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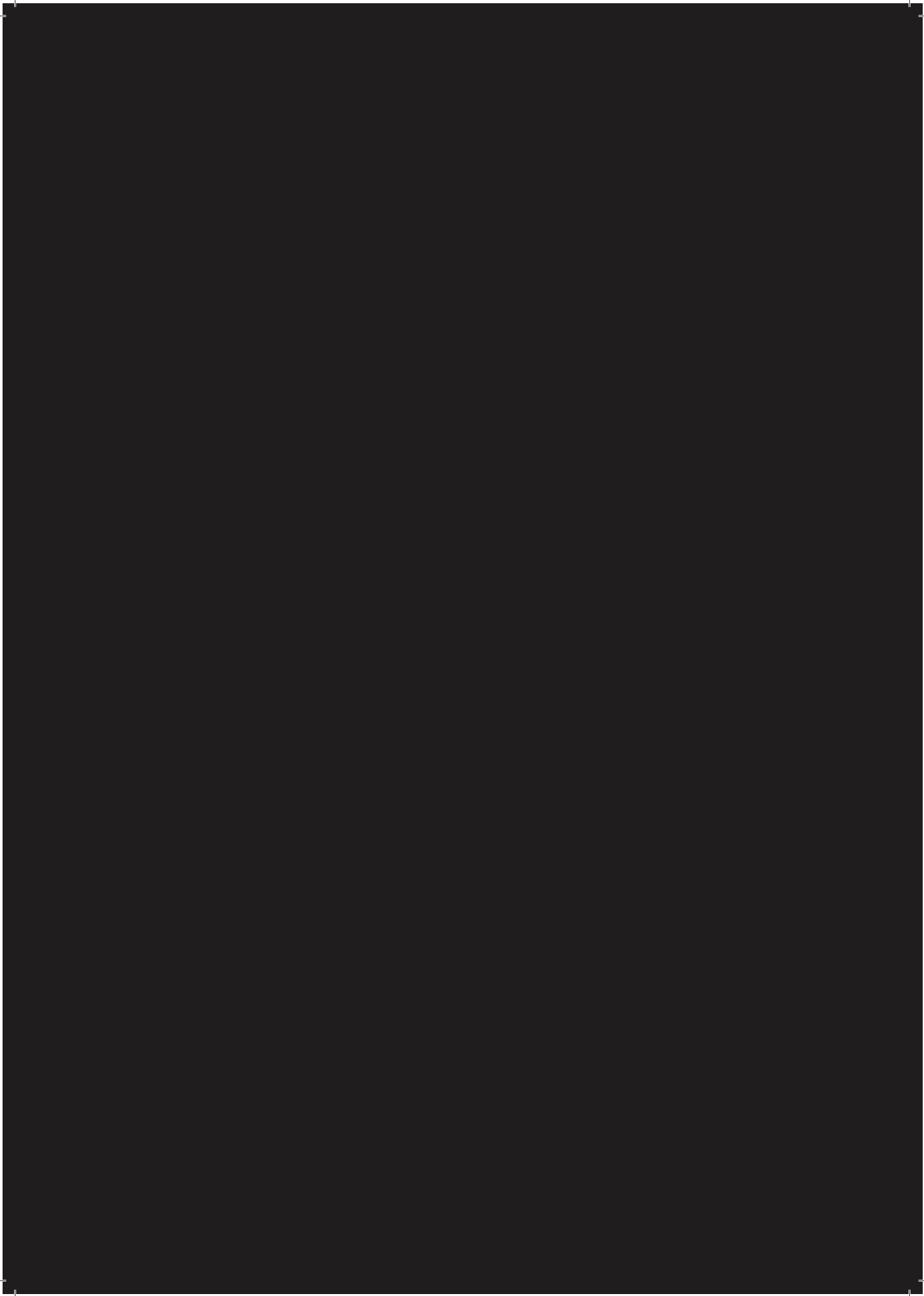


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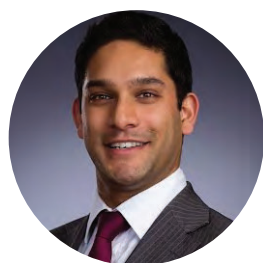
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

For the second year in a row, we endured a challenging and very different season of football for all our players, staff, members, and fans. We were faced with a barrage of obstacles, with the health and safety of our community being our number one priority to move forward. The Bears tribalism, purpose and identity was demonstrated throughout the season in the changing ways we had to operate as a club to support and follow our players and teams.

None of this could have been achieved without the continued contributions of our sponsors and major partner Norths Collective. I would like to thank their Chairman Mark Holman, and the CEO Luke Simmons for their unwavering support of the Bears throughout Season 2021, which was kicked off with the fantastic announcement of a new 3-year sponsorship deal.

We greatly appreciate the support of the Leagues Club, from the Board of Directors to the staff and all their members. Rugby League still reigns very much supreme in the North Shore because of your commitment to the Bears.

