



MANLY JUNIOR RUGBY UNION



2018 7's State Champions

2018 Annual Report



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2017 OFFICE BEARERS

President:	James Forsyth
Secretary:	Will Tuckfield
Treasurer:	Colin House
Gear Steward:	Steve Painter
VP Rugby Development	Barry Van Der Water
VP Representative Rugby	Gary Paton
VP Minis Rugby	James Forsyth

The MJRU Constitution has a purpose built balance of Village club delegates written into it (eight in number).

In 2017 we would like to mention the valuable contributions that have been made by Manly District Village Club Presidents and delegates, in helping to grow rugby in the Manly District. They include:

Manly Roos:	Barry Van Der Water and James Maxwell
Balgowlah Raiders:	Ben Carberry and Steven Painter
Harbord Harlequins:	Wayne Reeve and Peter Rankin
Forest:	Jason Woolford and Geoff Johnson
Allambie Jets	Colin Matthews and Chris Glovers

Life Members

Kath Angelo
John Goddard
Rhonda Harrison *
Blair Leslie
Bob Oakes
Peter Taylor

* Deceased

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2018

I would like to start by extending my thanks to all the volunteers who have devoted time and effort as part of wider group the MJRU now represent. As President I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their tireless efforts throughout the year. The MJRU not be in the position we are now without the excellent communication between the 5 Village presidents and their clubs. Colin, Ben, James, Jason and Wayne I want to thank you personally for your unwavering support.

The year ending 2018 has seen a consolidation in the financial portrait of the MJRU which is shown below in the Treasurers report. I need to deeply applaud the work of our treasurer over the last 3 years who has also worked so hard to make this happen – Colin House. Also thanks to the committee and other members of our rugby community who assisted so much with sponsorship and other income in particular Steve Painter. The club now has a sound financial footing moving forward. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our current sponsors Totem, Bower Finance, Prime Facility & Asset Management and Ultra Tune Manly. The MRJU would not be possible if it was not for the generous support of our sponsors. We are extremely grateful for their help and support. Together we succeeded in offering the opportunity for young men and women to develop into young adults

The MJRU see it at their responsibility to assist clubs with development opportunities were possible and we continue to enjoy strong support from our local schools both at a junior and senior level, this is a credit to our Village Clubs and worth reflecting that this successful growth is not an accident but rather the result of the hard work of the many volunteers who serve our Clubs.

The MJRU 7's programs continues to be a constructive part to the Rugby season, Many thanks to Jason Woolford and the Forest rugby club for the support in putting on the 2018 MJRU Summer 7's

MJRU Representative rugby has continued with outstanding results this year. As standard the MJRU fielded two (2) under 10 and 11's Development teams. All teams were represented 2018. Although disappointing Manly are one of only 3 clubs in the state that can position teams in ever age group. This is no accident and is only due to the district coming together combined with hard work. A special mention here to Peter Rankin for his effort in rebuilding the MJRU under 16's. Continued Work is required to build a solid pathway and ensure that each grade has the opportunity to form a team.

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2018

To all of the Representative coaches, managers and especially Gary Paton the MJRU VP of Representative rugby, thank you for the enormous contribution you made in 2018.

The Viking (Village club Joint Venture) concept continues to go from strength to strength. Vikings is currently managed by the 3 village clubs that take part and their commitment and drive towards the cause should be encouraged and congratulated.

MJRU are taking some ownership of the issue of promoting referees and qualified coaches from within their ranks. As a Committee, MJRU should continue to develop refs and coaches from within the ranks in programs similar to the referee developments program initiated in 2009 and continued by Chris Hedge over many years. It was terrific to see so many young referees out and about at both Mini and Junior rounds throughout the season. I would ask all members to strongly support these young referees.

I would like to thank Manly Rugby Football Club for their assistance and support this year. The relationship continues to strengthen with the Senior Club and what a pleasure it is to see so many of our juniors and minis at Manly Oval on a Saturday afternoon supporting the Marlins! In particular, this year's Juniors day at Manly Oval was a raging success. All village clubs were represented with tents and games at half time. The connection between clubs is tangible and growing.

A very successful tour of Australia by our New Zealand sister clubs took place this year, this tour is now in its 48 year. Both 11's and 12's touring teams from Takapuna and Lower Hut playing 4 games. A special thanks to Peter Gibson, who continued a proud tradition of leading the support team for this tour. We look forward to Playing the New Zealanders next year in April and I am sure the generosity will be returned.

In summary, I would like to again thank all the volunteers who have come together to provide their energies and expertise to the MJRU Committee for 2018.

Thanks again to all the Village Club Presidents, various club Committee members, referees, coaches, managers, parents, players and supporters who have all lent their respective support to ensuring that MJRU continues to be a successful facilitator of junior rugby.

James Forsyth

MJRU President 2018



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT 2017

To the members of **Manly Junior Rugby Union Incorporated**

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report of Manly Junior Rugby Union Incorporated which

comprises the balance sheet as at 30 September 2018, the profit and loss statement for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the Committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Committee of the Association is responsible the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Association's Constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility includes designing implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances

Auditors Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on our review. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415: Review of a Financial Report – Company Limited by Guarantee, to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the NSW Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016 including presenting in all material respects, the financial position of the Association and its financial performance for the year. ASRE 2415 requires that we comply with the ethical relevant to the review of the financial report. A review of a

financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and does not enable us to obtain reasonable assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report of Manly Junior Rugby Union Incorporated does not comply with NSW Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016 including presenting in all material respects, the financial position of the Association and its financial performance for the year.

