 5th Grade squad started the year well for the club with a 12-10 win over Epping at home, contributing to that first day of the season's clean sweep. A win over Blacktown at home in round 8 (21-10), followed. Wins were also had at home over Hills in round 11 (19-8), over Balmain at Balmain in round 12 (7-5), and we finished the season with a win at home over Petersham (12-7).

2009 unearthed the rough diamond that is Mitch Mobbs, aka Jukebox (cause he plays all the big hits...), our Sri Lankan flyers Virage & Viren, saw the Cusumano father & son duo take on all comers, el presidente Big Fish brought the star power to the team, and some foreign travellers brought a flavour of Spanish and German culture to the team. If someone could buy Suitcases a watch, and throw out what's left of Ralf's boots, it'd be most appreciated.

Special thanks must go to Glenn Morrissey (Coach) for his passion, efforts & patience, to Paul Shields & Jim Bone for helping out, and to everyone (and theres a lot of you so I won't name you all..) who played for 5ths at some stage this year. I can't thank you enough, the 5th Grade squad is an integral part of the club that fosters the spirit of rugby at its purest.

**Chris 'Schapelle' Groves**  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Manager - HHRUFC 2009

FIFTH GRADE HALLIGAN CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP >7p	BP	Pts
Mosman I	18	17	0	1	476	130	346	1	10	11	79
Waverley I	18	15	1	2	484	137	347	1	10	11	73
Macquarie Uni	16	10	1	5	261	171	90	2	4	6	48
Petersham	17	10	0	7	241	230	11	4	2	6	46
Waverley II	17	8	0	9	357	306	51	5	5	10	42
Forest	13	8	1	4	216	184	32	2	3	5	39
Epping	15	8	0	7	263	294	-31	2	4	6	38
Colleagues Convicts	17	6	2	9	206	283	-77	3	3	6	34
Maccabi	10	5	1	4	176	140	36	1	3	4	26
Hills I	13	4	1	8	199	228	-29	4	4	8	26
Hunters Hill	16	5	0	11	143	286	-143	4	0	4	24
Colleagues	11	5	0	6	159	198	-39	0	3	3	23
Roseville I	7	4	1	2	175	113	62	0	3	3	21
Balmain I	14	3	0	11	142	288	-146	2	2	4	16
Blacktown	7	3	0	4	115	109	6	1	1	2	14
UNSW I	13	3	0	10	127	318	-191	1	1	2	14
Briars	11	2	0	9	111	249	-138	2	2	4	12
Redfield	3	2	0	1	49	19	30	1	1	2	10
Colleagues Convicts II	7	2	0	5	68	111	-43	2	0	2	10
Mosman II	2	2	0	0	39	7	32	0	1	1	9
Roseville II	1	1	0	0	34	5	29	0	1	1	5
Rockdale	1	1	0	0	24	12	12	0	1	1	5
UNSW II	4	1	0	3	71	104	-33	0	1	1	5
St George	1	1	0	0	10	5	5	0	0	0	4
Beecroft	1	1	0	0	7	5	2	0	0	0	4
Oatley	2	1	0	1	15	40	-25	0	0	0	4
Hills II	1	0	0	1	17	24	-7	1	0	1	1
Chatswood	5	0	0	5	15	125	-110	1	0	1	1
Lane Cove	1	0	0	1	0	24	-24	0	0	0	0
Kings Old Boys	1	0	0	1	0	26	-26	0	0	0	0
Balmain II	1	0	0	1	5	34	-29	0	0	0	0



# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Halligan Cup 2009



**Back:** Glenn Morrissey (Coach), Paul Dunstan, Vince Cusumano, Paul Shields, Andrew Ball, Tim Shanley, Pedro Spanish, Laurie Mullen, Jack Sandell, Nathan James, Virage Fernando, Chris Groves (Manager).  
**Front:** Viren Fernando, Vincent Cusumano, Alex Moore, James Wookey, Rod Salmon, Mitchell Tyson Mobbs, Dan Cummings, Janick Geinelt.



## Under 85kg Report 2009

The U85kg team was conceived to give some of the ex juniors plus other lighter weight players an opportunity to play some enjoyable football for and against people of approximately their own weight.

There was also the attraction of the games being played at night over a relatively short period of 6 to 8 weeks. This brought to the club some new players while retaining who were likely to drop out.

At our first match the Chairman of the NSWSRU, Ian 'Cowboy' Ross, an ex President and Life Member of HHRUFC, handed out the jumpers to the inaugural team.

By the end of the competition over 50 players had participated and every one of them expressed enjoyment in playing this format. This despite playing on some very wet nights and very soggy grounds.

The rugby played in U85kg is fast and furious with ball and player movement super quick which the players thoroughly enjoy.

Thanks must be given to Glenn Morrissey who coached the team. His enthusiasm was large as was his phone bill. He had the players respect and his keenness was contagious.

Although we did not make the semi finals it was a bright start for our first U85kg season.

Yours in rugby

**Bruce Lycett**  
**U/85kg Manager - HHRUFC 2009**

			U 85kg		
21/04/2009	H	Knox OB	L	5	24
28/04/2009	A	St Ives	W	7	3
5/05/2009	H	Chatswood	L	7	20
12/05/2009	A	Dee Why	W	11	5
19/05/2009	H	Mosman	L	0	62
16/06/2009	A	Lloyd McDermott	L	5	32
07/07/09	H	Lindfield	W	Forfeit	
Total For & Against				35	146

Under 85kg CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP >7p	BP	Pts
Mosman	7	7	0	0	246	22	224	0	6	6	34
Knox Old Boys	7	6	0	1	172	74	98	0	4	4	28
Lloyd McDermott	7	5	0	2	221	53	168	2	5	7	27
Dee Why	7	3	0	4	125	94	31	2	2	4	16
Hunters Hill	7	3	0	4	63	146	-83	0	1	1	13
Chatswood	7	2	0	5	63	189	-126	0	0	0	8
Lindfield	7	1	1	5	39	159	-120	0	0	0	6
St Ives	7	0	1	6	30	222	-192	2	0	2	4



**Back:** Tom Lenne, Michael Kellaway, Alex Moore, Ben Collis.

**Middle:** Bruce Lycett (Manager), Robbie Woollie, Tim Shanley, Henry Branch, Richard Colley, Glenn Morrissey (Coach).

**Front:** Vincent Cusumano, Viren Fernando, Brad Chalmers, Nathan James, Will Wright, Ben Smith, Nicholas Farrar.

## Division 3 Club Championship 2009

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	Pts
Hunters Hill	3030
Merrylands	2778*
Balmain	2347
Petersham	2181
Blacktown	2142
Epping	1755
Hawkesbury Valley	1565
UWSH	1236
Hills	992
Brothers	841

\* Deducted 172 CC points for plus 4 competition points in each grade for excessive red cards