To all our community, sponsors, and partners, I want to also say thank you for choosing the Bears, your ongoing support allows us to keep the red and black relevant in our community and keep the Bears club moving forward into Season 2022.

I would like to congratulate the coaching staff, headed by our club coach Jason Taylor, for the tenacity shown throughout 2021. They demonstrated high-level adaptability to mould and shape their approach in an unpredictable environment, learning valuable lessons throughout this volatile season to make for a better club in 2022. To trainers, managers, team officials and the support team, we thank you for ensuring a smooth operation of the football club, and for the successes both on and off the football field.

Finally, a huge thank you to all our players from our Junior Development Squads, Harold Matthews, SG Ball, Harvey Norman Women's Team, and our NSW Cup Team, for your dedication, resilience, and commitment to the club. We greatly appreciate the huge effort and tireless training that goes into a season that was dramatically disturbed. We are so proud of each and every one of you for being part of the mighty red and black, stamping your name in the club's rich history books.

A special congratulations must go to our representative players for 2021, Renee Target, Holli Wheeler and Shannon Mato in the Womens State of Origin and Ben Marschke and Ben Thomas who made their NRL debut for the Sydney Roosters through the North Sydney Bears Pathways.

2021 saw an electric return to Rugby League at North Sydney Oval with the crowds inundating us for our home games and events such as the Bears Legends Day, Jason Taylor Cup, 100 Year Anniversary 1921 Premiership & Frank Hyde Shield, Anzac Day celebration, Women in League Event and Community Partners Day. These game day events were well received, and we look forward to continual enhancement of game day offerings for 2022.

Despite the season being cut very short, we are pleased to announce the club maintained growth with a significant increase in members and fans joining us at home games. Our merchandise sales were up over 450% increase from 2018 and membership also grew over the last two years, notwithstanding the impacts of COVID. These hallmarks, along with sponsorship and grants, are the backbone of the football club's financial viability, and we appreciate all the support and participation that goes into them.

Recently, we have moved forward with announcing that the Bears are an enthusiastic participant if there is to be an 18th team nominated for the NRL. This 113-year foundation club, which has such rich history, heart, and hunger, has the desire to reinstate the mighty red and black into the NRL, where we all know we should be. This is not an easy task, and it is not a given however, I would love us to unite as one community and bring through a bid, a strong membership base, and an offering that the NRL cannot resist.

I am very mindful that this may not be the chosen path for everyone, but we feel the Bears are able to offer the NRL a mutually beneficial partnership of corporate opportunity, financial stability, and thoughtful leadership to bring the game back to the people. I know there has been a huge amount of pain for long-term suffering fans, however, we need to channel this energy into gathering Rugby League enthusiasts, followers, and fans to jump on board the red and black and show the NRL that we are real, relevant, and the most solid partnership option for the 18th bid. It will take all of us and then some, but I know we can do it.

Together, with your help, we can aim to get more football club members of the North Sydney Bears and charge forward with our submission as the 18th team in the NRL. If there is anyone that has an interest in sponsoring and supporting the Bears in the 18th bid, please feel free to reach out to me, or CEO Gareth Holmes to get involved.

In summary, although it was a challenging year on many fronts, as well as an enormous health concern for our community, it has also been a chance for us to reflect, look back on the important things in both life and our football club, and carve our way forward for an exciting tomorrow.

I look forward to a successful 2022 season and I am hoping all the Bears community and families are safe and well as we come out of this crazy COVID time and move forward into normal life.

Thank you for your support.

Daniel Dickson
Chairman



CORPORATE PARTNERS

The North Sydney Bears would like to thank and acknowledge all our Corporate Partners.



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The 2021 rugby league season posted a unique set of challenges as we navigated through a covid world and did so with the wellbeing of our players, staff, members, partners, and fans at front of mind. Despite the disruptions we were able to see some footy played, we welcomed our supporters back to Bear Park and off the field used the opportunity to refresh, renew and strengthen our club and our brand as we prepared for an exciting 2022 season.

I officially started the role of CEO of the North Sydney Bears back in June and from the outset I would like to acknowledge and thank the Board for putting their faith in me, the many members, corporate partners and fans that have welcomed me and to my staff that have assisted my transition into the role whilst also dealing with lockdowns and competitions being cancelled. I feel honored and privileged to be leading this proud foundation club and I am excited for our future and the direction we are heading.

We were able field teams and complete seasons in the Harold Matthews, SG Ball and Harvey Norman Women's competitions and the results for these can be found within this report. I would like to thank coaches Paul Mamo, Tony Clarke and Rob Capizzi, and their staffs, for their efforts with these teams and for ensuring that all players at our club have a great experience, develop their skills and represent the red and black with pride. I am pleased that all our head coaches have accepted their roles again for 2022 and we look forward to a great season ahead.