Peer Wealth

Certified Practising Accountants
William John Walker – Chartered Accountant
Dated this 17th day of October 2018

Manly Junior Rugby Union Incorporated

1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018

Assets	2018	2017	2016
Bank			
Business Account	7,436	11,104	9,389
Debit Card	2,627	725	1,264
Savings Account	25,183	26,757	11,448
Touring Account - S40	29,419	4,741	14,101
PayPal Account	0	0	990
Total Bank	64,666	43,326	37,192
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable	0	0	0
Stock Holding Deposit - Paladin	10,000	0	0
Stock on Hand	0	7,591	0
Fixed Assests	0	0	0
Total Assets	74,666	50,917	37,192
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	0	2,591	0
Provision for NZ Tour Expense	29,419	4,741	14,101
Fiji Tour Refunds	2,150	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	31,569	7,332	14,101
Total Liabilities	31,569	7,332	14,101
Net Assets	43,097	43,585	23,091
Equity			
Current Year Earnings	(488)	20,494	8,595
Retained Earnings	43,585	23,091	14,496
Net Assets	43,097	43,585	23,091

2018 MJRU REPRESENTATIVE OFFICIALS

UNDER 10	Colin Maggs	SBRJRU	SELECTOR / COACH
	Ben Squire	MRJRU	SELECTOR / COACH
	Cameron Bennett	HHJRU	ASSIST COACH
	Lena Lowe		MANAGER
	Katie Furlong		MANAGER
	Cameron Patterson		SELECTOR
	Luke Donnan	AJRU	SELECTOR/ASS COACH
	Keith Gleeson	FJRU	SELECTOR
	UNDER 11	Sio Ifopo	HHJRU
Jonathon Jackson		FJRU	SELECTOR / COACH
James McGrath		MRJRU	SELECTOR / COACH
Matt Moar		SBRJRU	SELECTOR / COACH
Paul O'Sullivan		AJRU	SELECTOR / COACH
Mick Osborne			MANAGER
UNDER 12	Peter Gibson	SBRJRU	SELECTOR / COACH
	Luke Donnan	HHJRU	SELECTOR / ASS COACH
	Gerard O'Connor		MANAGER
	Scott Saunders	FJRU	SELECTOR
UNDER 13	Tua Marsters		COACH
	Andrew Blewman	FJRU	SELECTOR / COACH
	Sarah Bedingfield		MANAGER
	David Leslie	HHJRU	SELECTOR
UNDER 14	James Haywood	MRJRU	SELECTOR
	Damien Cummins		COACH
	Brandon Ward	HHJRU	ASSIST COACH
	Milroy Marshall		ASSIST COACH
	Julian Shelbourne		MANAGER
UNDER 15	Tom Crerar		SELECTOR / COACH
	Sio Tatola		COACH
	Mark Sargent	SBRJRU	SELECTOR/MANGAER
	Phil Staples	FJRU	SELECTOR
UNDER 16	Alex Helu		COACH
	Kotoni Ale		ASSIST COACH
	Peter Rankin		MANAGER
OPENS 17-18	Saia Latu	HHJRU	COACH
	Tim Herbert		ASSIST COACH
	Steven Painter	SBRJRU	MANAGER
	John Courtney	FJRU	SELECTOR

2017 MJRU HIGHER REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Australian Schools & 7s

Daniel Ala

NSW 7s

Mitch Painter, David Vei

ISA, GPS, CHS Reps

Mitch Painter, David Vei, Langi Gleeson, Tom Latu, Tonga Vei

2018 U16

Sydney/NSW Schools

Tom Douglas, Ed Sproule

MNZ

Tyrone Holakeituai, Aiden Helu, Akemi Ma'u

Barbarians

Benji Gallacher, Aaron Rogers

NSW 7's

Aiden Helu

2018 U15

NSW Gen Blue

Kai Wilson

MNZ

Jeremy Ongosia, Ned Hillier

Barbarians

Sam Eden, Liam Painter, Murray Sutherland, Tom Furlong

2018 U14

Sydney

Ben Di Staso, Ollie Cummins



Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club
Presidents Report

Well season 2018 is complete. Where on earth did the last 6 months go??? I say it every year, but it only seems like we were playing trials last week.

2018 kicked off with the Harlequins and our Coaching Director Mike Cross, facilitating a Try Rugby program at the Harbord Public School. This saw upwards of 300 students from a range of age groups try rugby and get a taste of our great game. It was a very positive and well received program and is set to continue in 2019.

We again saw a season of positives on the field. Our Mini's from U6 – U9 played with the usual enthusiasm and clearly had a wonderful time. The Harlequins Cup was an obvious highlight for the Mini's, with our U8 & U9 age groups competing against clubs from across Sydney. Yet again, the weather was on our side and the day was an enormous success! As Competition Director on the day, I was the central point for all comments and feedback and that feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many clubs commenting that they are looking forward to Harlequins Cup 2019. To the team that put together a great day, lead by Mini's VP Haydn Stephens, thank you and congratulations!

Equally, our juniors gave it all they had and had a great time playing and developing, as individuals and teams. It's great to see our players and coaches continue to develop and have fun playing rugby. We were also well represented in the Manly Marlins Representative and Development Squads, from U10 all the way through to Opens, both in terms of players and officials. A highlight among many for our juniors was our hosting of the Harlequins from Melbourne. This has become an annual tradition and 2018 was our turn to host. Players from U12 and U13 billeted players and formed some great new friendships and played some terrific rugby, including a game on Manly Oval. Harlequins look forward to visiting Melbourne in 2019.

Our partnership with Mike Cross and Trytime Rugby continues to develop to the direct benefit of the Harlequins and TryTime. Mike gave great support to our coaches, who in turn provided quality coaching to their teams, as well as hosting several school holiday clinics and

Denzil Joyce Oval. Many thanks to Mike and his team and we look forward to continuing to develop our relationship to the benefit of all.

There are too many amazing volunteers across the club to list, but you all know who you are! Regardless of what you did to volunteer at rugby this year, thank you. It's the volunteers that are the backbone of junior sports clubs and your dedication and support is greatly appreciated. Whilst not singling out individuals, I do want to highlight the great work of our committee, much of which is done behind the scenes and too often goes unnoticed. Thank you all for your continued and amazing efforts.

