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RANDWICK DISTRICT RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB INC COUNCIL 2015

Office bearers and Management Council for 2015 - were as follows:

President	Bob Dwyer
Secretary	Douglas Eggins
Treasurer	Ian Bonnette
Elected Members	Glen Joseph Ian Kennedy (resigned 22.7.15) Stuart Brown (appointed 22.7.15) Simon Poidevin John Tuxworth Warwick Waugh (resigned 22.7.15) Adam Freier (appointed 22.7.15)
Life Members Representative	Peter Court
Director of Rugby	Nick Ryan
Honorary Lawyer	James Glissan QC
Patron	Jeffery Sayle

Attendance at Management Meetings

Since the election on 16 December 2014 the Randwick Rugby Council has met 9 times up to 30 September 2015. Attendance to that date are:

Bob Dwyer (7)	Ian Bonnette (9)
Stuart Brown (3)	Peter Court (8)
Douglas Eggins (9)	Adam Freier (1)
James Glissan QC (nil)	Glen Joseph (5)
Ian Kennedy (2)	Simon Poidevin (8)
Nick Ryan (8)	Jeffery Sayle (7)
John Tuxworth (6)	Warwick Waugh (nil)

Other officials:

Administration	Travis Partridge
Club Captain	David Parsons
Club Trainer	Michael Stephens
Honorary Timekeeper	Chris Fraser
Honorary Statistician	Ray Jennings
Honorary Historian and Archivist	Bob Outterside
Honorary Ball Boy Captain	Dan Dowe
Ball Boys/Girls	Sean Foley, Jack Garratt, Georgie Kiernan, Angus Sullivan, Edward Sullivan, Thomas Walker
Medical Officers	Dr Paul Raftos
Physiotherapist	Di Long
Auditor	Ken Wright
Annual Report Committee	Doug Eggins, Ray Jennings, Clarissa Luxford, Bob Outterside



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another rugby year has passed and, as usual, we look forward eagerly to the next one beginning. For me, perhaps more eagerly than usual, because the Wicks played quality rugby this year and all things point to further development over the next year. Some people may think this a questionable statement, given that we won no premierships during the 2015 season. Indeed, we contested four grand finals and lost the lot. But we did make four! Only one other club, Sydney University, was able to do the same; and we did win the Colts Club Championship – indeed by a handsome margin – and, by any standards, the Colts teams were a credit to our great Club. I would say that their performances last season added significantly to our great reputation; and, by the way, I am a notoriously hard marker!

Maybe even more importantly, we had seven players, including the captain Andrew Kellaway, selected in the Australian U20 team; a massive achievement. David Horwitz, in only his second year out of school, won the **Catchpole Medal for Shute Shield Player of the Year**. This was a huge achievement. We are proud of David and we congratulate him. So, not a year of ultimate premiership successes that we strive for but we made considerable progress and have genuine reason for optimism in the future.

I, as President, along with your board of directors, strongly believe that our Club has dual roles to play. We offer the opportunity to play quality rugby to as many players as the Sydney Premiership and the Sydney Colts Premiership can accommodate and we provide quality rugby programs to enable players to reach their potential.

We also strongly believe that we must “produce” players for our various representative teams – right up to Australian U20 and Wallabies level. As part of that player development program, we have taken the decision that, on occasion, the exposure of our higher grade colts teams to our senior teams, is invaluable.

As a consequence, on those occasions, our Third and Fourth Grade senior teams must play, not at Coogee Oval, but at Latham Park. I know that some, perhaps many, players in those grades feel “let down”, maybe even “slighted”, by this philosophy. Let me say this to you. I, and a number of other directors of your Club, played for the Club, in EVERY grade, for many, and I do mean MANY, years. We are all proud to have been able to do so. We see all of you, every player in every grade, as “Randwick men”. Indeed, even players who have left the Club, for whatever reason, maybe even to play with another Club, will always be “Randwick men”. Could I ask all of you to see yourselves in this same way, on whatever field, in front of whatever crowd you play.

I'm sure that you play because you love the thrill of the game, the camaraderie and the pride in your myrtle green jersey. Could I ask that you continue to enjoy your game each week, to

look forward to your weekly practices and next week's game and to strive to play each game to the very best of your ability. To be distracted by external, insignificant matters that exist only in false perceptions of what is, and what is not, important, is beneath your title of "Randwick men". What is important is the collective team spirit of courage and determination to play well and to feel the honour each game of wearing the same myrtle green jersey that all Randwick players, in any grade and at any field, have worn and, continue to wear with pride.