Our Knock-On Effect NSW Cup team unfortunately had their season cut short at the midway point due to the covid lockdowns. At that point, we were sitting in fourth position and gathering momentum as we were heading towards the finals. Whilst the cancellation of the season was disappointing for us all there are many positives that can be taken from the shortened season. Our partnership with the Roosters at the NRL level and the Hills Bulls Ron Massey Cup level was fruitful for the club and showed a clear pathway and progression for our players. By the end of the season, we had two contracted Bears players have the opportunity to play NRL for the Roosters and Ben Marschke who started the season with Hills playing Ron Massey Cup concluded the year playing NRL with the Roosters. I would like to congratulate Head Coach Jason Taylor and his staff for their efforts in managing a difficult season. We have made some great acquisitions in the player recruitment space during the off-season and I firmly believe the season ahead will be a strong and successful one for our NSW Cup team.

As a club we used the shortened season to get a jump start on 2022 across a number of areas within the business.

As a look to the future, we refreshed our brand and logo and the result is outstanding. Whilst it was an aim to modernize the logo there was an emphasis to keep our identity, our strong and iconic features and the final product does exactly that. It will look great across all of our collateral next season.

Membership:

- 2021 Financial Members: 838
- 2020 Financial Members: 718
- 2019 Financial Members: 599
- Growth of 16%

Merchandise:

- 2021: \$255,092
- 2020: \$136,025
- 2019: \$83,924
- Growth of 88%

Corporate Revenue:

- 2021: \$286,543
- 2020: \$405,447
- 2019: \$589,962
- Foundation \$69,158 (accumulative)
- Decrease: 29%

We have introduced two additional teams to our player development pathway with the inclusion of a Tarsha Gale Cup U19 and Lisa Fiaola Cup U17 girls' teams donning the Red and Black in 2022. The female game is building, and these two pathway teams will support our Harvey Norman Women's Premiership team and provide an aspirational pathway for girls to the NRLW.

We also revamped our membership program and membership tiers, and I am pleased to report that we exceeded our total 2021 membership numbers within the first month of the 2022 financial year. I look forward to these numbers continuing to grow as we get closer to the start of the season and would like to thank all our members that have already renewed and welcome our new members to the Bear pack. Membership is the lifeblood of a football club, and your support is greatly appreciated.

In addition to membership, the support of our Corporate Partners is essential to the success of our Football Club. I would like to acknowledge and thank CEO Luke Simmons, the Board and Executive of Norths Collective for their ongoing support of the Bears Football program. The alignment between the Bears and Norths Leagues since 1959 is one of the longest and strongest partnerships in rugby league and we are proud to continue this long association as we look to season 2022.

I would also like to thank JJ Lawson, CIP Projects, Mammoth Projects, Mentor 1, Command 51 and Sinalli Sports Teamwear all of whom were our major partners in 2021. A special thanks to all our partners that were part of the Bears family in 2021.

In addition to our corporate partners, I would like to acknowledge and thank the NSWRL for the support they provide to the club and all their effort in trying to deliver all our pathway competitions during what has been a difficult and covid affected season. Also to the Sydney Roosters and CEO Joe Kelly, we appreciate the strong partnership between our clubs and look forward to this being more beneficial in the future. We appreciate the support and look forward to a normal 2022 season.

As we look to the 2022 season, we are excited to get some footy back out on the field for all our teams. We have exciting plans to bolster our game day experience through our member and fan engagement and the introduction of the Bears Legends Lounge for our corporate partners. We will team up with two apparel suppliers to give our players and fans an extensive offering of quality Bears merchandise so that we can all wear the red and black with pride. We will continue to support our Junior League to another year of participation growth and provide development opportunities to bring our local players into our representative pathway.

Personally, I would like to acknowledge and thank all of my staff for their efforts in a difficult season and for assisting me in with the transition into the role. Again, thank you to our members, corporate partners and fans for the ongoing support and I look forward to seeing you at North Sydney Oval for our first home game in April 2022.

Gareth Holmes

Chief Executive Officer



Digital Report:

In 2021 we built upon the social footprint we had expanded the year prior and set targeted goals in all areas of our digital platforms. We smashed our three social media goals of 20,000 Likes on Facebook, 12,000 Followers on Twitter and 7000 on Twitter. Our combined social following at the end of the 2021 financial year was over 40,000 audience and a growth of almost 20% on the previous year.

Our Bears Banter series continued with four episodes featuring Bears legends such as Les Kiss, Gary Larson, Tony Rea, Adrian Toole, Steve Martin, Daryl Halligan and Greg Florimo. We also produced four episodes, hosted by Jason Taylor, chatting with players from the KOE NSW Cup including Jerry Key, Tony Satini, Tom Carr, Jacob Preston, Penioni Tagituimua, Ben Thomas and Ben Marschke. These videos were a great exploration of our past and present players and an insight into what it is like to be a Bear.