In terms of thanks and by no means least, I'd like to thank our wonderful sponsors, without whom we wouldn't achieve much of what we do. Running a junior sporting club is an expensive business and it's predominantly through sponsorship that we are able to keep costs down for families, whilst supporting players and coaches with quality coaching support and equipment. Thanks you to the following for your ongoing support:

- Dee Why RSL
- Macquarie
- Freshwater Community Bank
- Harbord Beach Hotel
- Shore Physiotherapy
- Micromex Research
- CIBO Bathroomware
- Guzman Y Gomez
- UpALevel Constructions
- adgreen Property and Financial Solutions
- Somerville

In my report last year I spoke of the release of the Northern Beaches Council Sportsgrounds Strategy. This Council project seeks to improve existing fields and amenities, add new grounds where possible and convert existing open space to playing fields where opportunities are identified. Harlequins are a direct beneficiary of that strategy, with the resurfacing and relighting of Denzil Joyce and Reub Hudson Ovals well underway and the relighting of Old Reub Hudson already complete. Once these projects are all complete, Harbord Harlequins and our fellow users will enjoy 2 brand new fields and 100 lux lighting on all 3 fields. This is something we have been working towards with Council for many years and it's great to see it all finally happening.

With the fields well underway, we have turned our attention to upgrading the facilities and amenities building. Working with Council, we have applied for several very significant grants to assist to bring the facilities up to a higher standard and also expand in some areas. The coming months will identify how successful those grant applications have been.

Socially the club also had a great time. Aside of the many team and age group get-together's, the club also hosted the Coaches and Managers drinks at Dee Why RSL and a great social night to watch the Wallabies take on Ireland at the Truck Bar at Brookvale. Thank you to everyone involved in bringing those 2 very well attended events to fruition.

Presentation Day rounded out the season and was a great morning. In fact, I'll go as far as to say it was the best I've attended. Seeing all the players get their trophies and medals was terrific and congratulations to all of the team and club award winners. I would like to in particular highlight and congratulate Brooke Plumpe for being awarded the Kristen Wall Supporter of the Year Award, presented by Kristen's husband Cameron and daughter Ashleigh. Kristen was an amazing club member, who volunteered across the club, not just in her team, but hers and others age groups and anywhere in the club she was needed. She was taken very suddenly and was such a great loss to the club that the award was struck in her honour and is awarded annually to a member who embodies her volunteering spirit, commitment and the energy she brought to the club. Brooke certainly does that. I'd also like to acknowledge the continued support of the Wall Family, who enthusiastically attend our presentation every year to present the award.

I hope you all enjoyed your season and look forward to everyone returning for bigger and better things in 2019.

Wayne Reeve

President

Forest Juniors Presidents Report 2017



2018 was once again a fantastic and successful year for our mini's and juniors. We had 352 registered players (348 in 2017, 351 in 2016) registered from U6 to Opens and 4 girl's teams in the U12's, to U18's sevens comp.

Forest once again ran a successful Try Rugby programme over 4 weeks with over 75 registered players, (48 in 2017, 68 in 2016). The programme was run by the club and Forest Rugby club is still the only club in Australia running Try Rugby since inception.

The mini's fielded a team in every age group this year and competed in several gala days during the year. The juniors also fielded at least one team in every age group again this year. Once again, we fielded four Forest girls teams this year with 43 registered players (48 in 2017, 25 in 2016) and they competed in a Sydney wide sevens comp. From all accounts, the girls had a fantastic time and really enjoyed themselves.

We fielded 13 teams (12 teams in 2017, 11 teams in 2016) from under 10's to Opens. Not only did we have great numbers, we also competed very well in the all the respective age group divisions. We had 10 of our teams compete in semi-finals this year. Our under U10H were unsuccessful in the Plate Grand Final, fantastic effort for a lot of first time Rugby players, thanks Helen. Our U13B's and 16B/C's were successful in winning their respective Cup Grand Finals. The under 16's have gone back to back from last year. In the first Grand Final our U13's has won, it had been a hard couple of years for this team, well done guys. Big congratulations to all the players, coaches, managers and volunteers this year on their efforts with their respective teams for Forest Rugby club.

MJRU Representative Rugby

We had another successful year for our boys representing Manly Junior Rugby Union with 41 players selected at this year's State Cup in their respective age groups. We also had Kai Wilson, Luke Woolford, Lachlan Lowick and Louise Sheridan selected to play for the Sydney Junior Rugby Union against NSW Country at Tamworth this year. Well done guys. Kai Wilson and Luke Woolford were selected in the NSW Generation Blue teams that participated at this year's U15's National tournament.

Presentation Day

We had a rainy spring day for our club Presentation day. The minis went first and they all had a great day collecting their trophies, well done. Our Mini's Player of the Year went to Matari Webster from the under 9's. We also had a fantastic turn out from our juniors, with the majority of players attending. The Juniors player of the year was split between Rory Ross-Hodges and Lachlan McAndrew from the Opens. The Junior President award this year went to a club volunteer that goes be-on the call of duty. Congratulations to Tom Heaton, our Under 6's and Under 10's coach as well as mini-co-ordinator. Congratulations to all the players that received awards this year.

Under 15's Fiji Tour

The boys had a fantastic trip to Fiji this year playing two games against local schools. As usual the Fijian boys played hard, fast and fair rugby. The boys learnt a lot about the local Fijian culture and their local drink (AKA Kava). A big thankyou to the Fijian Tour Committee.

Junior Parents and Committee

I would like to thank all the parents that helped out with Canteen, BBQ and Field set up/pack up this year. The Junior Forest coaches, managers, age co-ordinators, AR, trainers, first aid officers and anyone else that help out in a team this year. Without volunteers this club wouldn't be successful as it is or couldn't run as smooth as it does.

I would like to personally thank the Junior Committee for all their hard work this year; David Dickerson, Paul Davidson, Ali Duncan, David McAndrew, Janine Roland, Scott Saunders, Simon Newson and Tom Heaton.

Go Forest in 2019.

Jason Woolford

Forest Junior Vice President

MANLY ROOS MJRU REPORT 2017



The Roos continued with another good year of rugby in the Manly district in 2018. Many of our Juniors teams did well, our mini players all have fun and we are continuing to build a strong rugby community.

Congratulations to our life members, Michael Hooper and Reece Hodge for their continued great efforts for the Wallabies with Michael Hooper continuing as Wallabies Captain in 2018. The Roos had over 300 registered players this year, similar to the previous three years and as a great rugby nursery we are sure there will be more representative players amongst them. Our player numbers are slightly down on last year and in 2019 we have committed to expanding this and introducing girl's teams in both U7's and regular competitions.