## HHRUFC Club Results 2009

Rd	Date		Against	1st Clarke	2nd Farrant	3rd Campbell	4th Nicholson	5th Halligan
1	4/4	H	Epping	W 17 5	W 29 15	W 17 3	W 52 10	W 12 10
2	18/4	A	Hills	W 55 7	W 41 8	W 10 8	W 41 0	L 5 33
3	25/4	H	Balmain	W 26 25	L 22 25	W 32 3	W 26 20	L 0 31
4	2/5	A	Merrylands	L 24 38	W 18 17	W 22 7	W 15 12	L 7 34
5	9/5	H	Hawkesbury Valley	W 55 10	W 15 14	W 29 0	W 26 12	L 7 12
6	16/5	A	Brothers	L 24 28	W 52 0	W 19 0	D 5 5	L 12 22
7	23/5	H	UWSH	W 39 10	W 30 8	W 60 0	W 17 7	
8	30/5	H	Blacktown	W 22 5	W 10 7	W 38 0	W 38 0	W 21 10
9	13/6	A	Petersham	W 54 12	L 17 18	W 10 7	L 5 16	L 14 15
10	1/8	A	Epping	W 29 14	W 12 5	W 47 0	W 41 0	L 7 17
11	27/6	H	Hills	W 45 0	W 14 8	W 33 0	W 24 0	W 19 8
12	4/7	A	Balmain	D 18 18	W 17 10	W 21 7	W 7 0	W 7 5
13	11/7	H	Merrylands	L 24 46	W 14 8	W 12 7	L 5 28	L 5 14
14	18/7	A	Hawkesbury Valley	W 10 3	W 27 6	W 28 12	W 17 0	L 5 10
15	25/7	H	Brothers	W 24 10	W 51 0	W 29 5	W 14 11	L 5 7
16	8/8	A	UWSH	W 45 25	W 24 7	W 31 0	L 15 24	
17	15/8	A	Blacktown	L 14 15	W 11 3	L 10 14	W 35 0	L 5 51
18	22/8	H	Petersham	W 23 6	L 3 13	W 17 3	W 21 3	W 12 7

			v Merrylands	v Petersham	v Petersham	v Merrylands
<b>S</b>	29/8	CA Redmond Park	L 31 32	L 12 16	W 11 6	L 5 43
			v Blacktown	v Balmain		v Petersham
<b>F</b>	5/9	Granville Oval	W 38 19	W 32 17		W 21 7
			v Merrylands	v Petersham	v Merrylands	v Merrylands
<b>GF</b>	12/9	Granville Oval	L 12 13	L 0 23	L 21 23	L 5 10

<b>Total For and Against</b>	629	341
<b>Diff</b>		288

451	228
	223

497	105
	392

435	208
	227

143	286
	-143

Won	14	16	18	15	5
Drawn	1	0	0	1	0
Lost	6	5	2	5	11





## HHRUFC Top Point Scorers 2009

### All Grades Top Points Scorers

HENRY, Samuel	154
CASA, Daniel	145
MASON, Chase	129
KELLAWAY, Michael	105
VANDINE, Dean	102
THOMAS, Zane	85

### 1st Grade Top Points Scorers

HENRY, Samuel	154
CASA, Dan	80
MEHTA, Burzin	55
LANE, Matt	45
BUTLER, Jordan	35
MARSHALL, David	35

### 2nd Grade Top Points Scorers

KELLAWAY, Michael	53
MASON, Chase	53
THOMAS, Zane	48
HAMMOND, James	42
MICHAEL, Nathan	35
CASA, Dan	30
HAVEA, Heilala	30

### 3rd Grade Top Points Scorers

VANDINE, Dean	102
GELLING, Jon	40
THOMAS, Zane	26
FEIGE, Pat	25
GRAY, Robert	25
NICHOLSON, Kane	25

### 4th Grade Top Points Scorers

COLLEY, Richard	55
LATILEVU, Simeli	45
WHITE, Ron	43
KELLAWAY, Tom	36
CASA, Daniel	35
CHALMERS, Brad	30
KELLAWAY, Michael	30

### 5th Grade Top Points Scorers

MASON, Chase	24
ELTURK, Joseph	20
PHELAN, Shane	20
BRUNSDON, Stuart	19
SIMSHAUSER, Thomas	10
STEPHENS, Dustin	7

### U/85kg Top Points Scorers

CUMMINGS, Ed	9
THOMAS, Zane	6
FARRAR, Nicolas	5
JONES, Cosmo	5
KELLAWAY, Michael	5
MOSTYN, Cameron	5



# HHRUFC Point Scoring 2009

## Points - 2009

### 1st Grade

		Rd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Semi	F	GF
Total		4/4	18/4	25/4	2/5	9/5	16/5	23/5	30/5	13/6	1/8	27/6	4/7	11/7	18/7	25/7	8/8	15/8	22/8	29/8	5/9	12/9	
		E	Hill	Bal	Mer	HV	Bro	UWSH	Bktn	P	E	Hill	Bal	Mer	HV	Bro	UW SH	Bktn	P	Mer	Bktn	Mer	
BATES, Ben	T	20				5	5			5										5			
BUTLER, Jordan	T	35	5	5		5			5	5						5						5	
CAREW, Will	T	5			5																		
CASA, Dan	T	80					10	10		5		5	10	5			15		5	5	10		
HAMMOND, James	T	15		15																			
HAVEA, Heilala	T	5		5																			
HENRY, Samuel	G	108	2	12	6	6	10	4	6	2	14		10	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	6	8	2
HENRY, Samuel	PG	15		3					3					3		3				3			
HENRY, Samuel	T	25				5							5		5	5	5						
HENRY, Samuel	FG	6												3						3			
LANE, Matt	T	45		5	10				10		5	5					5					5	
LIGHT, Alex	T	20			5				5				5							5			
MACLENNAN, Luke	T	20						5		5			10										
MARSHALL, David	T	35	5			5					10	5	5								5		
MASON, Chase	T	15															5	5				5	
MASON, Chase	G	14									6						8						
MASON, Chase	PG	3									3												
MEHTA, Burzin	T	55					15		5	5	10				5							10	5
TAYLOR, Colman	T	15													5	5					5		
TAYLOR, Duncan	T	15																	5	5	5		
THOMPSON, Dean	T	10								5	5												
VERTOUDAKIS, Alex	T	30		10		5	5					5					5						
WESTON, Dave	T	25				5	5					5					5	5					
WOODBIDGE, Stuart	T	15	10				5																
<b>1st Grade Total</b>		<b>631</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12</b>



Points - 2009

2nd Grade

		Rd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Semi	F	GF
		Total	4/4	18/4	25/4	2/5	9/5	16/5	23/5	30/5	13/6	1/8	27/6	4/7	11/7	18/7	25/7	8/8	15/8	22/8	29/8	5/9	12/9
			E	Hills	Bal	Mer	HV	Bro	UWSH	Bktn	P	E	Hills	Bal	Mer	HV	Bro	UW SH	Bktn	P	P	Bal	P
BATES, Ben	T	5																	5				
BONNER, Dave	T	5										5											
CAREW, Will	T	20							5	5	5				5								
CASA, Dan	T	30		10	10	5	5																
CHURCH, Cyrus	T	10	5														5						
CROUCHER, Jesse	T	5	5																				
CUNIOWSKI, Thomas	T	5														5							
GRAHAM, Matthew	T	5						5															
HAMMOND, James	T	40						10	5							10	10	5					
HAMMOND, James	G	2															2						
HAVEA, Latu	T	30						5				5				5	5	10					
KELLAWAY, Michael	G	18	6				2					2					4	4					
KELLAWAY, Michael	PG	15	3				3												6	3			
KELLAWAY, Michael	T	20														5							15
MASON, Chase	T	30						5		5	5		5								5	5	
MASON, Chase	G	14									2			4							2	6	
MASON, Chase	PG	9												3								6	
MEHTA, Burzin	T	15		5	5																5		
MICHAEL, Nathan	T	35	5	10				5									15						
PETERS, Nathan	T	10				5	5																
PURCELL, Bruce	T	5		5																			
PURCELL, Bruce	G	10		8		2																	
PURCELL, Bruce	PG	9		3		6																	
TAYLOR, Duncan	T	5															5						
THOMAS, Andre	T	5			5																		
THOMAS, Andre	G	2			2																		
THOMAS, Zane	G	18						12	2				4										
THOMAS, Zane	PG	15							3								9	3					
THOMAS, Zane	T	15						5						10									
VAN OIRSCHOT, Cam	T	10	5						5														
VERTOUDAKIS, Alex	T	5									5												
WALKER, Brian	T	25						5	10				5					5					
WRIGHT, Will	T	5															5						
<b>2nd Grade Total</b>		<b>452</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>



