

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB LTD.



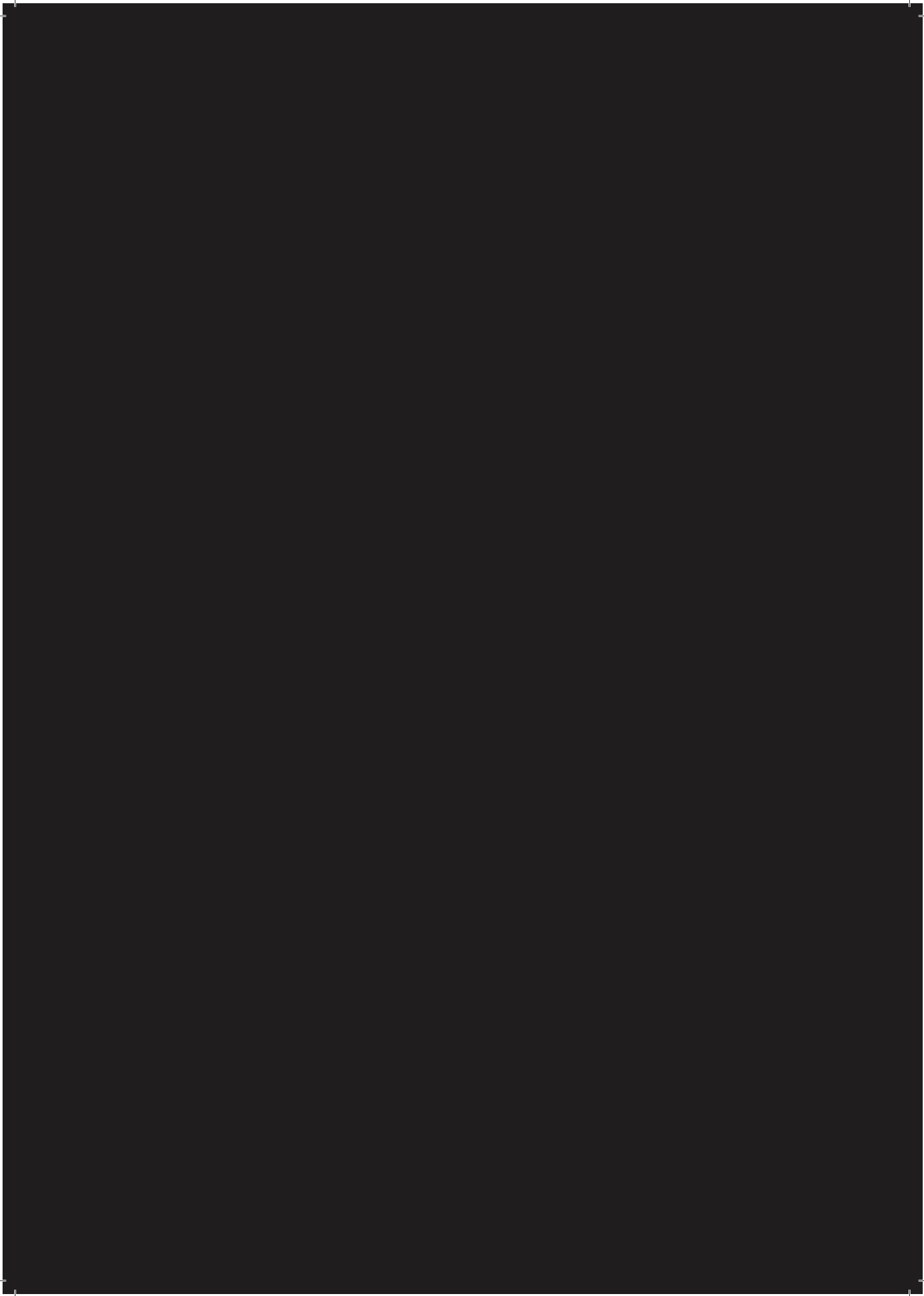


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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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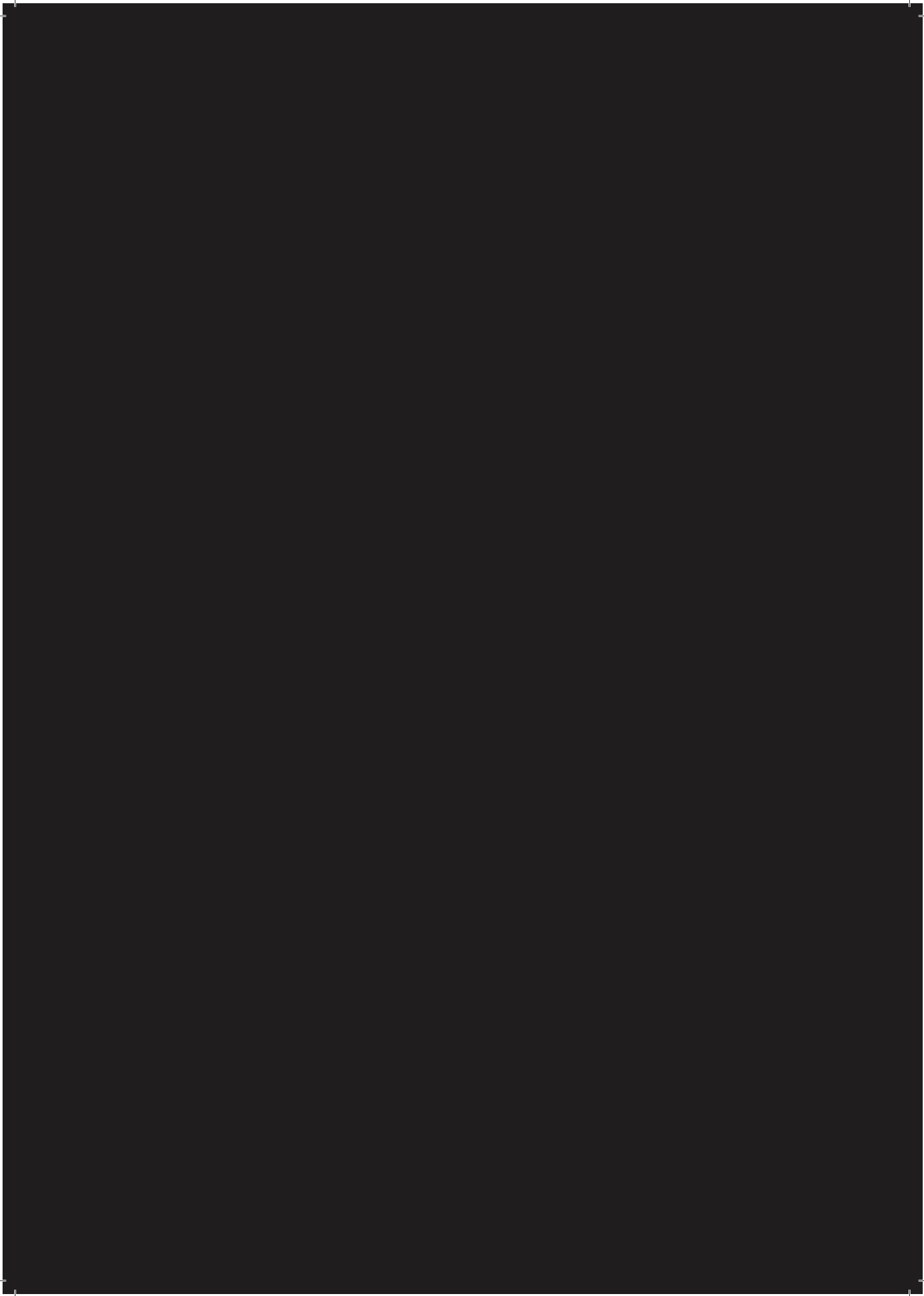
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STAFF

Chief Executive Officer: Gareth Holmes
Club Coach: Jason Taylor
Community, Wellbeing & Education Manager: Greg Florimo
Football Operations Manager: Daniel Hutton
Head of Player Recruitment: Pat Weisner
Commercial & Digital Manager: Fran Hahlos
Accounts Manager: Erin Rainsford

2022 HEAD COACHES

KOE NSW CUP: Jason Taylor
HNWP: Rob Capizzi
SG Ball Cup: Tony Clarke
Tarsha Gale Cup: Jason Tonna
Harold Matthews Cup: Paul Mamo



LIFE MEMBERS

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Mr C. Johnston

Mr J. Gray

Mr M. Lawson

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Reflecting on the 2022 season, it was great to enjoy an uninterrupted year of football full of successful events that brought our community back together after a tough few years.