Our social media reach for 2021 was also greatly boosted and in May alone our organic reach was over one million across our media platforms. A massive result from a second tier rugby league club.

Another big challenge was to represent our new Club logo, launched in late October 2021, as a visual journey for our Members & Fans. This was executed through a video that took the viewer along 113 years of Bears heritage and was very well received in our online community. This video was produced in-house at the Bears and was a good example of the depth we are building in our media team.

During the “Stay at Home” orders that extended from late June to October, we had to look at better ways to stay engaged with the Bears community and ensure our communication was consistent and constant. One way we engaged the wider community was the launch of Bear Park Brew, a beer collaboration we established with boutique brewer Six String Brewing Co. This was a massive success with over 30,000 beer cans selling during 2021 and introducing the Bears to the craft beer market.

Lastly, we updated our website to bring it in line with our new branding and streamline the workflow of the site. This is a continuing project with 2022 to bring a review of our Membership programs.



Social Following EOY 2021:

Social Media	2018	2019	2020	2021	Growth since 2020
Facebook (Page Likes)	13,943	15,585	17,207	20,042	16%
Instagram	5,898	7,756	9,267	12,147	31%
Twitter	6,311	6,528	6,703	7,083	6%
LinkedIn			217	569	162%
YouTube			48	161	235%

FOOTBALL REPORT

When the curtain was drawn prematurely on the 2021 Knock On Effect NSW Cup season, the North Sydney Bears were sitting in a very good position. We were looking forward to the semi-finals and very excited about our chances. But one thing is for sure, the season certainly didn't start that way.

Our loss to Blacktown in round one provided motivation for every game played last year and it continued to inspire me throughout this preseason. It was such a tough game to sit through but also one that taught us many important lessons. We had a star-studded team that day and, after trialling well, we were very confident, probably too confident. The rest is history. 48 points, they scored 48!

We bounced back well in the following weeks and did a good job to put the round one result behind us. 4 wins, 1 draw and two losses from our next 7 games had us back on track. The 20 all draw with the old enemy Newtown was a very memorable game where we saw North Sydney Oval at its best. A Beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon, a big crowd lined Miller Street and a great finish. Can't wait for this in 2022!

In round ten we played the Western Suburbs Magpies at North Sydney Oval. This game was live on Fox and a great opportunity for us all to showcase the Bears and what we're about. Like round one, however, this game did not go to plan. In any given season, there are wins and losses and we learn and progress. But round one and round 10 of the 2021 season were more powerful and had a bigger impact. Large lessons and some adjustments to our processes came on the back of these games which made a big difference to the remainder of last season. These learnings and ultimate changes will continue to improve us through 2022. They've already made us better.

We played 13 games in 2021, seven wins, one draw and five losses. We were in a strong position and building. The closure was disappointing. But the lessons live on and the improvement continues.





On the Player front, we had a substantial turnover, and our recruitment manager Pat Wiesner did a great job bringing in some fresh faces with lots of talent. It was an old face, however, that stole the show in regard to consistent high-performance. Ben Thomas had a superb season, winning three awards. best and fairest, players' player and member voted player of the year. His reward for this was an NRL debut with the Sydney Roosters. Ben and new recruit Ben Marschke, both played in the Roosters NRL team in 2021 and have progressed into their full-time squad for 2022. Well done gents. Jesse Marschke, another new recruit, won our coaches award after a really strong season at Five-Eighth.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank the NSW cup staff, Pat Wiesner, Peter Palmer, Fergus Mitra, Peter Sharp, Brent Banning, Darren Allard and Steve McGuire. These guys provide us with countless hours of effort, and we wouldn't survive without them. Thank you, gents!

I look forward to seeing you at North Sydney Oval soon.

Jason Taylor

Head Coach | Knock-On Effect NSW Cup





Harvey Norman Women's Premiership

I would like to start by thanking the Club for the opportunity to coach the Harvey Norman Women's team in 2021. Although my involvement this season was only brief, I will say that I was disappointed with the final outcome with the girls not reaching the semi-finals this season. This can be attributed to a number of areas, however it cannot be understated how important a preseason is for any Rugby League team, let alone our female team.

During the course of season 2021, the girls were to play a 15 round competition, with 3 byes and 12 competition games, although the Round 2 fixture was abandoned due to wet weather.

Disappointingly, the girl's team only won two of our last five games, but to be fair, four of the last five were very winnable. The injury rate over this period was a telling factor. Losing key players proved costly and we had to call upon some of our less experienced girls.

To their credit, they did an admirable job under the circumstances. They always arrived at training with a spirited attitude, bouncing into training each week. They always enjoyed their video reviews and previews and I feel this is one area they have grown, in their ability to find strengths and weaknesses in their opposition, but also critiquing their own game. Their enthusiasm and love of the game will ensure the Bears will be very competitive again in 2022.