Points - 2009

3rd Grade

		Rd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Semi	F	GF
Total		4/4	18/4	25/4	2/5	9/5	16/5	23/5	30/5	13/6	1/8	27/6	4/7	11/7	18/7	25/7	8/8	15/8	22/8	29/8	5/9	12/9	
		E	Hills	Bal	Mer	HV	Bro	UWSH	Bktn	P	E	Hills	Bal	Mer	HV	Bro	UWSH	Bktn	P	P		Mer	
CARTER, Robert	T	5								5													
CHALMERS, Brad	T	10			5											5							
COLLEY, Richard	T	15							5			10											
COLLINS, Chris	T	15													5					5			5
FEIGE, Pat	T	25						10	5					5						5			
GELLING, Jon	T	40			5		5		5	5		5		5		5							5
GRAY, Robert	T	25						5				5	5		5		5						
GROVES, Chris	T	10										5					5						
HARVEY, Adrian (Laki)	T	15				5			10														
HARVEY, Andrew	T	20				5						10					5						
HAVEA, LaLa	T	10											5										5
KELLAWAY, Michael	T	15				5			10														
KELLAWAY, Michael	G	2				2																	
LATILEVU, Simeli	T	15			5				5				5										
LIMBERIOU, Adam	T	5								5													
MACRAE, Matt	T	5											5										
MASON, Chase	T	15			10		5																
NICHOLSON, Kane	T	25													10	15							
RIA, Kaz	T	5					5																
RONZEL, Alexander	T	10	5																		5		
SMITH, Ben	T	10											10										
SMITH, Richard	T	20							10	5							5						
TAKA, Mathew	T	10								5		5											
THOMAS, Andre	T	5												5									
THOMAS, Andre	G	2		2																			
THOMAS, Andre	PG	3		3																			
THOMAS, Shannon	T	15	5							5	5												
THOMAS, Zane	G	10	4		4		2																
THOMAS, Zane	PG	6	3		3																		
THOMAS, Zane	T	10		5																5			
VANDINE, Dean	T	10					5														5		
VANDINE, Dean	G	80					4	4	10	8		12	6	6	2	8	4	6	2	2			6
VANDINE, Dean	PG	12					3												3		6		
VERTOUDAKIS, Tim	T	10								5								5					
WALKER, Brian	T	5				5																	
WHITE, Ron	G	2											2										
<b>3rd Grade Total</b>		497	17	10	32	22	29	19	60	38	10	47	33	21	12	28	29	31	10	17	11	0	21



Points - 2009  
4th Grade

		Rd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Semi	F	GF
		Total	4/4	18/4	25/4	2/5	9/5	16/5	23/5	30/5	13/6	1/8	27/6	4/7	11/7	18/7	25/7	8/8	15/8	22/8	29/8	5/9	12/9
			E	Hills	Bal	Mer	HV	Bro	UWSH	Black	P	E	Hills	Bal	Mer	HV	Bro	UWSH	Black	P	Mer	P	Mer
AMERY, Matt	G	20	12		2		6																
AMERY, Matt	T	5			5																		
BRUNSDON, Stuart	T	5																					5
CASA, Daniel	T	35	10	10	15																		
CHALMERS, Brad	T	30		10								5	5		5						5		
CHURCH, Cyrus	T	5																			5		
COLLEY, Richard	T	55	5				15					15				5				5	5		5
COOPER, Liam	T	10							5	5													
FEIGE, Pat	T	20	10	10																			
FIRTH, Joel	T	10					5					5											
FRENCH, Mark	T	10										5									5		
HILL, Julian	T	5				5																	
KATOA, Loni	T	5							5														
KEENAN, Scott	T	5											5										
KELLAWAY, Michael	T	20							5	10				5									
KELLAWAY, Michael	G	10							2	8													
KELLAWAY, Tom	G	6		6																			
KELLAWAY, Tom	T	30										5					5			10	5		5
LATILEVU, Simeli	T	45	10					5		10						10	5						5
LIDDICOAT, Scott	T	5	5																				
MASON, Chase	T	5									5												
MOBBS, Mitchell-Tyson	T	5																				5	
NICHOLSON, Kane	T	10											10										
SATAVA, Aqarna	T	10				10																	
SMITH, Ben	T	5								5													
STEPHANS, Dustin	G	2																				2	
TAYLOR, Colman	T	5		5																			
THOMAS, Zane	T	5																5					
WHITE, Ron	G	38										6	4	2		2	4			5	8	6	6
WHITE, Ron	T	5																5					
WRIGHT, Jack	G	4			4																		
WRIGHT, Will	T	5																5					
<b>4th Grade Total</b>		<b>435</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>



Points - 2009

5th Grade Total

		Rd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Total	4/4	18/4	25/4	2/5	9/5	16/5	23/5	30/5	13/6	1/8	27/6	4/7	11/7	18/7	25/7	8/8	15/8	22/8
			E	Hills	Bal	Mos	Mos	Ros		Black	P	E	Hills	Bal	CC	CII	For		Black	P
AFRIKA, Wayne	T	5																	5	
BRUNSDON, Stuart	T	10				5	5						5							
BRUNSDON, Stuart	G	2				2	2													
DODD, Jason	G	2										2								
DUNSTAN, Paul	T	5	5																	
ELTURK, Joseph	T	20									5	5	10							
FERNANDO, Viren	T	5	5																	
JAMES, Nathan	T	5									5									
MASON, Chase	T	10								5						5				
MASON, Chase	G	14								6	4		4							
MOBBS,Mitchell-Tyson	T	5																		5
MULLEN, Laurie	G	2	2																	
PHELAN, Shane	T	20		5						10				5						
PURCELL, Bruce	G	2						2												
SHANLEY, Tim	G	2																		2
SHAW, John	T	5						5												
SIMSHAUSER, Thomas	T	10						5							5					
STEPHANS, Dustin	G	2												2						
STEPHANS, Dustin	T	5															5			
WOOKEY, AJ	T	5																		5
<b>5th Grade Total</b>		<b>143</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>



Points - 2009

U85 kg

		Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Total	4-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	12-May	1-Jul	07-Jul	16-Jun
			Knox	St Ives	Chatswood	Dee W	Mosman	Lindfield	Lloyd McDermott
CUMMINGS, Ed	T	5		5					
CUMMINGS, Ed	G	4		2	2				
JONES, Cosmo	T	5	5						
KELLAWAY, Michael	T	5				5			
MOSTYN, Cameron	T	5			5				
THOMAS, Zane	PG	6				6			
FARRAR, Nicolas	T	5							5
<b>U85 kg Total</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>