It was a busy season for the Bears, both on and off the field, and I would like to start by first thanking all the members and fans for their ongoing support of our rich 114-year heritage club, it is very much appreciated.

To our sponsors and corporate partners, we thank you for your continuous support that allows us to field a program that we are very proud of, and one that continues to harbor positive growth. Although we fell short in both our men's and women's programs, it wasn't without effort and dedication. Despite our natural competitive disappointment, we were very proud of season 2022, and look forward to this building an even stronger base for the 2023 season.

To our Junior Representative players, coaching staff, and volunteers, thank you for what was once again an intense start to the year. All the training from November through to January paid off with competitive squads being put together that house several of our local juniors. I am glad that both Paul Mamo and Tony Clarke will be joining us again in 2023. Along with Head Coach Jason Taylor, Tony and Paul, to continue this ongoing project by building on a program that will show the fruits of their work in years to come. A special thanks needs to go to Luke Simmons, CEO and Mark Holman, Chairman of Norths Collective Group for their ongoing support of the Bears. To Luke, Mark and the Board of the Norths Collective, thank you for your ongoing support. Your support allows us increased participation in our junior league catchment along with creating opportunities in the development programs for kids aspiring to pursue rugby league on the North Shore. The Bears and Norths Collective have worked brilliantly together in 2022 to run a series of community events that bonds our community, and this has also assisted by the great work of our community and welfare manager, Greg Florimo.

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Our Game Days at the historic North Sydney Oval were once again a highlight of the year for us as we held some fantastic events. 2022 was the launch of our new Legends Lounge in the Mollie Dive stand, creating a home for the previous legends of the club to reconnect and share memories of their playing days with fans at North Sydney Oval. It was a magnificent inclusion and one that was very much appreciated by our past players.

Each week we saw Bears Legends at the game, and it was great to have them connecting with our community and allowing us to celebrate their great contributions to the club. Although we had some challenging weather at the start of the year, we were still proud of the attendance with merchandise yet again setting new records and showing that fans really want to wear the red and black and wear it proudly! Our hybrid apparel partnerships with long-standing supplier Sinalli and Classic Sportswear, who joined us in 2022, worked very well in design both on and off the field and were loved by the fans.

I would very much like to thank our staff who work tirelessly throughout the year. Running the organisation like an NRL club, without an NRL side. We operate the Junior League from Under 6s through to A Grade, Junior Development programs, Junior Representative teams, as well as our men's and women's programs. We are also extremely glad this year to announce the introduction of the Tasha Gale under 19s women's side. This was a long-awaited initiative, and we are very proud to be continuing our development in our female pathways. To Rob Capizzi, our Harvey Norman Women's Coach and Jason Tonna and your coaching staffs, congratulations on a successful season and on the first year in the competition and we look forward to bright times ahead.

This structure of a club requires a lot of organisation and planning with a very small team. On behalf of all the members and fans, I would like to thank all of our staff including Erin Rainsford, Fran Hahlos, Daniel Hutton, Pat Weisner, Head Coach Jason Taylor, our community and welfare manager Greg Florimo, all led by our CEO Gareth Holmes. We very much appreciate the time that you put in and we are proud of the direction that the club is heading with exciting times ahead.

We are excited about the opportunities for the Bears to be involved in the NRL. We have completed a lot of work in the past 12 months preparing our case for when the NRL is ready to open their conversations for the 18th team. Like you all, we feel the Bears brand would be a wonderful reintroduction into the NRL while re-engaging people who have been disappointed in not being able to follow their beloved Bears in the top grade since 1999. Rest assured that we will do everything in our power to have the Bears well-positioned and to be the best partner for the NRL's 18th team franchise. As we know, we will always be the North Sydney Bears and our decision during the 2021 season to refresh our logo allowed the brand to be relevant to the current game. We also wanted to ensure that we are giving ourselves every chance to be attracted to the NRL for their 18th team expansion. There has been a lot of work done on this and we will continue to stay on the NRL so that we can best understand where they see the Bears in their expansion plan.