Personally, I would like to thank the staff involved with the women's team. Their commitment and genuine care of the girls made for a very professional environment. Team Manager, Lauren Milner does a terrific job managing the team and leaves no stone unturned in her preparation of the team each week both at training and at each game. Wellbeing Manager and Assistant Coach, Greg Florimo is so enthusiastic about the girl's game. His passion for the club and the girl's success has always held him in high regard with myself personally but with every member of the squad as well. Noa Vaine, Vai Alaia and Dimi Poulos were all new staff members this year, and although they would say the lack of direction earlier was concerning, they definitely warmed into their roles and will be key staff members next season. Head Physiotherapist, Josh Heddle is very much respected for his treatment of the girls. The girls have a complete trust with his knowledge and the professionalism he displays carrying out his duties.

It was a difficult situation joining the team when I did, but I must thank Lisa Faiola for the way she accepted me, and then continued to work with me throughout the year. I enjoyed and valued her opinion, often assisting myself with some difficult conversations we had with our players. We did change several things when I arrived, training three nights per week and doing video previews and reviews of every session, along with individual video analysis to name a few. Our players responded well to these changes and appreciated the time taken to put all this footage together. I believe this is an important tool in ensuring girls understand their own strengths and weaknesses as well as the opposition.

I previously mentioned the importance of a pre-season, and with a full and structured pre-season for the girl's team will ensure we 'hit the ground running' when the 2022 season begins. I can confirm we have already recruited well and am very excited with the squad we have assembled. I believe the addition of our Tarsha Gale squad will also strengthen our team once their competition finishes. I have spoken about every player having to earn the right to wear our jersey, and I am excited about the talent of young girls coming through the Tarsha Gale system. I am hopeful we can graduate 4 to 6 girls to the Harvey Norman Women's team.

Once again, I would like to thank the Board and the Club for their support during my time at the Bears and look forward to a successful 2022 season.

Rob Capizzi

Head Coach | Harvey Norman Women's Premiership



2021 PLAYER AWARDS

KNOCK ON EFFECT NSW CUP



BEN THOMAS
Best & Fairest
Player's Player



JESSE MARSCHKE
Coaches Award



BEN THOMAS
Member & Fan Voted
Player of the Year
Senior Mens

HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP



MYA HILL-MOANA
Best & Fairest
Player's Player



SHENAI LENDILL
Coaches Award



MYA HILL-MOANA
Member & Fan Voted
Player of the Year
Senior Womens

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BEARS IN THE COMMUNITY



SHANNON GARDINER
Senior Mens



NITA MAYNARD
Senior Womens

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR



STEVE MCGUIRE
NSW Cup Team Manager

KNOCK ON EFFECT NSW CUP

PLAYER	GAMES PLAYED	TRIES	GOALS	PENALTY GOALS	TOTAL POINTS
Abbey, B	11	5	0	0	20
Bailey, M	11	1	0	0	4
Baker, F	4	1	0	0	4
Bergamin, J	6	2	0	0	8
Carr, T	2	3	1	0	14
Carr, T	1	3	0	0	12
Carr, T	5	4	6	0	28
Edwards, H	7	2	0	0	8
Gardiner, S	4	1	0	0	4
Graham-Taufa, M	5	4	0	0	16
Hopoate, S	10	6	0	0	24
Ikuvalu, M	3	3	0	0	12
Jackson, E	3	1	0	0	4
Keighran, A	1	0	4	0	8
Key, J	13	1	0	0	4
Marschke, J	12	1	0	0	4
North Sydney Bears	13	0	0	0	
Ralph, J	8	1	0	0	4
Rugless, K	1	1	0	0	4
Satini, T	13	2	0	0	8
Smith, B	1	1	0	0	4
Suaalii, J	6	3	0	0	12
Tapuha, T	11	1	0	0	4
Thomas, B	11	1	0	0	4
Thomas, C	4	1	0	0	4
Volkman, R	6	0	14	1	30
Walker, S	3	0	6	1	14
Whyte, N	7	5	0	0	20



KNOCK ON EFFECT NSW CUP RESULTS

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	SUNDAY 14TH MARCH	HE LAYBUTT FIELD	BLACKTOWN WORKERS SEA EAGLES	20 - 48
ROUND 2	SUNDAY 21ST MARCH	CAMPBELLTOWN SPORTS STADIUM	WESTURN SUBURBS MAGPIES	24 - 16
ROUND 3	FRIDAY 26TH MARCH	STADIUM AUSTRALIA	SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	30 - 12
ROUND 4	BYE			
ROUND 5	SUNDAY 11TH APRIL	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	NEWTOWN JETS	20 - 20
ROUND 6	SUNDAY 18TH APRIL	AUBREY KEECH OVAL	MOUNTIES	12 - 32
ROUND 7	SUNDAY 25TH APRIL	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	ST GEORGE DRAGONS	26 - 12
ROUND 8	SATURDAY 1ST MAY	MCDONALD JONES STADIUM	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	34 - 18
ROUND 9	FRIDAY 7TH MAY	BANKWEST STADIUM	PARRAMATTA EELS	0 - 39
ROUND 10	THURSDAY 13TH MAY	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	WESTURN SUBURBS MAGPIES	16 - 36
ROUND 11	SUNDAY 23RD MAY	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	MOUNTIES	20 - 10
ROUND 12	SUNDAY 30TH MAY	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	CANBERRA RAIDERS	34 - 12
ROUND 13	SUNDAY 6TH JUNE	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	BLACKTOWN WORKERS SEA EAGLES	30 - 18
ROUND 14	BYE			
ROUND 15	SATURDAY 19TH JUNE	BLUEBET STADIUM	PENRITH PANTHERS	16 - 26