## HHRUFC Best & Fairest 2009

Round 1		1st Grade Clark Cup		2nd Grade Farrant Cup		3rd Grade Campbell Cup		4th Grade Nicholson Cup		5th Grade Halligan Cup
4-Apr	3	David Marshall	3	Jesse Croucher	3	Alex Ronzel	3	Nathan Peters	3	Mitchell Tyson-Mobbs
Boronia Park	2	Ben Batem	2	Rob Carter	2	Shannon Thomas	2	Simeli Latilvau	2	Viren Fernando
Epping	1	Luke MacLennon	1	Michael Kellaway	1	Will Wright	1	Dan Casa	1	Thomas Sinshauser
<b>Round 2</b>										
18-Apr	3	Dean Thompson	3	Bruce Purcell	3	Adrian Harvey	3	Dan Casa	3	Albert Patu
Yattenden Oval	2	Matt Macrea	2	Burzin Mehta	2	Jon Gelling	2	Pat Feige	2	George Staples
Hills	1	James Hammond	1	Nathan Michael	1	Nathan Peters	1	Brad Chalmers	1	Thomas Sinshauser
<b>Round 3</b>										
25-Apr	3	Dean Thompson	3	Cam Van Oriscot	3	Liam Finnane	3	Dan Casa	3	Matt Payne
Boronia Park	2	Sam Henry	2	Jesse Croucher	2	Jon Gelling	2	Liam Cooper	2	Max Marraffa
Balmain	1	La La Havea	1	Nathan Peters	1	Chase Mason	1	Matt Taka	1	Mitchell Tyson-Mobbs
<b>Round 4</b>										
2-May	3	Sam Henry	3	Nathan Peters	3	Tim Dodds	3	Pat Feige	3	no
Holroyd Sports Ground	2	Dave Weston	2	Thomas Cuniowiski	2	Shannon Thomas	2	Chris Groves	2	points
Merrylands	1	David Marshall	1	Rob Carter	1	Michael Kellaway	1	Luke MacLennon	1	awarded
<b>Round 5</b>										
9-May	3	Dave Weston	3	Andre Thomas	3	Cyrus Church	3	Richie Colley	3	Chase Mason
Boronia Park	2	David Marshall	2	Colman Taylor	2	Rob Gray	2	Lim Cooper	2	Mitchell Tyson-Mobbs
Hawkesbury Valley	1	Jordan Butler	1	Nathan Peters	1	Jon Gelling	1	Joel Firth	1	Dom Fegence
<b>Round 6</b>										
16-May	3	Dan Casa	3	Chase Mason	3	Pat Feige	3	Joel Firth	3	Blake Shields
Roseville Chase Oval	2	Burzin Mehta	2	Zane Thomas	2	Chris Collins	2	Julian Hill	2	Dom Fegence
Brothers	1	Sam Henry	1	Colman Taylor	1	Rob Gray	1	Mark French	1	Thomas Sinshauser
<b>Round 7</b>										
23-May	3	Andy Johnson	3	Brian Walker	3	Tim Vertoudakis	3	Loni Katoa	3	No
Boronia Park	2	Colman Taylor	2	James Hammond	2	Pat Feige	2	Scott Keenan	2	Game
UWSH	1	Matt Lane	1	John Mallos	1	Tim Dodds	1	Liam Cooper	1	Played
<b>Round 8</b>										
30-May	3	Sam Henry	3	Alex Vertoudakis	3	Shannon Thomas	3	Scott Keenan	3	Tim Shanley
Boronia Park	2	Dean Thompson	2	John Mallos	2	Matt Taka	2	Joel Firth	2	Viren Fernando
Blacktown	1	Luke MacLennon	1	Thomas Cuniowiski	1	Tim Vertoudakis	1	Renny Iles	1	Blake Shields
<b>Round 9</b>										
13-Jun	3	Dave Weston	3	Alex Vertoudakis	3	Rob Gray	3	Scott Keenan	3	Tim Shanley
Camperdown Oval	2	Sam Henry	2	Will Carew	2	Jon Gelling	2	Richie Colley	2	Paul Dunstan
Petersham	1	Dean Thompson	1	Luke Bird	1	Ben Smith	1	Cyrus Church	1	Max Marraffa





<b>Round 10</b>										
1-Aug	3	Dean Thompson	3	Matt Taka	3	Alex Ronzel	3	Mark French	3	Brad Chalmers
Somerville Oval	2	Dave Marshall	2	La La Havea	2	Matt Taka	2	Joel Firth	2	Max Marraffa
Epping	1	Dave Weston	1	Nick Giacomini	1	Pat Feige	1	Richard Colley	1	Joseph Elturk
<b>Round 11</b>										
27-Jun	3	Sam Henry	3	Alex Vertoudakis	3	Matt Taka	3	Hayden Brown	3	Dustin Mason
Boronia Park	2	Alex Light	2	James Hammond	2	Ben Smith	2	Scott Keenan	2	Viren Fernando
Hills	1	Luke MacLennon	1	Thomas Cuniowski	1	Chris Groves	1	Viren Fernando	1	Will Wright
<b>Round 12</b>										
4-Jul	3	Sam Henry	3	Zane Thomas	3	La La Havea	3	Thomas Kellaway	3	Laurence Mullan
Blackmore Park	2	Luke MacLennon	2	Garrett Bourke	2	Tim Dodds	2	Joel Firth	2	Oz Lee
Balmain	1	Alex Light	1	Chase Mason	1	Dean Vandine	1	Mark French	1	Joseph Elturk
<b>Round 13</b>										
11-Jul	3	Luke MacLennon	3	Cam Van Oriscot	3	Matt Taka	3	Dave Bonner	3	Laurence Mullan
Boronia Park	2	Colman Taylor	2	La La Havea	2	Chris Collins	2	Tom Kellaway	2	Dan Cummings
Merrylands	1	Dave Marshall	1	Will Wright	1	Chris Groves	1	Oz Lee	1	Jack Sandell
<b>Round 14</b>										
18-Jul	3	Jordan Butler	3	La La Havea	3	Rob Gray	3	Simeli Latilvau	3	Dustin Mason
McQuade Park	2	Colman Taylor	2	Jesse Croucher	2	Chris Collins	2	Scott Keenan	2	Graham Levin
Hawkesbury Valley	1	Luke Bird	1	Will Wright	1	Tim Vertoudakis	1	Joel Firth	1	Paul Dunstan
<b>Round 15</b>										
25-Jul	3	Stu Woodbridge	3	Cyrus Church	3	Kane Nicholson	3	Dave Bonner	3	Mitchell Tyson-Mobbs
Boronia Park	2	Alex Light	2	Michael Kellaway	2	Jon Gelling	2	Joel Firth	2	Shane Phelan
Brothers	1	Chase Mason	1	Nathan Michael	1	Tim Dodds	1	Jason Gaff	1	Paul Dunstan
<b>Round 16</b>										
8-Aug	3	Luke MacLennon	3	Brian Walker	3	Chris Groves	3	Max Marraffa	3	No
College Oval	2	Sam Henry	2	Ben Bates	2	Rob Gray	2	Mark French	2	Game
UWSH	1	Alex Light	1	Michael Kellaway	1	Adrian Harvey	1	Renny Iles	1	Played
<b>Round 17</b>										
15-Aug	3	Duncan Taylor	3	Ben Bates	3	Rob Gray	3	Max Marraffa	3	Kaz Ria
Charlie Bali Reserve	2	Dean Thompson	2	Luke Bird	2	Adrian Harvey	2	Tom Kellaway	2	Rod Salmon
Blacktown	1	Sam Henry	1	Matt Calderwood	1	Tim Dodds	1	Mitchell Tyson Mobbs	1	Will Wright
<b>Round 18</b>										
22-Aug	3	Duncan Taylor	3	Matt Calderwood	3	Dean Vandine	3	Richard Colley	3	Mitchell Tyson-Mobbs
Boronia Park	2	Matthew Lane	2	Colman Taylor	2	Jon Gelling	2	Scott Liddicoat	2	Paul Dunstan
Petersham	1	Andy Johnson	1	Ben Smith	1	Pat Feige	1	Mark French	1	James Wookey
<b>All Grades</b>										
<b>Sam Henry</b>		<b>1st Grade Clark Cup</b>		<b>2nd Grade Farrant Cup</b>		<b>3rd Grade Campbell Cup</b>		<b>4th Grade Nicholson Cup</b>		<b>5th Grade Halligan Cup</b>
		<b>Sam Henry</b>		<b>Alex Vertoudakis</b>		<b>Rob Gray</b>		<b>Joel Firth</b>		<b>Mitchell Tyson-Mobbs</b>