Volunteers

Like all clubs, we rely on the support of our volunteer coaches, managers and administrators and have around 80 helping the Roos. Like most clubs, we greatly appreciate the support of all of these people as the club could not run without them and the kids would not have a game to play. Thanks also to all parents who put hours in to get their kids to training and to games on the weekend and additional club events. Sincere thanks to the committee comprising Alan Main as Treasurer, Kerri Corn as Secretary, Andy Evans as Vice President Jnrs and Geoff Costello as President Minis. They all worked tirelessly throughout the year for the club. A particular to Alan Main as Treasurer for getting out club finances back in shape. A special thanks also to Marty Ferguson for all his work on social media and IT who was also club volunteer of the year in conjunction with his son. Bippy Power has also been our Club Administrator and Registrar for two years now and makes a big difference. This year we also through the work of Marty Ferguson obtained a licence which enabled us to open the Roo Bar with many successful events taking place on evenings throughout the season.

Minis

In 2018 we had nine teams across the four age groups led by age managers Rob James in U6, Neil Ager in U7, Geoff Costello in U8 and Kerri Corn in U9. Unfortunately, our U7 numbers were down and we only could field one team. The minis also competed for the first time in a gala day at Keirle Park which was an idea put forward by SJRU. It was a great day, there were many activities besides rugby and everybody had a great day out. There were over 60 games of rugby played with everyone

enjoying the day. Our U8 and U9's teams also competed in the King of the Hills and the Harbord Harlequins gala days which was a step up in terms of competition and intensity. Congratulations to both our teams in those events and the extra work put in by the coaches and managers of both teams.

Juniors

The Roos again ran three teams in the U10's, two in the U11's and one in the U12's. Again, this reflects the difficulty of retaining player numbers as players enter high schools. Thanks again to all of the efforts of the coaches, managers and age managers. The U10 white and blue teams both brought home the silverware as SJRU champions and a special congratulations to Richard Head and Ben Squire for their efforts with the U10 blue team and to Paul Shipley and Gonzalo Ventura for their efforts with their premiership winning sides.

Sponsors

The Roos again thank St George Bank, Novotel Manly Pacific and Harris Farm for all of their support this year. A special thanks to Harris Farm for providing large amounts of food for our canteen, Presentation Day and the gala day.

I would also like to thank all of the parents who helped at the canteen, BBQ and field set up and pack up this year as without such help, the club could not function.

Again, a special thank you to all of the committee members for their hard work during the year.

Go the Roos!

James Maxwell

President Manly Roos Junior Rugby Club

ALLAMBIE JETS PRESENTS REPORT 2017



What a season 2018 was for the Allambie Jets. Across every age group, as you'll see from the individual team reports that follow in this report, the club continued to grow and prosper. These achievements couldn't have been possible with the many volunteers who selflessly gave their time, energy and passion as we look to create the best environment possible for our players. Once again, I am indebted to all of you who helped through the season, thank you. I'd also like to express my sincere thanks to our sponsors whose generosity enables us to continue to grow and provide the required equipment and resources for our players.

Through the season I received many complimentary comments about our teams and our club in general. When an U8's match got rained out and we moved to DY, DY were very complimentary about our volunteers who worked to ensure the minis games scheduled for that morning went ahead. On the topic of minis, we continue to be seen as the benchmark club for the way we host the games with our field set-up and general organisation - it gets us a lot of positive press amongst the other clubs.

On the playing side we continue to grow as a club, with there being more Jets players last year than ever before and we were able to field teams in 6 age groups from U6 to U11 inclusive. We had good representation in the MJRU Representative teams at both U10 & U11 and all our players did the club proud at the various gala days we attended. However, I can't talk about the playing side of things without going into a little more detail for the U10 & U11 teams who played in the Sydney wide SJRU comps. The U10's, after a tremendous start to the season, get regraded up a division and proved themselves competitive throughout the rest of the season, playing with an attacking style of rugby that will serve them well in future years. The U11's, who like the U10's, had a great start to season and also found themselves regraded up a division. This only served to galvanise the team and as the season progressed the boys went on to achieve 3 fantastic achievements, being; an unbeaten season, ending the season as Minor Premiers and rounding out the year as Grand Final winners. A fantastic achievement for all involved.

It's been an absolute honour to be President of the Jets through 2018 and I'm convinced that with the players we have, the resources we have and most importantly the committee and volunteers we have, we will continue to go from strength to strength over the coming years. Unfortunately, due to work commitments this was my last season as president and I'd like to end by wishing the new committee all the very best. I'm sure that the club will continue to flourish under their stewardship. Finally, thanks to all who have supported me over the last two years, I do appreciate all the support you have given me.

Go the Jets! Best regards, Colin

Balgowlah Seaforth raiders Rugby Club Presidents Report



2018 has been a tremendously successful and enjoyable year for the Seaforth Balgowlah Raiders. On behalf of the Raiders committee I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all players and families who have participated and contributed over the year to once again deliver a year to remember for all the right reasons. I would also like to thank the MJRU, SJRU and all our village clubs for their support throughout 2018.

On reflection I can think of any number of highlights that have made the year such a success;

- Record player numbers and volunteers across all ages from the U6's up to the U16 Vikings.
- Several new events such as the tremendous "Battle of the Bridge" and our Jersey Presentation day. I look forward to our clash with Mosman cementing itself into our tradition.
- Our Friday night dinners at the Seaforth Balgowlah Bowling club have taken it to a new level and are a tremendous credit once again to the parents who volunteered their time to make them such a success. We look forward to continuing to engage with the club and the wider community.
- There were very few behavioural issues with players and or parents which is a real credit to all members and I thank you all for participating in this sport and club in the spirit it is meant to be done.
- The on field results across the club have been terrific and are an absolute tribute to all the Coaches, Managers and Crash Pad holder's/Ball pumper uppers that have sacrificed their time throughout the year. Special credit to Rob Gallagher who has once again contributed so much to ensuring our on-field success. We also thank Nick Bousie for his help with the introduction of a skill based learning program in the Minis. This is something we will look to expand upon in 2019.
- Finally, to all the players who were selected for representative duties - a heartfelt congratulations!

Perhaps the most pleasing thing about this year is the level of commitment and passion shown consistently across all ages and abilities. We pride ourselves at the Raiders for a club that includes and gives opportunity to all comers and abilities and I am confident we have continued that tradition this year.