NOTE: Competition cancelled after Round 15 due to COVID-19



HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

PLAYER	GAMES PLAYED	TRIES	GOALS	PENALTY GOALS	TOTAL POINTS
Barker, N	5	1	0	0	4
Boysen, T	6	3	0	0	12
Bright, J	9	2	4	0	16
Dennis, A	3	1	0	0	4
Dibb, K	10	4	26	0	68
Frankl, C	5	3	0	0	12
Gambell, T	8	5	0	0	20
Green, S	8	2	0	0	8
Hill-Moana, M	10	4	0	0	16
Lendill, S	11	1	0	0	4
Mahanga, D	4	1	0	0	4
Mato, S	5	1	0	0	4
Maynard, N	10	4	0	0	16
Parker, S	7	5	0	0	20
Perrin, E	5	1	0	0	4
Pritchard, P	5	1	0	0	4
Sagano, A	6	3	0	0	12
Sao, N	4	1	0	0	4
Stowers, S	7	3	0	0	12
Wheeler, H	10	3	0	0	12
Younes, P	4	3	0	0	12



HARVEY NORMAN WOMENS PREMIERSHIP RESULTS

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	SATURDAY 13TH MARCH	MORRY BREEN OVAL	CENTRAL COAST ROOSTERS	10 - 38
ROUND 2	SUNDAY 21ST MARCH	TG MILNER FIELD	WESTS TIGERS	CANCELLED
ROUND 3	SUNDAY 28TH MARCH	IRONMARK HIGH PERFORMANCE	SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	24 - 18
ROUND 4	BYE			
ROUND 5	SUNDAY 11TH APRIL	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	CRONULLA SHARKS	12 - 22
ROUND 6	BYE			
ROUND 7	SUNDAY 25TH APRIL	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	HELENSBURGH TIGERS	14 - 6
ROUND 8	MONDAY 3RD MAY	NSWRL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE	CABRAMATTA RLC	74 - 4
ROUND 9	MONDAY 10TH MAY	NSWRL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE	WENTY MAGPIES	28 - 10
ROUND 10	BYE			
ROUND 11	SUNDAY 23RD MAY	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	ST MARYS RLC	24 - 10
ROUND 12	SUNDAY 30TH MAY	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	MOUNTIES	8 - 32
ROUND 13	SUNDAY 6TH JUNE	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	HELENSBURGH TIGERS	18 - 34
ROUND 14	MONDAY 14TH JUNE	NSWRL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE	GLEBE DIRTY REDS	32 - 0
ROUND 15	SATURDAY 19TH JUNE	ST MARY'S LEAGUES STADIUM	ST MARYS RLC	24 - 25



SG BALL CUP

PLAYER	GAMES PLAYED	TRIES	GOALS	PENALTY GOAL	TOTAL POINTS
Abel, G	3	0	0	0	0
Boland, T	6	0	0	0	0
Bone, K	6	1	0	0	4
Coombes, B	7	0	0	0	0
Dickson, J	3	0	0	0	0
Dimo itch, A	3	1	0	0	4
Douch, F	6	0	1	0	2
Fakaosi, T	7	1	0	0	4
alaniko, t	2	1	0	0	4
Farah, M	7	1	6	1	18
Haumono, D	4	0	0	0	0
ese, S	7	0	0	0	0
Kandidakis, E	3	0	0	0	0
Latu, N	3	0	0	0	0
Leyshon, C	3	0	0	0	0
Mauu, A	2	0	0	0	0
McCarthy, E	4	2	0	0	8
Nati, D	6	0	2	0	4
Poching, K	5	2	0	0	8
Poulos, P	6	1	0	0	4
osario,	5	1	0	0	4
ose, M	3	0	0	0	0
ouse, L	2	0	0	0	0
Sarkis, E	7	0	0	0	0
Sedgman, M	7	2	0	0	8
Smith, S	1	0	0	0	0
Tam, A	1	0	0	0	0
Togiatu,	2	0	0	0	0
Tuinau ai, L	6	0	0	0	0
Wesley- unga, J	5	0	0	0	0
Winikerei, T	5	0	0	0	0
Woollett, S	3	2	0	0	8