## HHRUFC Match Appearances 2009

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	U85	Total
Michael	Abbey						1	1
Wayne	Afrika					1		1
Matt	Amery			2	13			15
Jules	Arndt	21						21
Andrew	Ball				9	3		12
Ben	Bates	15	3					18
Luke	Bird	7	19				1	27
Alex	Birtwistle						2	2
David	Bonner	1	1	2	3			7
Garret	Bourke		14	2	1			17
Henry	Branch						5	5
Hayden	Brown			5	18			23
Stuart	Brunsdon				2	4		6
Jordan	Butler	20						20
Matt	Calderwood		10		1			11
John	Carew				1			1
Will	Carew	4	11					15
Robert	Carter	2	8	6			1	17
Dan	Casa	17	4		3			24
Brad	Chalmers			2	19	2	5	28
Tim	Cheng						2	2
Cyrus	Church		5	3	9			17
Richard	Colley			6	21	1	1	29
Chris	Collins		10	16				26
Ben	Collis						4	4
Liam	Cooper		2	2	12			16
Jesse	Croucher		17					17
Dan	Cullen					1		1
Dan	Cummings			1		15		16
Ed	Cummings			1	1		3	5
John	Cuniowski					2	1	3
Thomas	Cuniowski		18	3	1			22
Vincent	Cusumano					14	4	18
Fergus	Dillon						2	2
Mark	Dixon					1		1
Jason	Dodd					5		5
Tim	Dodds			18	1	1		20
Ben	Dunstan					5		5
Paul	Dunstan					7		7
Joseph	Elturk				1	8	1	10
Jacob	Farrar						1	1
Nicholas	Farrar						4	4
Dominic	Fegent					4	1	5
Pat	Feige			14	4			18
Virage	Fernando					1		1
Viren	Fernando				2	12	3	17
Liam	Finnane			3	1			4
Joel	Firth		2	3	16			21
Mark	French				18	2		20
Jason	Gaff				1			1
Janick	Geinelt					1		1

Jon	Gelling		1	19				<b>20</b>
Nick	Giacomini	4	15		1			<b>20</b>
Trevor	Gough			2				<b>2</b>
Matthew	Graham		6	6	2			<b>14</b>
Robert	Gray		1	17	4			<b>22</b>
Chris	Groves		4	13	6			<b>23</b>
James	Hammond	6	17					<b>23</b>
Simon	Harburg			1				<b>1</b>
Adrian (Laki)	Harvey			18				<b>18</b>
Andrew	Harvey			20				<b>20</b>
Heilala	Havea	8	13	3	1			<b>25</b>
Samuel	Henry	20						<b>20</b>
Julian	Hill			1	3			<b>4</b>
Renny	Iles				15	1		<b>16</b>
Sunjay	Jain				1			<b>1</b>
Nathan	James				3	13	6	<b>22</b>
Andrew	Johnson	20	1					<b>21</b>
Cosmo	Jones						2	<b>2</b>
Loni	Katoa				1			<b>1</b>
Scott	Keenan			2	11			<b>13</b>
Michael	Kellaway	1	12	6	3		4	<b>26</b>
Tom	Kellaway		1	7	12			<b>20</b>
Ryan	Kershler						1	<b>1</b>
Matt	Lane	21						<b>21</b>
Simeli	Latilevu		1	6	18			<b>25</b>
Oz	Lee				12	6		<b>18</b>
Tom	Lenne						4	<b>4</b>
Graham	Levin					6		<b>6</b>
Scott	Liddicoat			1	14	1		<b>16</b>
Alex	Light	20	2					<b>22</b>
Adam	Limberiou			13				<b>13</b>
Luke	MacLennon	18	1		1			<b>20</b>
Matt	Macrae	5	8	1	1			<b>15</b>
John	Mallos		20					<b>20</b>
Shane	Marchant			11	1	1		<b>13</b>
Max	Marraffa				10	8		<b>18</b>
David	Marshall	19				1		<b>20</b>
Chase	Mason	6	10	2	2	7		<b>27</b>
Burzin	Mehta	12	8				2	<b>22</b>
Martin	Merrick			3	16		2	<b>21</b>
Nathan	Michael	1	13					<b>14</b>
Alex	Moore				2	12	6	<b>20</b>
Glenn	Morrissey				1	10		<b>11</b>
Cameron	Mostyn		2	2		1	4	<b>9</b>
Rod	Muga					1		<b>1</b>
Laurie	Mullen				1	9		<b>10</b>
Ian	Newton					5		<b>5</b>
Kane	Nicholson		2	7	1			<b>10</b>
Max	Nightingale						1	<b>1</b>
Liam	O'Meara			1	2	1		<b>4</b>
Scott	Osborne					1		<b>1</b>
Chris	Owen			1		1		<b>2</b>
Albert	Patu			3	1	2		<b>6</b>
Matthew	Payne			1		2		<b>3</b>