Thank you once again and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2018.

Ben Carberry

President SBRJRC

MANLY JUNIOR RUGBY UNION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

MJRU U10 RED – 2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

The u10 Marlins commenced trials in early May 2018 as with over 100 boys and girls vying for a place in the 36 player development squad.

The trials were very well organised and competitive and this gave the players an early feel for the standard expected as part of the Marlins junior program. There was an abundance of talent on display in all positions and the trial games were played at a high level.

From the first interaction, there was a strong emphasis placed on establishing a team culture of respect for the Marlins history. Throughout the program team management encouraged participation at Marlin 1st grade games, combined Red and Blue training sessions and involvement from external coaches and Marlins players throughout the season.

With all the talent available and mindful of the young age of the players, the selectors had a tough job on their hands but were able to select a very strong squad with a number of players showing impressive versatility and high skill levels. Equally hard was the final selection into Blue and Red teams for the NSWJRU State Championships in July.

The Red team contained some very strong players which boded well for the season. This was highlighted immediately-during the trainings and then in the trial games where the team managed to win all their games comfortably against strong opposition. Trial games were arranged against the Warringah Rats, Southern Districts and Gordon, with Gordon providing the-strongest test, but still succumbing to the relentless attack and defence of the mighty Reds. Of note was the enthusiasm of the squad and genuine reluctance to leave the field or take a break. This high level of fitness would be crucial for the one-day tournament with 4 four games.

An absolute highlight of the build up to the State Championship was the presentation of the playing jerseys by Marlins star Sam Lane, just prior to kicking off against our old rivals at Rat Park. Another formidable speech by Luke Donnan and the exciting game that followed, helped to punctuate what it means to be a Marlin. No player will ever forget their first Marlins jersey, in fact several of our players slept in their jersey that first night after receiving it.

The NSWJRU State Championships rolled around very quickly and a great organisational effort from team manager Lena Lowe, coaches and the parent group saw the Marlins set up at Rat Park in the optimal position on the main field with full catering to boot. The Red team played games against Northern Suburbs, Randwick, Gordon and Eastwood. The first game against Norths was-anticipated to be an easy warm up, but a spirited Norths side had the team on the back foot immediately. We were lucky to seal a win with a sweeping backline move in the last movement followed by a tricky conversion. After that initial scare, any complacency was firmly banished and the team started playing some outstanding footy to romp home against all other opposition including a memorable win against Randwick on the main field at Rat Park.

Throughout the season the hard tackling forward pack laid a strong foundation from which the talented backs were able to run at the defence at will. High energy, high tempo play, combined with a

willingness to play a varied game, which included targeted kicking, was the difference in a 12 player game on a big field.

Although the focus of the u10 age group is on development, the Red team can proudly say that they went through the season unbeaten. ~~and~~ We hope that the players took some new skills and ideas back to their Village clubs as well as a renewed passion and understanding for the Marlins jersey.

Although it is unfair to single out any player from a group that achieved so much as a team, it must be highlighted that the u10 Marlins selected, on merit, its first female representative in Coco Marsters. Coco went on to distinguish herself at the State Championships and was voted Best and Fairest by the coaches at the end of the day.

Several of the team now look forward to the New Zealand Tour in April 2019 and we look forward to welcoming all the Reds players back for next year's trials.

Massive thanks to Gary Paton for all his organising efforts and leadership, Lena for administering the season so smoothly, the coaches from Reds and Blue teams, especially Mark MacLennan who helped run the Red team, selectors, parents and supporters who all contributed to a wonderful representative season.

MJRU U10 RED – 2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

At NSWJRU state championships the Blue team had games against Eastwood, Northern Suburbs, Hunter and Gordon. Eastwood being a strong catchment was expected to be a hard game against boys with some significant size advantages. The game didn't disappoint and it definitely blew the cobwebs out for the forward pack, particularly at the breakdown. After several minutes of defending our own line the Blues managed to come away with a well-earned one try victory. The next two games saw some fantastic running rugby under the foundation of solid work from the forwards to see both Hunter and Norths dispatched easily with some fantastic running rugby. The key game to finish the day undefeated took place on the central pitch, it was a very hard fought forward battle that saw the Gordon pack win the day in the end.

With a few team building exercises the Blue team gelled well from the start, with the boys happily splitting into separate groups and training and playing like they had known each other for quite some time. The sportsmanship amongst the boys and their willingness to support their comrades in the Red team was outstanding. The team enjoyed playing to a game plan, and understanding the 'economics' of kick chase with no fullback under the U10 rules. All the Blues successfully made it through to the much anticipated tour of New Zealand and each player has a short note on their strengths and areas to improve their game, and are keen to get back on the paddock.

The comradery and skills developed during the development period were definitely on display at the recent 7's tournament where many of the boys socialized and watched each other play, with a few even crossing clubs for a bit of fun. The parent group was superb to work with through the duration of the campaign. Special mention must go to Katie Furlong who managed the Blues with aplomb, Gary Paton for his tireless effort in the MJRU, who is always there in the background guiding the ship - and not to forget Cameron Bennett who was our waterboy on the day, a role he performed with gusto.

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MJRU U11 BLUE– 2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

A big part of this campaign, usually manifest as part of the physical training, was mental preparedness, and we continued to instil discipline and set benchmarks during the 6 week lead-up to the State Champs. We had drilled the boys pretty hard and piled a whole lot of detail and technique onto them; it was bordering on information overload - so much for them to remember – but they so impressed with their ability to understand, learn and execute, resulting in some truly rewarding performances.

The games in which we played to our own standard effectively shut the opposition out of the contest, ultimately rendering them impotent in their valiant quest to counter the irresistible force that was Manly Blue (these were Game 1 (v Norths) and Game 4 (v Hunter Blue)). Performing consistently at a high level, and sticking to our patterns, was always going to be a challenge, and one that we succumbed to against Eastwood (Game 2 – some good moments but ultimately we let our standards drop), Penrith (Game 3 – which turned into a one-out slugfest, although terrific backbone was displayed), and Gordon (Game 5 – which felt like a loss to our boys, in difficult, non-sportsmanlike circumstances). In all of these matches there were some good moments, some special moments, and a lot of moments that we made hard for ourselves. The final game of the weekend against Sydney Uni was always going to be challenging, not because of the ability of our opponents, but because of our own standards. It was great to see us keep to our patterns and completely annihilate the opposition in a match where we could so easily have played to their level.