On a final note, again with great pride in our Club, I'm sure that you will all join with me in congratulating Jeff Sayle – our Patron, ex-Wallaby / Waratah / Randwick player, ex-Waratahs / Randwick coach, plus one hundred other coaching and administrative roles with the game, on his most well-deserved **Nick Farr-Jones Spirit of Rugby award**. We are proud of you Jeffrey!

Up the Wicks!

Bob Dwyer.

Representative Scene

Randwick continued its outstanding contribution to the Wallabies, Super 15, Provincial Teams and other representative teams. We congratulate these players on their achievements in 2015.

Wallabies

Kurtley Beale, Sekope Kepu

Waratahs

Kurtley Beale, Matthew Carraro, Stephen Hoiles, David Horwitz, Drew Kellaway, Sekope Kepu, Dashville Kuate, Jacques Potgeiter

NRC

Country Eagles

David Horwitz, Andrew Kellaway, Ned Hanigan, Dashville Kuate, Peter Nau, Toa Asa, Sam Figg, Mark Baldwin, Mitch Short, Brogan Roods, Jack Pennington, Jock Armstrong and Sam Croke.

Greater Sydney Rams

Will Munro

Milestones in 2015

The following players achieved milestones in the number of games played for the Club:

Best and Fairest Awards

First Grade	Mark Baldwin
Second Grade	Sam Gerry-Burgess
Third Grade	Luke Rowntree
Fourth Grade	Alex Peterson
Colts First Grade	Ben O'Donnell
Colts Second Grade	Sam Connor
Colts Third Grade	Michael Midson

Randwick Rugby Trophy for Best and Fairest Player in the Club

Mark Baldwin

Ron Don Memorial Trophy for Most Improved Player in the Club

Mitch Short

Dick Quinlan Memorial Trophy for Best Club Man in Fourth Grade

Todd Martin and Jack Musgrove

Best Clubman of the Year

Harry Boileau

Rookie of the year

Henry Hutchison

Aiden Wilson Memorial Colts Clubman of the Year

Nick Kellaway

Colts Player of the Year

Ben O'Donnell

Laurie Augue Memorial Trophy for the Grade team that scores the most number of tries in a Season:

Third Grade 97 Tries

The WT (Bill) Outterside Memorial Trophy

The Recipient shall be a player acknowledged by his team-mates for his commitment to fitness, willingness to learn, loyalty to his fellows and to his Club and dedication to mastering the fundamentals of the Randwick Brand of Rugby - 2015 Recipient: Jack Hayson

CJ Windon Trophy for best back rower in the Club

Mark Baldwin

CH Towers Trophy for season's leading try scorer

Chris Taripo

Club's most valuable player

David Horwitz

Best new player in the Club

Dashville Kuarte

Coach's best all-rounder on and off the Field

Harry Boileau

Sponsors

Without the generosity and support of our Club sponsors we would struggle to survive from year to year; our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all of our Club sponsors below.

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The Club also expresses its appreciation to:

- Noel D'Souza and Ted Seng, Mayors of Randwick City Council, their Councillors, Ray Brownlee, the General Manager of Randwick Council and his staff. The Council's continuing support in relation to Coogee Oval, Latham Park and Nagle Park is greatly appreciated.
- The Coaches and Managers throughout the Season: Shannon Fraser, Campbell Aitkin, Brad Bishop, Saxon Bowles, Jayson Brewer, Matthew Buckland, Glen Carroll, Rod Cutler, Josh Daley, Peter Dumbleton, Damon Edmunds, Dave Habler, Matthew Hanna, Tom Hart, Ian Holder, Geoff Ingram, Hadley Jackson, Martin Kiernan, Adam Landry, Mick Lewis, Jack Lloyd, Donna McCullough, Scott McCullough, Nathan McMahon, Peter Meagher, Graham Neville, Travis Partridge, Kevin Phibbs, Joe Picone, Sean Picone, Doug Ryan, Jeffrey Sayle, Allen Stutchbury, Cristian Villafana and David Yole
- The Club's medical team under Dr Paul Raftos and Dr Joe Casamento
- Headed by Diane Long, the Club's physiotherapists Louise McGinness, Stu Mackay, Greer Brincat and Matt Meoli
- Dr Adrian Cohen for his selfish commitment as project coordinator of the Concussion Study, a truly valuable piece of research
- The Club's ball boy squad under Dan Dowe
- Time Keeper Chris Fraser
- Club trainers under the direction of Head Trainer Mick Stephens
- Ground announcer Chris Fraser
- Coogee Oval Match Day Controller Dan Dowe
- Match day assistants Doug Eggins, Steve Holten and Bill Vasilis
- Linesmen Viv Weatherall, Dan Dowe and Tim Musgrave,
- Clarissa Luxford who prepares the Club's weekly newsletter and manages the website
- The Club's Statistician Ray Jennings
- The Club's Archivist and Historian, Robert Outterside
- Photographers Samantha Dennewald, Brett Dooley, David Lyon, Donna McCulloch and Ric McLallen