Nathan	Peters		3	1	1			5
Shane	Phelan					9	3	12
Gavin	Pisani						2	2
Aaron	Puha		1	2				3
Bruce	Purcell	1	2			1		4
Peter	Quinn					1		1
Kaz	Ria			6	5	4	1	16
Alex	Ronzel		1	12	1			14
Alex	Ryder					1		1
Rod	Salmon					4		4
Jack	Sandell					15	6	21
Aqarna	Satava		1		1			2
Tim	Shanley					7	2	9
John	Shaw				1	1		2
Phill	Shaw				2	1		3
Matthew	Shelton				13	2	2	17
Blake	Shields					12		12
Paul	Shields				1	11		12
Jonathon	Shingler		1	2	7	1		11
Thomas	Sinshauser				1	10	4	15
Ben	Smith	4	11	2	1		1	19
Richard	Smith		2	8	2			12
Pierce	Spratt				1	1		2
Taylor	Spratt						3	3
George	Staples					2	2	4
Dustin	Stephens			2	8	8	1	19
Mark	Sturdy						1	1
Matthew	Taka		2	13	2			17
Colman	Taylor	14	7		1			22
Duncan	Taylor	7	1					8
Andre	Thomas	2	5	5				12
Shannon	Thomas			5				5
Zane	Thomas	1	9	8	1		1	20
Dean	Thompson	20	1					21
Mark	Thornton			1	12	6	3	22
Mitchell	Tyson-Mobbs				6	13		19
Cam	Van Orschot	6	14					20
Dean	Vandine			20				20
Alex	Vertoudakis	12	8					20
Tim	Vertoudakis		5	19				24
Brian	Walker		16	3				19
Dave	Warren					2		2
Ross	Warwick					1		1
Will	Wassell				5	1		6
Dave	Weston	20				1		21
Ron	White			2	12			14
Stuart	Woodbridge	19						19
Andrew	Wookey			1		1		2
James	Wookey					9		9
Robbie	Woolley						4	4
Jack	Wright				3	3		6
Will	Wright		5	3	5	2	3	18
Victor	Yang					1		1

## HHRUFC Byron Bay Tour 2009

The 2009 HHRUFC Pandas Tour to Byron commenced early this year, with Mr Movies arriving in Ballina 24 hours before any other tourist... He was however soon joined by our namesake (Panda himself) & Ralf who journeyed to Ballina with one of our mascots (Perry) in the star destroyer.

Kinder Surprise took out 1st scull of the tour at the airport on the Friday, drinking his first beer of the tour with the wrong hand.

Friday saw an enjoyable flight to Ballina where we met our bus & commenced Schapelle's mystery tour. First stop, Ballina Liqourland for essential supplies. We discovered here that the buddy system in fact does not work if both you & your buddy get off the bus...

Once Merkhin & Mr Movies had been found we made our way to stop 2 of Schapelle's Mystery tour... the most easterly point of Australia, Byron Bay Lighthouse, for a team shot & an ice cream.



The Rails hotel received the Pandas well, although there was no Bamboo on the menu. Kate Moss again demonstrated his fondness for Garlic Bread...

With lunch & refreshments consumed, it was off to the Panda Lairs of 2009, with the older blokes (except Kinder Surprise & Fiji Tim) getting their own house (I was informed that older Pandas require a lot more sleep, a fact aptly demonstrated by Thecond, Stimpy, Chippy, Family Guy & Lara Croft on the Saturday night...).

With Steaks on a plane BBQ'd at the main Panda Lair, & officials elected for Kangaroo Court (Bally Bar Magistrate, Family Guy, Stimpy & Lara Croft Sergeants At Arms, & Kate Moss, Mr Movies & Harpoon as Defence Lawyers) it was off into the Byron night, starting with the Beaches, for the Pandas. Uluru enjoyed a Chumba Wumba for his birthday, some tourists made some new friends, Datsun borrowed a bike, Sylvia slept in a cupboard, & everyone discovered just how much of a pest Kinder Surprise is.

Saturday saw the arrival of Crouching Tiger & Acorn, the playing of the first 6 games, Lindsay excelled as our specialist kick-off merchant, security checked out 3 Litre 42 Below Vodka bottle wasn't full of vodka but water about 6 times, our real estate agent called & insisted Fiji Tim's "illegal erection" (tent...) be removed from the back yard, Harpoon & Co made friends with a dog, Uluru celebrated his Friday birthday with a try, Crouching Tiger scored a yellow card in our win over the X Rats 2 (for having a brother at Petersham I think...), Frenchie stayed cool on the field in his shades, & Pommy Richie & Merkhin caught a rickshaw from the bar at the ground to oval 2.

Saturday night saw the absence of the aforementioned older tourists, Thecond missing out on his birthday Chumba Wumba, the viewing of a piece of cinematography of the highest calibre (Dodgeball...), & significantly less mental behaviour...

Sunday saw the HHRUFC Pandas improve 100% on last years results, with a SECOND win on tour. Making the win all the sweeter was that it was over the Dirty Reds 7s team! Our Fijian Flyer, Fiji Tim (brought to you by an immigration mistake & a shitload of Kava...) carved up the Dirty Reds with 2 tries & a conversion. There was however a conspiracy against the Pandas! On Saturday night one Panda Team was drawn to play the other Panda Team, however by Sunday morning, the draw had been changed. We discovered through our network of contacts in Byron ("Oi Stuey, who had the draw changed?") that the Sloths had complained about the Panda Vs Panda draw. Kinder Surprise got our revenge with a hit on a Sloths player in our Sunday game against them that sent him into next week!

An appearance in the semi-finals Vs a Byron Bay team (with a cousin of Israel Folau's in it) saw the end of the playing part of the Panda's tour, however following an epic Kangaroo Court (nice swim Kinder Surprise & Nuts...) a rainy Sunday night saw the social side of the tour continue. Thecond performed a double Chumba Wumba to make up for missing the night before, Geeves & one of the Dave's rookies displayed their taste for egg, the Poms & Co were locked out of the house in the rain after leaving the pub (& the people with the house keys...) early, Chunks knocked back an amorous advance, Pandas bought the bakery out of éclairs, lamingtons & pies, Ralf impersonated Mguiver (hope you found your shirt mate) & the mascot lost its guts...

Monday saw the usual house re-building, Kinder Surprise was christened the "Aussie Harris", Mr Movies spent 6 hours at the airport (accompanied by Datsun, & for a shorter period Frenchie) waiting for his later flight, & Chunks tried to pick up in the airport to make up for the night before...

On field Tourist of 2009: Pat 'Lara Croft' Feige with 3 tries & 1 conversion.

Off-Field Tourist of 2009: Lindsay 'The Pimp' McCormack

With one more tourist than 2008 (29 as opposed to 28), double the wins (1 Saturday & 1 Sunday), one team in C-Division, & a semi-final appearance for the first time in my time going to Byron, the tour was an on-field as well as off-field success.

I'd like to thank our sponsor; **GRANTS BUTCHERY**, & all those who helped out. For those interested, the tour is always on a weekend in October after the Labour day long-weekend, start working on your leave passes for 2010. Thanks for a great tour, see you next year.

## Schapelle – Tour Director



## 2009 Byron Tour Official Results

HHRUFC Pandas Vs Gold Coast Breakers	Lost 53 – 0
HHRUFC Pandas Vs Sloths	Lost 40 – 5 (Pommy Richie 1 try)
HHRUFC Pandas Vs Island Breeze (eventual tournament runners-up)	Lost 47 -10 (Uluru 1 try & Lara Croft 1 try)
HHRUFC Pandas Vs Brisbane Brothers	Lost 50 – 0
HHRUFC Pandas Vs X Rats 2	Won 17 -12 (Kinder Surprise 2 tries & 1 conversion & Kate Moss 1 try)
HHRUFC Pandas Vs Wainui O Mata NZ	Lost 51 – 0
HHRUFC Pandas Vs Sloths	Lost 50 – 0
HHRUFC Pandas Vs Drummoyne	Won 26 -10 (Lara Croft 1 try & 1 conversion, Geeves 1 try, & Fiji Tim 2 tries & 1 conversion)
HHRUFC Pandas Vs Byron Bay (semi-final)	Lost 38 – 12 (Lara Croft 1 try & 1 conversion & Acorn 1 try)

## HHRUFC NEW SCOREBOARD

A big thanks to Chris Collins for designing the scoreboard and Ana for all the ad designs. The generosity has not gone unnoticed and we look forward to many great scores being put on the board for many years to come.