I very much appreciate that all of us want this decision to take place yesterday, however, we need to work with the NRL to ensure that we are part of their long-term plans to be the best commercial and financial partner they require, whilst also providing a successful following to contribute to their desire for rugby league tribalism.

Finally, I would like to thank our Board of Directors, who all volunteer their time to try and best direct our club for the exciting future that we have ahead. The club, with the history that we have, deserves to be in one place only, that is our desire, and we are doing everything that we can do to ensure that we are all celebrating the red and black in the NRL in the not-too-distant future.

Again, thank you to the Board for their support and for volunteering their time for the betterment of the Bears.

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 REPORT

The 2022 rugby league season saw a return to normality for the club and the game we love. We were able to complete full seasons for all our teams with hopefully the covid lockdowns and competition cancellations now behind us. We welcomed our members, partners and fans back to Bear Park and we bolstered our game day experience for all with some great footy on the field and new and refreshed activations outside the picket fence.

Our teams all performed well. Our NSW Cup had a great season and finished strong with four home games and a big 60-6 win in the last round to secure a top three position leading into the finals. Our performances during the finals were disappointing for us all and our season was over. We have taken a lot of positives and learnings from 2022 to ensure we are better and prepared for the season ahead. I would like to acknowledge and thank Head Coach Jason Taylor and the NSW Cup staff for their tireless efforts in preparing our players each week and representing the club at the highest standard. We have realigned our focus for success in 2023 and I look forward to working with you for the season ahead.

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The Harvey Norman Women's Premiership team also had a great season finishing the regular rounds as Minor Premiers. Again, a disappointing semi-final concluded our season prematurely. The standard of football played has again gone to another level and I would like to congratulate and thank coach Rob Capizzi and his staff for their commitment to continual improvement for our HNWP team and our women's program. To have thirteen players move on to represent in the NRLW competition, five represent their nation at the Rugby League World Cup and four girls promoted from within our Tarsha Gale team are wonderful achievements.

Our junior representative teams, Harold Matthews U17, SG Ball U19 and Tarsha Gale U19 girls all had successful seasons. Whist scorelines didn't always reflect this success we implemented a whole of club pathway approach to these junior programs and view this as a successful platform for further build into 2023. We saw the inaugural season of our Tarsha Gale program and to have 4 girls promoted to our HNWP team shows the strength of this important step in our female pathway. Thank you to coaches Paul Mamo, Tony Clarke and Jason Tonna and your respective staffs for your efforts and contribution this season. Our players were well prepared and represented the Red and Black with pride each week.





Our partnership with the Roosters at the NRL level and the Hills Bulls Ron Massey Cup level was again fruitful for the club and showed a clear pathway and progression for our players. The Hills Bulls had a wonderful season winning the Ron Massey Cup and the ongoing support from the Roosters with the availability of players and resources added to the success of the season. I would like to thank Joe Kelly and Trent Robinson of the Roosters and Michael Gremmo and the executive of the Hills Bulls for their support this season. We look forward to another successful season in 2023.

In addition, I would like to acknowledge and thank the NSWRL for the support they provide to the club and all their efforts in delivery of the pathway and NSW Cup competitions. In addition, the financial assistance we receive from the NSWRL is greatly appreciated as we look to continual improvement.

A major focus for us this year was to increase our membership base. There are a number of reasons what this is important but none more than our aspirations to be the 18th NRL franchise. Membership is the lifeblood of every football club and you are not fan if you are not a member! We increased our membership by 133% in 2022 and I cannot thank our members enough for the support. We look forward to having you join us again in 2023 as we aspire to our first membership target of 5000 members!

In addition to membership the support of our Corporate Partners is essential to the success of our Football Club. This year we welcomed new some new corporate partners to the Club and we appreciate their support and look forward to welcoming them back in 2023. We have a long and proud partnership with Norths Leagues and the Norths Collective and I would like to acknowledge and thank CEO Luke Simmons, the Board and Executive of the Norths Collective for their ongoing support to the Bears Football program.