- Dan Dowe, Chris Fraser and Matthew Wheeler for the Thursday night barbeques and refreshments
- Club Chaplain Dave Rogers of St Luke's Clovelly
- Jamie Johnson, President of Randwick Rugby Juniors and his committee as well as the Presidents of the Randwick Junior Clubs
- David Davies, President of the Sydney South Rugby Referees Association
- Annual Report Editorial Committee – Doug Eggins, Ray Jennings, Clarissa Luxford and Bob Outterside
- To the Club's loyal supporters that continue to turn up year after year and make Coogee Oval such a fantastic place to play rugby.



Life Members Association Report

The Life Members Association once again acknowledges the Club achievements and performances during the 2015 season, which are highlighted elsewhere in the Annual Report.

Those members who contributed to the success enjoyed by the Club including players, coaching staff, team managers, on-field support staff medical assistance and volunteers are to be congratulated.

The Life Members Association also appreciate the difficult tasks confronting the Rugby Council in the Council's decision making, however the Life Members Association is concerned a number of the Club's traditions are being by-passed. The Association is firmly of the view it is in the best interest of Randwick Rugby for Grade and Colts play on a home and away basis and that Rugby is played at Coogee Oval every Saturday during the season.

New Life Members

At the Club's Annual Meeting in 2014 the following members were elected as Life Members of the Club.

Douglas (Doug) Eggins

Doug has had a long involvement with your Club, he managed Colts team from 1992 to 1995. He has acted as Club Honorary Secretary from 1996 to 2003 and from 2006 to 2015. Doug appeared at the NSW Judiciary on behalf of players from 1992-2014. His other rugby service to Randwick includes Vice President of Randwick Rugby Club Limited from 2001-2007, Secretary to Randwick Rugby Foundation from 2004 to 2015.

Terry McMahan

Terry McMahan was a local junior later playing with Randwick Under 18s team gaining selection in South Harbour Under 18s team. He played in excess 100 Club games for the Club from 1966 to 1972.

Terry managed Randwick Colts 2003. He then was appointed Manager of First Grade in 2004 and continued in that capacity until 2012. In addition in 2005 he assumed the role of Club gear steward. As Team Manager Terry often provided care, assistance and support to country, interstate and overseas players who joined Randwick.

Simon Poidevin

Simon joined Randwick from University of NSW in 1982. Between 1982 – 1992 Simon played 125 First Grade games, he played in eleven Grand Finals of which the Club was the Premier on eight occasions.

Simon represented Australia 1985-87, 1989-90 and NSW 58 times. He Captained Randwick, NSW and Australia. Member of first Wallaby team to win Rugby World Cup in 1991.

Simon coached junior teams 2008 to 2015. Member Randwick Rugby Council 2012-2015. Inductee Australian Rugby Hall of Fame 1991. Randwick Rugby Hall of Fame in 2010 and IRB Hall of Fame 2014, member of Randwick Dream Team 2001. Award OAM for Services to Rugby in 1988.

Doug, Terry and Simon are very welcome additions to the roll of Life Members.

Association Activities

During 2015 the Life Members Association held meetings on 8 April, 29 July and 18 September. The Association has made recommendations to the Rugby Council in relation to Club awards made at the Annual General Meeting. The Life Members were guest of the Rugby Council in the sponsors area at Coogee Oval on Sunday 31 May 2015.

Conclusion

On behalf of all our Life Members I acknowledge and appreciate the support and recognition the Life Members receive from the Rugby Council.

As a segment of the Randwick Rugby community, the Association expounds the philosophy of a past commentator of the Club:

“Here is a Club that primarily enjoys its football, enjoys the freedom and creativity of spinning a rugby ball from one pair of hands to another, relishes the chance to race pell mell from one side of the field to the other until suddenly the opposition goal line is breached and plundered.”