Old Scoreboard



New Scoreboard



## HHRUFC Golden Oldies "Cats" Report 2009

The CATS seem to just get older but less wise as the years go on. Instead of slowing down and sitting around the bar remembering how bloody good we all were, we spent most of 2009 engaged in pulling on boots and ill fitting jerseys and running around various paddocks. Most of us got away with only a few bruises and dented egos so when all is said and done another fine year was had by the CATS.

The season kicked off not on St Gerties day as is tradition but on the Ides of March with the Et Tu Laney show at the H's well attended. Unfortunately TC forgot the words to The Ode and had to put together a hastily cobbled satellite link to BIN who was competing in the Mega Flathead event on the Shoalhaven River. He still got it wrong but the Imbeciles managed to be tolerated nonetheless. In a turn-up from last year someone actually took a photo so we could prove we turned up.

The pre-season training well and truly underway the CATS embarked on our grand slam tour which included games at Eastwood Charcoals, Lovedale and two games against Dad's Army at Boronia.

At the Eastwood Charcoals at T G Milner field a star studded CATS lineup with a few ring-ins from the Alpha Males trounced the opposition sides from Wahroonga, Oakhill Hawkesbury and Lindfield in a series of gallant 17 all draws. A host of new cats such as Tubby Taylor, Diesel Ramsey and Stimpie Isles joined with far away CATS Sticks Lindsay and in a shock to all CATS the Father of the Sons of Running Rugby himself the Black Flash from Bowraville J G Glennon to field the strongest CATS side ever to take the field. TC could barely contain his joy when the team photo was taken and revealed that we had 22 players, a record for the CATS.

When the CATS faced up against the Hawkesbury Historicals they again showed that they were the force to be reckoned with on the day. In a sickening injury WAL while picking his nose was hit by a flying drink bottle and suffered a suspected dislocation to his middle finger. He stayed at the ground for the rest of the day too scared to tell Er Indoors. Tests the next day revealed that the finger was broken in two places and needed sixteen pins, eight screws and frontal lobotomy to fix. The CATS took Bairdy's advice after that and spent the rest of the day no more than 10 metres from the bar.

Next stop, the CATS were off to Lovedale in what you could best describe as a cross between a mini cab and mini mini bus. One wag was heard to say "*geez thanks gawd Hopper and Lindsey are not touring, cos this thing would be down to the axles*"

Along the way we picked up Big Bobby Little, the greatest second rower that ever put on a Hunters Hill jersey (his words).

Unfortunately, we also had to pick up the tour pest Millard. Hoping against hope that he would get the wrong day and that we might actually have a hassle free tour, the idiot was there at the Morriset turn off round-about waiting for us with grin as big as the Grand Canyon. He looked dangerously playful and it did not take long to have a unanimous vote to chuck him off.

We stopped at Rathmines Bowling Club to share some cleansing ales with Messer's Wincote and Ellis whose combined weight could have sank the Bismarck.

Onwards then to Lovedale as we sipped top shelf PERONI ale. The glorious blue sky day was only spoiled by the incessant ranting of Millard. We arrived at Lovedale to Brownie and Hopper warm welcoming arms, the heaters were going, the plasmas were revved up, the draught coopers was icy cold and tasty, the food was top shelf and endless, the Bledisloe cup was cranked up to the hush and high expectation of all present.....**then we lost.**

We all bunked down in Brownies private villa which boasted many mod cons that were under lock and key.

We rose next day to yet another glorious day, which was only spoiled by the arrival of Bin, 6 Pack and The Bone They preferred to stay in Sydney the previous night for a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party, instead being with their mates.



The CATS joined forces with the Alpha Males led by the Muddy Waters, and Billy Radford who decided to become Barbarians for the day.

A great bunch of lads they were too, and much fun was had trotting around the place. The highlights of the day were: To see Millard take the field for 1.7 minutes and then struggle off with a pulled hammy.....priceless. Watch Newport with 25 reserves warm up for 35 minutes while we had a beer and then we went out and flogged them 5 tries to 1. To see Bairdie eat more than Hopper.....yes that's right MORE THAN HOPPER. To see CAT forwards push our bogged bus out of the field (the backs watched on of course).

Next highlight of the year was the two games played at Boronia against the Dad's Army sides. The fathers of the club juniors fancied themselves against the much older but nonetheless wiser CATS.

In the first encounter on a wet and slippery No.2 oval, the CATS were too good running away 2 tries to 1. Stars on the day were Lindsay who was playing 5 days after suffering a heart attack and Big Fish Salmon who came in for some special attention from the DADs.

In the second game played on Brunno Cup Day the DADs had a few ring-ins who were 34 and 355 days old. After a first half played on No.2 the second half was moved in front of the capacity crowd on the main oval and some of the best Golden Oldies Rugby ever seen at Boronia was played. There was no quarter given or taken as both sides pummeled themselves to a standstill. In the dying seconds, the DADS snatched victory after a clever backline move. All who played or watched – except SHREK and Decca had a good time.

The "You Can't Cross the Bridge" end of season tour ton Tuncurry ended the CATS touring season with 18 hardy souls getting on the bus at 7:30am at Boronia. First stop, for a Latte and cooked breakfast, was at Rudy's Café at Brooklyn where the CATS lined the bellies in preparation for the traditional Resch's Longnecks.

Off to Tuncurry where the CATS were in for a fun weekend of food, liquid refreshments, golf, punting, bowls and general frivolity. A leisurely 3 hours later after Jonsey treated the CATS to his 2 and a half hour version of "I like it both ways" on his 5 string guitar we arrived at the 4 star South Pacific Palms Hotel Motel Conference and Convention Complex. Unfortunately for Northy he drew the short straw and got a room with serial tour pest and renowned granny grabber Tony Warren.

All CATS were allotted their rooms and in a welcome change, BIN PeteCat and Six-Pack were given the executive suite, complete with queen sized beds for each, sunken spa and split level entertainment area. If only they could have stopped the bloody screen door from slamming it would have been perfect.

Most CATS went off to the Bellevue Hotel but 8 brave souls played golf for the prestigious Pink Jacket and Pink Pussy Brown Muscat. Unfortunately Decca found the Pink Pussy later that night and drank it before it could be presented to the winning caddy Bairdy.

Following a great night at the pub after the Bledisloe loss, the CATS were back at the South Pacific for a nightcap where Decca announced that we had enriched his life – except for Bin for some reason.

Off to Blackhead Bowling Club the next day to finish the tour and after 10 ends of bowls the CATS had the end of season awards, Squiz was named CATourist of the Year for braving both open heart surgery and the CATS tour, Gold Kit-E-Cat went to Northy for having to put up with Tony Warren, Millard was mentioned even though he did not tour, And Decca won Silver and Bronze for drinking the Muscat and having his life enriched. Tour pest was of course Tony Warren.

Well that was the year for the CATS. I am sure that next year will bring more headaches hangovers and excuses than this year.