Probably the best thing to come out of this whole experience was getting the boys to learn, understand (both 'what' and 'why'), and play to completely new styles, patterns, and shape (indeed this will have been the first experience of such structure for the whole squad) - this is the foundation that will serve the boys well over the next few years as the chasm in size disparity widens. The bigger result of this learning was ultimately belief, both in themselves and in each other, and the importance and benefit of teamwork. In Manly, we are not burdened with an overdose of size, speed, or super-stars (apart from the coaches, of course), meaning that we need to combine and work collectively for our results. Well done.

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MJRU U11 RED– 2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

A hearty congratulation to the red team for their commitment during our 6 week campaign. The boys worked exceptionally hard at training, developing skills & working toward a game plan conducive to the talent of the team. We spent 6 weeks training on a dry fast field only to play the State Champs in wet and muddy conditions. It's a tribute to the team in the way they adapted to the conditions, yet still managed to predominantly play dry weather rugby in the rain.

Our results are indicative of the quality of the team. Five wins from six matches had the team in equal first place at the end of the Champs. Our first game against the Rebels was probably our hardest and unfortunately our only loss, but it enabled us to take note early in the Champs as to the importance to adapt quickly to the conditions or be left wondering why we didn't amend our game plan.

Randwick copped the brunt of our determination in game 2 as we piled on try after try. It was almost a perfect performance as the ball was secured beautifully by our forwards before being unleashed to the backline. Result, 41-0.

Game 3 Vs Norths proved much tougher, but our boys prevailed again playing some dazzling rugby in the 29-14 win.

Game 4 Vs Hunter was a tough assignment as the weight & size ratio took its toll on our team. However, the true character of the team stood tall as we hung onto a wonderful 14-12 victory.

Game 5 Vs Mid North Coast was another try fest as the boys piled on 8 tries to nil. If Randwick was near perfect, this game was as perfect as any coach could ask for. A strong platform from the forwards enabled, pod hit ups and then quality backline play resulting in 6 of the tries to outside backs.

Our final game was a bruising encounter against a fired-up Gordon. Once again, our fighting spirit proved too strong for them, finishing with gallant 12-5 win.

Our team was captained by Noah + Ash. They both led by example, much like in the mould of John Eales. Each player is to be commended for always putting their bodies on the line and their teammates before them, which is a hallmark of a quality team. We were fortunate to coach such wonderful and courageous group of boys. I have no doubt the boys will reflect on this time as that of enjoyment + fun, hard work, teamwork which brings reward and most importantly starting new friendships. Congratulations to the Blue team & respective coaches on their fine performances.

Special thanks from both teams, parents and supporters to Mick & Sam for all the off-field work. It has been a most enjoyable campaign.

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MJRU U12 – 2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

The 2018 State Championships, at the wonderful Camden Rugby Club was a challenging one for our boys. As per the season proper, the size difference between our boys and some of the other teams was far greater than in previous years. Both of the eventual finalists, Penrith and Parramatta, would have significantly outweighed our boys across the board and this challenge will continue into the coming years.

Notwithstanding these challenges, the boys ended the competition with a record of 4 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. The spirit of the boys and their positive attitude throughout ensured they came away smiling and thankfully uninjured.

The Saturday morning started with a 12-12 draw with Manly's traditional foes, Gordon. Gordon got away to an early lead, but we were able to finish strongly and unfortunately time ran out as we had the ascendancy towards the tail end of the game. The drawn result was one which would come back to haunt us at the end of the preliminary rounds with Gordon ultimately progressing to the quarter finals at our expense due to a superior for and against record in the preliminary rounds. A lesson was learnt that we need to be on form from the kickoff.

Our second game found us against what can only be described as a mammoth Hunter pack.

Scrum became a major issue with us when, even on our own feed, we were pushed off the ball by a pack that was significantly bigger than us. The lack of ball from the set piece eventually contributed to the 2 tries to nil victory by Hunter. In 3 years of rep rugby, this was the first time this Manly side had been held tryless.

It would have been easy for the boys to become discouraged at this point, however, they held their nerve into game 3 against Sydney University. Another tough assignment against some much larger boys, however, the skill and technique that had been the hallmark of this team won out in the end with a hard fought 17-7 victory to finish off the day.

Day 2 commenced with the final game of the preliminary rounds was also a tight fixture against Illawarra. Once again it was a case of skill and technique overcoming size and Manly got over the line with a 12-5 victory.

With 2 wins, a loss and a draw in our first game, the spots in the finals came down to for and against and unfortunately, we didn't progress. We still had 2 games left in the competition, but the trophy cabinet would be bare for 2018.

Perhaps with the pressure off, coupled with the like-sized opposition, the boys let their hair down to produce their best game of the tournament on the main ground. Supported by a wonderfully vocal group of parents and supporters, Manly overcame Mid North Coast 46-0. Champagne rugby was the

order of the day and the highlight came when the boys ran over to the supporter group to let them know how appreciated they were.

Our final game of the tournament was a fitting State of Origin-esque affair against our northern beaches neighbours, the Warringah Rats. With bragging rights at stake, the boys played some great footy to round out the tournament with a solid 36 – 10 victory.

Overall, the boys were a pleasure to coach, the coaching and managing staff couldn't have asked for a more supportive and enthusiastic group of parents and siblings, and whilst we couldn't match the efforts of previous years, the group can be proud of their efforts and will ideally come back next year (having physically grown somewhat) to again sing the Manly Boom Boom song with pride.

Peter Gibson – Coach

Luke Donnan – Coach

Gerard O'Connor – Manager



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MJRU U13– 2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

After limited preparation the team came together well and we headed up to Nelson Bay confident we had a strong squad ready to go deep into the competition.

First up on day one we played a spirited Warringah Rats who were all fired up for the local derby. Fortunately we got off to a great start with our outside backs Josh Gedz and Evan Neal scoring a couple of tries each, giving us a 20-0 halftime lead. After clearing the bench at half time it got a bit messy in the second half. Although the final result was only 20-7 we got the win and had a full healthy squad to select from for game two.