The Association extends its best wishes for 2016 to the Director of Rugby, Nick Ryan, the First Grade Head Coach, Shannon Fraser, and the Colts Coaching Director and Club Administrator, Travis Partridge.

PETER COURT

Chairman



ARU CEO Bill Pulver and Sir Nicholas Shehadie

The RDRUFC extends its condolences to the families of

Ross Cribb, Richard Dargin, Bruce Emerson, Kevin Little, Norm Lyons, Michael Reid, Kevin Wilson

Randwick District Rugby Union Football Club Elected Life Members

Life Members Elected Prior to 1947

HW Baker*	1931	MM Atkins*	1941
JM Dunningham*	1931	CH Towers*	1942
NE Eglese*	1931	CR Davidson*	1942
LB Callaghan*	1932	JRL Palfreyman*	1945
JA Rigney*	1932	EK Dobbs*	1945
FW Meagher*	1937		

Life Members Elected 1947-1969

JF Lane*	1950	FC Thornley*	1958
V Ford*	1951	HJC Kahl*	1961
W Rowney*	1958	J O'Shea*	1965

Life Members Elected 1970-1979

KS Windon*	1970	JJ Hovey*	1975
H Stephen*	1974	R Outterside	1976
DC Furness*	1975	RW Meagher*	1979

Life Members Elected 1980-2014

JM McCulloch*	1982	LW Argue*	2001
RSF Dwyer	1983	JB Casamento	2001
JL Sayle	1985	TW Reid	2001
PK Court	1986	JR Murray	2005
IM Kennedy	1989	RJ Willey	2005
PM Willcox*	1991	G Karras	2007
JM Maxwell	1993	P Antoniadis	2008
J Cotis*	1994	TG Evans	2008
AA Gaffney	1994	DC Long	2010
WT Outterside*	1994	WA Wheeler	2011

DE Henry	1997	AD James	2011
W Hope	1997	DP Habler	2012
V Singer	1997	D Eggins	2014
CJ Windon*	1997	T McMahon	2014
KAP Phibbs	1998	S Poidevin	2014
Sir Nicholas Shehadie	1998		

* Denotes Deceased Life Members

Current Life Members

R Outterside	1976	TW Reid	2001
RSF Dwyer	1983	JR Murray	2005
JL Sayle	1985	RJ Willey	2005
PK Court	1986	G Karras	2007
IM Kennedy	1989	P Antoniadis	2008
JM Maxwell	1993	TG Evans	2008
AA Gaffney	1994	DC Long	2010
DE Henry	1997	WA Wheeler	2011
W Hope	1997	AD James	2011
V Singer	1997	DP Habler	2012
KAP Phibbs	1998	D Eggins	2014
Sir Nicholas Shehadie	1998	T McMahon	2014
J B Casamento	2001	S Poidevin	2014



Report from the RDRUFC Club Chaplain

Each season of rugby is a little taste of life. Wins and losses. Celebration and disappointment. Injuries and comebacks. Debuts and retirements and farewells. It's a little taste of life really. And one of the things I love most about Randwick is the commitment to develop better people for the game of life, not only better players for the game of Rugby.

I count it a privilege to be able to support the Galloping Greens community – to support the players off the field and be an independent ear. Sometimes that's been on the side of the field waiting for an ambulance or a hospital visit, sometimes it's a phone call when life's not great, sometimes it's the lads in the gym giving 'the Rev' a ribbing, and sometimes it's just catching up over a post-training sausage sandwich. This year I had some extended work leave and was sad to miss the middle of the season but made it back in time for finals time with the boys.

There's more to do in the New Year and I look forward to finding ways to support the players better. Nick Ryan and I have come up with a few plans to make sure no-one falls through the cracks, especially when guys are injured, and to help more of the new players each year to know this kind of support is available.

Hope everyone in the Galloping Greens community has a safe and special time this Christmas.

Dave Rogers



Director of Rugby Report

To everyone involved with the Randwick Rugby Club thank you for your efforts during the 2015 season. For our Club to reach and embrace the elite standards we seek, the hard work has only just begun and this year we made some great strides in developing our culture and what we are striving to become.

Our Rugby Club is now a professional community and we have developed a consensus about what is important. It is about the group's expectations, not just an individual's. It's the way everyone goes about their business.

A huge thank you goes to Shannon Fraser as Head Coach and Travis Partridge as Colts Director for driving these elite standards and making such a profound contribution to the Rugby Club in only the first year in their respective roles.