**BIN (OAC)**  
**Middle Management - HHRUFC CATS 2009**

# Hunters Hill Golden Oldies "CATS" 2009

## CATS v Dads Army



**Back:** Steve Newman, Ben Dunstan, Renny Iles, Rod Salmon, Glenn Morrissey, Brian Robertson, Paul Ramsey, Mike Keating, Paul Wallace, Michael McNamara, Russell Kershler, Steve Turner, Scott Liddicoat, Max Marraffa, Bruce Hall.  
**Middle:** Stephen Lane, Tim Dodds, Chris O'Toole, Malcolm Baird, Tim Bollard, Don Bollard, David Taylor, Alan Southcombe, Al Evans, John Hibbert, Grant Millard, Darrin Bollard, John White, Pat Feige, Shane Causer.  
**Front:** Gary Lane (TC), Mark Thornton, Paul Ivory, Dave Head, Tony Warren, Vince Cusumano, Peter McFarlane, Lindsay McCormack, Sylvester, Mark French, Marty Waters, Paul Shields, Ron White, Tony Marsden, Richard Colley.



# EASTWOOD GALA DAY



# LOVEDALE TOURNAMENT



# TUNCURRY TOUR



# HHRUFC - The Archive Committee (TAC)

## Background

Over many years and without any Clubhouse, the Club's holdings of historical photographs, pennants and other memorabilia were not adequately stored or catalogued. To address this issue, it was suggested that the Club set up a working committee to undertake the task.

The Club's Board approved the establishment of The Archive Committee (TAC) in late 2008. The role of the Committee was not specifically defined, rather the Committee was asked to consider the circumstances, the records context, and develop an appropriate strategy.

## Objectives

The Committee has identified the following as its objectives:

1. Catalogue all historical material held by the Club.
2. Develop standards for resolving the authenticity of historical records.
3. Investigate advice and resolve particular questions which the Board may refer to it.
4. Record the history of the Club faithfully and accurately.
5. Advise the Club on storage and maintenance of its historical records
6. Assist with the preparation of historical material for publication (e.g. on the website, in special publications etc)
7. Provide advice on displaying photos and memorabilia.
8. Plan and develop suitable displays of the Club's history
9. Secure funding to facilitate the establishment and ongoing maintenance of the Club's archives and history, including provision for future displays and/or exhibitions.

The following members were appointed to the initial Committee - Brian Robertson (Chair), Terry Laundry, Bruce Lycett, John Hibbert, Ron White, Allan Southcombe. Allan Garrick, a former player, has assisted with the work and any player or supporter – past or present – is very welcome to join the group.

## Achievements

The committee has met 9 times and established objectives and are working through them

A secure location to store and work from was generously donated by Ron White, along with computers from Jason Gaff and Kerry Sunderland, also a scanner from Vince Cusumano. A subsequent A3 size scanner has been purchased to enable larger photos and high quality scans to store for reproduction in the future. Shelving, folders and sleeves have been purchased and used for storing photos and documents.

A numbering system as been established and work on over 200 photos have been recorded thus far. All information about the photo has been recorded and a high quality scan of the picture is being saved and backed up for reference. In the event of some disaster (e.g. Melba studio fire) the club can be assured that all vital records will be safely stored in high resolution formats on portable hard drives.

An article for the club newsletter along with photos were written and published on the club website and its thought this could continue in years to come.

A tent display was set up for the "Back to Boronia Day", from which further club memorabilia was brought forward. Older ex players were interviewed to capture their memories, which will be built on to produce an edited historical documentary. Thanks to current player Dave Weston for his expertise. This we hope to continue to build a picture for gaps in documents, create a video history library and confirm stories for future reference.

## Future

The committee has a lot to do to record and image all records, documents and photos.

There will be regular meetings to report on progress and increase ways of generating funds to assist in keeping the archives safe and secure and faithfully recorded.

Ultimately, we hope to provide a link to the HHRFUC website that will provide a comprehensive history of our great club.

## The Archive Committee 2009



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### Edward Arnold "Ted" Polly (1923 - 2009)

This notice presents an opportunity for the rugby club to formally thank Ted and the Polly family for all that they have done for Hunters Hill Rugby.

Ted's association with Hunters Hill was foremost with Ted's son David, who started playing first grade for Hunters Hill in 1974 and several years later, by 1977 in fact, a golden era of Hunters Hill Rugby had begun.

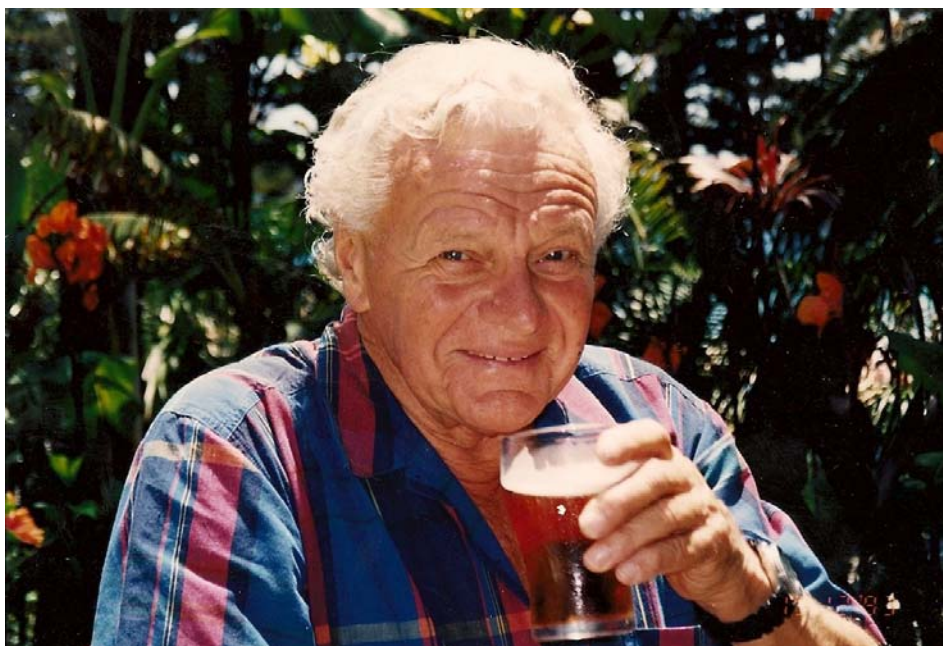
At the very heart of this unbelievable period of success on and off the field was the Polly family. They opened their magnificent house at Linley Point to countless grand final parties over the next 5 years or so, The family over decades, also hosted club Christmas parties which were joyous occasions indeed. Then there were the Clique dinners – where people were invited to small black tie dinner parties at the Polly residence. There was also of course a swim in the pool after touch football in the summer months. These countless occasions and examples of wonderful hospitality, that acted like a glue in defining the social fabric of the club.

Ted had been trundling up to Boronia Park and other suburban rugby grounds, rain, hail or shine for 35 years, he was no fair weather supporter. He was named supporter of the year in 1981 and could have been nominated each and every year. He was Seniors Vice President in 1978, 1979 and 1980.

Right through this season and for decades past he would sit at the southern end of Boronia Park watching his son and then grandsons Scott, Angus and Alex all run around. Ted didn't say much but when he did you could be assured that something meaningful was being said.

Ted was passionate about the club and made himself heard at AGM's and wanted to ensure that proper processes and procedures were followed.

A legend, a true statesman, Ted will be sorely missed.  
Thanks for the memories.





2009 Annual Report prepared by Ron White



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