SG BALL CUP RESULTS

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY	KIRKHAM OVAL	WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES	4 - 38
ROUND 2	SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY	MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY SPORTS FIELD	PARRAMATTA EELS	22 - 24
ROUND 3	SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY	POINTSBET STADIUM	CRONULLA SHARKS	6 - 50
ROUND 4	SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY	COLLEGIANS SPORTING COMPLEX	CANBERRA RAIDERS	12 - 56
ROUND 5	SATURDAY 6TH MARCH	IRONMARK HIGH PERFORMANCE	SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	6 - 62
ROUND 6	SATURDAY 13TH MARCH	MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY SPORTS FIELD	SYDNEY ROOSTERS	16 - 36
ROUND 7	SATURDAY 10TH APRIL	ZIEMS PARK	ILLAWARRA STEELERS	10 - 80
ROUND 8	SATURDAY 27TH MARCH	WAMINDA OVAL	BALMAIN TIGERS	4 - 64
ROUND 9	BYE			



HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP

PLAYER	GAMES PLAYED	TRIES	GOALS	PENALTY GOAL	TOTAL POINTS
Carroll, J	4	1	0	0	4
Coinakis, J	4	0	0	0	0
Collison, J	7	0	0	0	0
De onshire, E	7	1	0	0	4
Dirani, M	8	2	0	0	8
Di on-Da is, J	5	2	13	1	36
Ellyard, J	7	2	0	0	8
Enasio, M	6	2	3	0	14
reland, B	3	3	0	0	12
Jaber, J	5	1	0	0	4
Loleni, C	8	2	0	0	8
Mariri, N	2	0	0	0	0
Newlyn, M	8	1	0	0	4
Nicholls, B	4	0	0	0	0
Pomale, A	5	0	0	0	0
Price,	8	0	0	0	0
ule, J	1	0	4	0	8
Ta hya, J	6	1	0	0	4
Talaile a, P	6	2	0	0	8
Tamaseu, P	3	1	0	0	4
Tareke, M	8	5	0	0	20
Tu ou, T	5	3	0	0	12
Wichmann, M	6	0	0	0	0
Wilson, B	2	0	0	0	0
ahra, B	8	2	0	0	8



HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP RESULTS

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY	KIRKHAM OVAL	WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES	18 - 24
ROUND 2	SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY	MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY SPORTS FIELD	PARRAMATTA EELS	6 - 34
ROUND 3	SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY	POINTSBET STADIUM	CRONULLA SHARKS	24 - 20
ROUND 4	SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY	COLLEGIANS SPORTING COMPLEX	CANBERRA RAIDERS	28 - 16
ROUND 5	SATURDAY 6TH MARCH	IRONMARK HIGH PERFORMANCE	SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	14 - 32
ROUND 6	SATURDAY 13TH MARCH	MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY SPORTS FIELD	SYDNEY ROOSTERS	30 - 26
ROUND 7	SATURDAY 10TH APRIL	ZIEMS PARK	ILLAWARRA STEELERS	24 - 32
ROUND 8	SATURDAY 27TH MARCH	WAMINDA OVAL	BALMAIN TIGERS	22 - 28
ROUND 9	BYE			



Junior League

2021 saw another challenging year with COVID-19 impacting our season. As we did not get to finish the season all competitions were classified as abandoned in line with NSWRL. We played 10 rounds in North Sydney competitions and 8 in Conference competitions. Despite the challenges faced with COVID we still had a 45% increase in participation with 1664 players across tackle and tag. Incredibly, we saw a 122% increase in girls participation which is largely due to the thriving girls league tag in our District with every club fielding at least 1 team and with now over 380 female participants. Our year on year growth even through what has been some of the toughest times is due to the hard work and commitment from the board members and all our club volunteers.

Early in 2021 Josh Hyland left the Bears and Jake Tonitto was appointed as the new Junior League Administrator. Unfortunately Jake also departed in October. I'd like to acknowledge Josh for his passion and dedication to our Junior League and thank him for growing our District into what it is today. I'd also like to thank Jake for his support in the short time he was with us. With this also saw some challenges and I'd like make special mention to our Board and Danielle Kifooti from NSWRL, who during these times all stepped up to ensure there was no disruption to our clubs and competition.



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With the impact of COVID-19 it meant that our NRL Development Officers were unable to run many of their programs, however they still worked tirelessly to ensure they could do what they were able to. One of their biggest successes in 2021 was the Schoolgirl challenge combined with Manly where they had 210 girls entered and 165 chose to participate in tackle over tag. Thank you to Adam Hellyer and Kyle Jefferys and we look forward to working with you again in 2022.

With a huge increase in our District our Referees were under enormous pressure to cover all of the additional games, often working from 8am all the way through to 7pm under lights. Thank you for consistently providing us Referees who act in a professional manner and turn up to ensure we can facilitate our ever growing Junior League.