Our second game on day one was a big one against the 2017 quarter-finalists Illawarra. We knew we had to win this one knowing our final pool game was against a quality West Harbour team. Illawarra had a huge forward pack but our boys put up an outstanding defensive effort chopping them down all game. The forwards laid an outstanding platform for our backs to run in 4 tries, two each to Josh Gedz and Tom Klem securing us a 24-7 win.

We headed back to camp happy with our efforts knowing we had qualified for the quarter-finals and pleased we had stepped up and performed well against a tough team.

First up on day two we played a very good West Harbour team. Knowing we had our quarter-final in the afternoon we wanted to keep energy levels up so we spread the load and used our whole squad. Unfortunately we lost 10-0 and whilst we were disappointed to lose we still had a fresh full squad ready for our quarter-final.

For the quarter-final we played a massive high quality Penrith team. For some unknown reason we had a horror start and were down 17-0 after 5 minutes. From here we suddenly sparked into gear and our technically superior forwards completely dominated the breakdown and possession (we would estimate we had 70% possession). We managed to grind our way back into the game with Josh Gedz scoring twice and Henry Ball once drawing the scores at 17-17. After several try scoring opportunities went begging late in the game we had an opportunity to kick a penalty in front on the buzzer for the win. Unfortunately we took the quick tap, which had been working so effectively for the rest of the game, and couldn't quite get over. For the second year running we were knocked out because the opposition scored the first try. It's always disappointing to lose but the effort and performance from the boys was absolutely outstanding. Aside from the first 5 minutes we think it was the best performance the boys have had since they started playing for the Marlins.

On the final day we were surprised to see West Harbour had unexpectedly lost so we had to play them again for a minor placing. We made the decision to use the whole squad again so some of the boys who had played less minutes could inject some energy into the team. It worked beautifully with another all round high energy performance with us managing to win a tight one 12-10. Evan Neal

scored a good first half try and Blake Long scored the winner off a set move from a strong scrum. It was a really pleasing way to top off a weekend where we played some really high quality rugby.

A huge positive from the weekend was the quality of our defensive effort. In five games we only conceded 51 points which is a reflection of the attitude of the boys. They love playing for the Marlins and they really enjoyed playing hard for each other.

Overall we believe the boys performances were easily right at the limits of their potential. The excellent off field organisation by Sarah our manager ensured the boys maintained high energy levels through excellent sleeping arrangements, food, and even recovery sessions in the freezing cold ocean.

As a team, 2018 was a big step forward for the rugby development of many of the boys. We have no doubt they will all continue to grow and come back better in 2019.

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MJRU U14 – 2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

The Under 14 Manly Squad drove into a cold rain-soaked Endeavour Park and were warmly welcomed by several of the Orange Emu Committee and volunteers.

Damien “Turtle” Cummins and Marshall Milroy headed our Coaching Team and immediately took the squad out on the field to get used to the trying conditions heading into 3 days of tough competition.

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Manly, ACT, Randwick, Central West

Manly 22 – ACT 0

A large well drilled ACT Team were the perfect opposition to get our campaign up and running. Close accurate handling was required in the testing conditions with the whole team standing up perfectly in defence.

Manly 40 – Randwick 5

Just a week before in a Club game, the majority of our Manly boys had been taught a lesson by Randwick. But like the weather, revenge was best served cold in a one-sided encounter that left the Randwick Team stunned. The forwards put in a faultless display, not allowing the opposing pack to just breeze over the ball as they had done so a week earlier; this allowed the backs to carve through the opposing line with ease.

Manly 41 – Central West 5

The Manly boys woke up to freshly laundered kits thanks to their Manager Julian Shelbourne. However, they started slowly against a spirited Central West outfit that had been seen as the weaker of the pool Teams Manly were to face. A halftime ‘chat’ from Marshall and Turtle saw a better second half display to ease us in to the quarter finals, top of our pool.

Manly 29 – West Harbour 5

The Sun had finally found its way from the Beaches to Orange in time for our game with Wests. It was seemingly a much-changed West outfit that we had watched in the first day’s pool games and they were wound up and ready for a battle. Ultimately this game was decided on discipline, where Manly kept to the basics with some resolute across the field defending; Wests continual infractions were met with countless penalties and two yellow cards. This game was certainly not handed to Manly, who’s tenacity was summed up in a sacking of the Wests fullback, driven back 10 meters, spilling the ball over the try line for an easy(ish) Manly touchdown. Semi’s here we come!

SEMI FINAL Manly 14 – Penrith 31

This was a game of moments and the moment we were 14-0 down after 8 minutes was the moment our boys woke up! The rest of the half saw us win and secure a lot more of the ball, scoring a good converted try but conceding a penalty for a 7-17 halftime score line. We were starting to match them, which was reinforced in the Coaches messages. This was a big, fast and skilled Penrith outfit and we knew we had to put them under pressure and score first in the next half, we didn't. 21-10 down could have opened the flood gates, but every one of the Manly players kept to the game plan and were rewarded with another good score. A tense 5 minutes of pressure from the Manly Team was broken with a breakaway try that closed out the game; a win and GF for the Penrith boys, but they knew they had been in a real game.

3rd/4th PLAYOFF Manly 36 – Norths 0

Very easy for Manly to put the cue back in the rack for this game, but the Team wanted to repay the Coaches for their efforts and to end the Championships on a high. A much-changed starting Manly line up took the game straight to Norths and never looked in danger of allowing our neighbours a sniff of our try line.



Marshall leads the Team for the Manly Boom Boom

SUMMARY

Arguably our semi against Penrith could/should have been the Grand Final, but we accept the grading system that put us in 3rd overall. ALL the boys stepped up their intensity and enthusiasm which invariably happens when the State Champs comes around. The fantastic coaching team of

Turtle and Marshall were admirably supported by Julian, Rousey, Wardy and 'Best On Tour' Tony High. Thanks also to the parent group who helped make this such a great experience and to help provide our sons with lifelong memories and mateship. Lastly, thanks to the MJRU for their continued support of junior representative rugby and for their post championship recognition for the volunteers, none of this goes unnoticed and is very much appreciated.

GO MANLY!