Players and staff are challenged to work hard, produce their best and play a role, no matter how big or small that may seem. We have over the past 18 months moulded a club of high expectations, on and off the field, and we make no apologies for it.

These expectations are clear so every player and staff member knows what is required of them. There is no place for mediocrity and no room for passengers. As Wayne Bennett once remarked "It's amazing what gets done, when no one cares who gets the credit".

It is more important for us as a Club to be respected, than liked. For us to earn respect as a Club and a rugby program it is not a right, nor can it be demanded. It is to be earned.

At Randwick Rugby, we want a group of respected rugby players, where our players look upon each other, and our competitors see us as role models and standard setters for others to emulate and follow. Where they see it on the training field, in the weights room or on match day strong, definable actions of what is expected at OUR Rugby Club in order to succeed.

However it is our ability to define and work relentlessly on our point of difference from our competitors that will determine our final landing spot not only on the competition ladder, but in the mark we make for each other as team mates and friends.

This year we made enormous strides in the right direction – four teams contesting Grand Finals, Dave Horwitz winning the Catchpole Medal – the first time since 1993 a Randwick player won the medal, securing the Colts Club Championship for the first time in the Club's history, a 21% increase in the Club Championship from 2014 and a 32% jump in the Colts Club Championship (both the highest in the Shute Shield in 2015), seven players selected in the Australian Under 20s (the highest of any rugby club in Australia), 11 players in the NSW Under 20s program and 12 players selected in the NRC competition, which shows undeniably we have the right systems and more importantly the right people in and representing our business.

There are eleven other clubs in the Shute Shield, 77 teams in total, about 1200 players, lacing on the boots, I am sure with similar hopes, dreams and ambitions. What we chose to stand for, what we chose to believe in, what we chose to sacrifice will determine the true success of our rebuild.

Our success and failures will both endure, but the wonderful thing is that they are both in our control and both a simple choice. We can have whichever one we want, because success and failure are more than just numbers on a board. Success and failure are simply knowledge – the enduring knowledge we did everything we could for success, or the enduring knowledge we had something more to give.

We had the luxury of mulling this choice over the time; over the course of the past two seasons we were a Club on the rise. That luxury is now gone. We must now make this choice over the off-season to make this not only the best Club in Sydney but Australian Rugby. It will be a personal choice and will not be revealed except through your actions. Everyone will know the choice you have made, simply by watching you go about your work as a player, coach, supporter or sponsor.

There are so many examples of a total commitment to the cause that I saw in the Club in 2015 across so many aspects of our operations from so many different aspects of our community:

- Our inaugural Randwick Club Legends Days where old boys were invited back to coach the current players. It was wonderful to see the current players soak up the wisdom of the old boys and see their passion for the Club.
- The ExecForce camps and leadership programs run by old boy, Ricky Dumigan. The values and the discussions around what we want the Club to become were inspiring and we saw those words come to life repeatedly over 2015.
- The support of the players in supporting the Kids Cancer Project on the annual fundraising day.
- The Inaugural Randwick Indigenous Day where the Club in partnering with AIME honored the Club's Indigenous history by wearing commemorative jerseys, which were auctioned to fundraise and support the great work AIME does in the community.
- Our 2nd annual Colts Welcome dinner at Goldstein Hall at UNSW, where over 175 Colts players and parents were entertained superbly by Adam Freier.
- The highly successful Wild Oats Ladies Day, where over 175 Ladies came to the rugby and had a great day, with special mention to the partners working committee who, along with Jenni Blair, did a superb job.
- Randwick's involvement in the inaugural Hybrid game versus Wests Magpies at Pirtek Stadium.

We are not yet successful as a rugby club, but due to the hard work of the playing group, led by such people as Club Captain David Parsons, Declan O'Donahue, David Horwitz and Nick Kellaway to name a few, and the drive and energy of our staff backed up a terrific board led by Bob Dwyer, Simon Poidevin, John Tuxworth, Ian Bonnette, Adam Freier and Stuart Brown, we just now have a chance to become so. Our priorities will dictate our choices, and these choices will dictate the outcomes in 2016 and in the years ahead.

It is impossible for me to predict the future and any possible premiership success, but I can guarantee everyone this. Every week seven disciplined teams will take the field representing Randwick and will compete in a hard, contested brand of rugby where everyone knows their role and does it for the good of the team and the club.

There will be self-belief, trust and everyone from the Director of Rugby down will be accountable for what happens, on and off the field.

Let's make 2016 a season to remember and we as a Club can't wait to share it with you all.

Up the Wicks!



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