To Luke Simmons CEO of the North Group, Gareth Holmes CEO, Daniel Dickson Chairman and Jason Taylor Head Coach of North Sydney Bears I thank you for your ongoing commitment and unwavering support of the Junior League. Your sponsorship and support through developments squads helps ensure our juniors have parks to play on with professional referees and development and pathway opportunities.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the 2021 North Sydney Junior League Board consisting of; David Zimmer, Ben May, George Adnum, Ilana Crawford, John Dickson, Lisa Doumit, Mick Tickner and Nathan Cherry. As volunteers your time and effort does not go unnoticed.

Finally, I would like to thank our players, coaches, managers, club committee members, parents and supporters for continuing to stay involved during these challenging times. The success of the Junior League is largely thanks to you for ensuring a safe and fun environment for our players.

Lauren Milner

Chairperson North Sydney District Junior Rugby League

WELLBEING EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

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Alongside our preparation for the season that the players put in from a physical perspective, there is also a focus on their mental health and wellbeing. In 2021 our Junior Representative players and staff completed their mandatory wellbeing education around anti-doping, concussion and code of conduct, which are generic across the game at this level and give the young men an understanding of some of the challenges they might face as professional athletes. We also ran two workshops, 'Getting to Know Yourself' which is about identifying one's strengths and values off the field. The other, 'Career Wise' is about ensuring the players have thought about their life outside of Rugby League, working through options on the different levels of tertiary education, apprenticeships/traineeships and employment.

The SG Ball team were fortunate enough to hear from representatives of Macquarie University at their Career Wise session, including Tom Trbojevic who spoke on the importance of having a career outside of footy and how he manages his study and football. Tom is doing a double degree in finance and economics at Macquarie Uni, and our players were all ears when he spoke.

Our Knock On Effect Cup and Harvey Norman Womens teams were also required to complete their mandatory education, with the KOE team able to access a more personal service including on-line questionnaires over the season. The 'Flourishing Quiz, is designed to look at subjective elements of Wellbeing, including questions on Competence, Emotional Stability, Engagement, Meaning, Optimism, Positive Emotion, Positive Relationships, Resilience, Self Esteem, Vitality, Physical and Overall Wellbeing. Additionally the men have access to an Employee Assistance Program if required, as well as one on one career interviews and career support including educational grants for those who qualify.



Community:

We are very lucky within our club to have players who understand the importance of connecting with our community. Over the course of 2021 many players were available to attend several events within our Junior League by attending Come and Try and training days across our district as well as getting to know our ClubGRANTS partners. Thank you to all of those players who made the time and effort to assist, and congratulations to Nita Maynard and Shannon Gardiner who were awarded with the North Sydney Bears Community Award for each senior team.



Norths Collective ClubGRANTS 2021:

Representing Norths Collective, I am able to work with the successful applicants for 2021 ClubGRANTS. It is great to see the positive impact this funding has, enabling these wonderful organisations to continue their brilliant work. Most importantly, it is an additional way for our players and staff at the Bears to interact with our local community partners and represent the club.

2021 ClubGRANTS recipients:

Gidget Foundation Australia
Greenway Tenants Group Inc.
Kidsnest Crows Nest Occasional Care Inc.
Mary's House - The Daisy Centre
Link Housing
North Sydney Community Centre
Olive Tree Health (auspiced by Northside Baptist)

Phoenix House Youth Services
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Taldumande Youth Services Inc.
Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre
Learning Links - Speech Therapy at CPS
Learning Links - Counting for Life at APPS

One of our partners – Phoenix House Youth Services, were treated to an afternoon on the Greens during the year. The young people and staff spent a relaxing couple of hours playing bowls, before enjoying a post-match meal at The Greens.

I would like to say thank you and well done to all players and staff for your positivity and resilience throughout the season. Again it was an unusual season where some competitions did not finish, let's hope next season is a better one. Also, thank you to The Board of Directors for your support, and a big thank you to the fans who support our club.

Greg Florimo

Wellbeing, Education and Community Manager



EVENTS

Again, 2021 presented some problems in regards to hosting events however we made the most of every opportunity we got to engage with our club and local community. We kicked off the 2021 season with sit down event at Norths for our Season Launch. Bears players and staff, corporate sponsors, Sydney Roosters executives and Members joined us for a fantastic evening celebrating all things red & black



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Game days were a big event in 2021 with our first home game of the season drawing a crowd of almost 5000 people. Fans flocked to Bear Park to once again enjoy love footy and wrap their mouths around delicious food from our Big Bear BBQ. We hosted six game days at North Sydney Oval before the season was cut short and stay at home orders were introduced. We hosted a B2B event, sponsored by Neat, in Molly Dive during the Thursday night JT Cup clash with Wests. Followed by our Bears Legends Day which was a great success and saw our largest showcase of ex-Bears attend the ground in decades. We launched the inaugural Members v Legends Touch Footy game that ended in a draw and both sides are keen to settle the score in the 2022 season.