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MJRU U15 – 2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

This year the U 15 squad saw a year of change & development. For various reasons, injury, league & school commitments saw us blood a significant number of new players to the representative scene. In fact 15 players got the opportunity for the 1st time. We were also privileged to have the coaching team of Sio Tatola & Tom Crerer . They are both heavily involved in Manly senior rugby, have a wealth of knowledge & offered a great additional learning opportunity for the players. Trainings also saw the players grow in confidence & pick up new skills.

The tournament itself was always going to be a challenge for such a new group & results really were secondary to building a team for the future growing the skill base of all players, both experienced & new. We ended up in a tough pool with finalists Gordon, & ACT Brumbies.

Game 1 was Gordon..where we held them for most of 1st half with strong commitment & scared them so much they had to bring on their strongest team. The 2nd half Gordon pulled away & ended up with a flattering scoreline not reflective of particularly competitive 1st half effort. Game 2 saw us play Act Brumbies & arguably the teams best performance. The match was very even throughout & only lost through 2 runaway tries against the run of play. In our final pool match we lost a very tight match to Central Coast..a game the team were more than capable of winning, but a combination of some poor execution & challenging ref calls...just came up short. The remainder of non play off games were very competitive & saw us play teams such as Wests & Illawarra & having a well deserved victory over Illawarra

In the end, I believe it was a great development year for the boys & laid a really solid foundation to continue to build on for the future. Importantly The boys had fun & developed their skills to take back to their club teams which incidently saw booth Forest & the Vikings make the semis. Again big thankyou to the coaches Sio, & Tom for their time & efforts & creating a fantastic learning environment.

Finally congrats to following boys who made selection into Sydney trials. Liam Painter, Sam Eden, Ned Hillier, Jere Ongosia, Tom Furlong, Murray Sutherland, & Kai Wilson. Fantastic to see Kai then going on to represent Sydney in state carnivals.

Look forward to taking the next step in 2019

Coaches: Tom Crerar, Sio Tatola

Manager : Mark Sargent

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MJRU U16 – 2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

The 2018 Marlins U16 team campaign was one of bleeding a large number of new representative players along with returning rep players. There was much to be learned from the step up in commitment and competition. We came together from The Vikings and Forest very quickly and the extra training sessions with the input of coach Alex Helu along with assistance from Saia Latu, Tim Herbert, Rob Gallacher and James Hiltenbrand added to the skill set of the team ahead of the Tournament.

The presentation of the playing jerseys by Brad Hemopo of The Marlins highlighted that this was a step up in expectation and that rugby gives us the opportunity to play our game all over the world.

We arrived at a wet and dreary Drummoyne Oval on Day 1 to conditions that didn't really suit our wide running, high ball movement game but we lost to Souths in a 1 point game and knocked over Norths with a 2 point win. A couple of key injuries in the first game took away a bit of firepower but the group soldiered on.

The big challenge for the team came on Day 2 when we faced the size of Sydney University. What a game. Every player lifted, committed to his team mates and the coaching group came away proud of the effort. 2 intercept tries by Sydney Uni proved to be the difference in the end but a lot of self belief was gained by the result. A forfeit by Central Coast meant a long day for 1 game. The final day saw a side with a few too many injuries play Norths again in the playoffs with the result that a couple of decisions by us didn't help and Norths secured the win.

Rugby is a game grounded in the volunteer community and thanks go out to all the parents who ground marshalled, ran the touchlines, supplied the incredible food for the weekend and ferried players to and from Drummoyne. A special well done to the players who were injured but made sure they attended every game.

A special thanks to coach Alex Helu, who not only has a great knowledge of what is going wrong and right on the field but also has an ability to communicate with the players. Every player gained by being exposed to this level of competition and Alex's coaching. Stay in the game, keep learning and see where your ability takes you.

Peter Rankin

Team manager

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MJRU OPENS – 2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

The 2018 Open's State Championship was a disappointment with only 3 teams competing in the event. We can only assume the logic of running an U18's City v Country game on the same weekend was not the smartest move made by NSW Junior Rugby, as this game meant that 3 or 4 teams planning on playing did not.

Anyway the Manly team were prepared well with Saia Latu and Tim Herbert running sessions to gel boys from the Vikings, Forest, Marlins Colts and 2 ring ins from Warringah.

The boys played against Gordon and Hunter on the Saturday winning both well so went into the final a rematch against Hunter with confidence. After getting off to an early lead complacency and ill discipline crept into their game. Having 2 yellow cards and a red (2 yellow card offences) we played almost the entire 2nd half with 14 boys on the paddock. They always want to make things difficult but they were able to regroup and come away winners of the 2018 Open State Champs. The good thing is most of these boys can back up for the 2019 State Champs if there is one so looking good for Manly.

Well done to the boys and coaching staff on a great victory.



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MJRU SEVENS – 2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

The 2018 NSW Sevens State Championship was held at sunny Forester. Manly entered 2 teams, with the help of 4 boys from Stannies Bathurst and 2 NSW Sevens training squad members we were able produce 2 very competitive teams.

The event held over 3 days had pool games on Friday and Saturday with finals on Sunday. Both teams went through their pool games undefeated topping their pools with the Marlins winning all their games and the Baa Baas winning 3 and drawing 1. Sunday the top 4 teams played semis with the winners going into the final, we knew we would get a side into the finals as our teams were meeting in the semi. The Baa Baas put it to the Marlins but a late try got the Marlins across the line 17 to 12. The Final was the Marlins v the much loved Cavaliers (a so called academy side). After a slow start the Marlins kicked away to lead 21 to 5 with time running out, but as usual our 17 year old boys had a bit of a nap letting the Cavs back into the game with 2 late tries though it was too little too late. Marlins State Champs and the Baa Baas coming in 4th, what a great result for all.

The result was a great but the most impressive thing was how the boys came together over the weekend engaging with all other teams in particular the U17 girls teams that we also at the event. 20 odd tired but happy boys at the end of the weekend who bonded and did the job for Manly.

Many thanks to Dave Beat for organising entry, gear, communication and the photographer well done, also Alex Helu for coaching the team leading into the event and over the weekend. This is a great tournament and the MJRU should target putting in an U13, U15 and U17 boys and girls teams next year.

Steven Painter

Manager