I would also like to thank JJ Lawson, CIP Fitout, Command 51, Mammoth Projects, Daily Press, Neat, and HP all of whom were our major partners in 2022. In addition, a special thanks to all our partners and business club members that were part of the Bears family this season.

The strength of our brand and heritage was again highlighted this year with the popularity of our club merchandise. We entered into a hybrid supplier agreement with Sinalli and Classic Sportswear and this has been successful for the club with impressive sales and support of our fans to 'wear the Bear'. All merchandise sales go back into supporting the club and we will again be offering new and refreshed designs in 2023 whilst also respecting our heritage and our iconic brand.

We welcomed over 15,000 people through the gates to Bear Park this season and put a focus on our game day experience and activations for our members and fans. Theming our home games, we highlighted and celebrated Anzac Day, women in league, members appreciation, our club legends and our junior league. In conjunction with The Greens, we broadened the food offering and our partnership with Six Strings Brewery ensured that the Bear Park Brew was flowing at all Bears games. We are working closely with North Sydney Council and North Sydney Oval to ensure that Bear Park is the place to be to watch footy in 2023 and cannot wait for the season ahead and even greater engagement to all Bears fans. The Red and Black Foundation was this year able to host and deliver a State of Origin sports luncheon. With over 350 in attendance, some great guests, Bears and Rugby League legends and a surprise visit from Bears fan and internationally renowned comedian Jim Jefferies the luncheon was a huge success for the club and the foundation.

Our Junior League was also able to deliver a full and uninterrupted season for our eight local junior clubs and 1600 registered junior participants. I would like to congratulate Junior League Chairman Mick Tickner and the Board on a successful season and another year of strong participation numbers. Off the back of our Junior League the Bears delivered successful development squad programs for U13 through to U16 all comprising of local players. This is part of our broader strategy to develop our own and provide an aspirational pathway for young players in the district to wear the Red and Black.

Personally, I would like to thank Chairman Daniel Dickson and the Bears Board for their ongoing support to me this season and to my staff, all whom work tirelessly to ensure the Bears are placed to ensure success for all our stakeholders. Together we have been able to enhance all areas of the business and the club and I look forward to an even better 2023. To our members, corporate partners and fans thank you also for your unwavering support this season. I am honored and privileged to be leading this proud foundation club and I am excited for our future and in the direction we are all heading.

I look forward to welcoming you all back to Bear Park on 16 April 2023 for our first home game of the season.

Gareth Holmes
Chief Executive Officer

Membership:

2022 financial members: 1952
2021 financial members: 838
Growth of 133%

Merchandise:

2022: \$328,774
2021: \$255,092
Growth of 25%

Social Following EOY 2022:

Social Media	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Growth since 2021
Facebook (Followers)	13,943	15,585	17,207	20,042	25548	27%
Instagram	5,898	7,756	9,267	12,147	13809	14%
Twitter	6,311	6,528	6,703	7,083	7,800	10%
LinkedIn			217	569	1032	81%
YouTube			48	161	379	135%

FOOTBALL REPORT

2022 was a season of the highest of highs, but also the lowest of lows. For those of you who turned up and watched the team play in 2022, I'm sure you were entertained. We played with great skill and really did perfect the art of try scoring. And, it was no coincidence that our winger Tom Carr would go on to win the try scoring competition across the whole of the NSW Cup. Well done Tommy!

We set our season up very nicely from the start with five straight wins. The toughest of those first five was definitely our game against Wests magpies where we had four players who had been in Queensland with the Roosters, fly in to Sydney on the morning of the game. These boys got a little tired towards the back end but we still got the job done 28 to 18. The other highlight from those early games was in our round 5 return to North Sydney Oval, where we jumped out of the blocks in amazing fashion and were beating Parramatta 26 to nil after 25 minutes. Welcome home!

Things were a little bit up-and-down for the next 10 weeks or so and with a top 5 in 2022, we needed to get moving to ensure we kept progressing up the ladder. A run of home games in the backend certainly helped. We scored 60 points to 4 against Newcastle at home in mid August, and we were eyeing off a top three spot. Two weeks later, in the final round of the season, we lined up against Mounties with a top 3 spot on the ladder still possible, provided we won by 46 points!

Sunday, 28 August 2022 will go down as one of the best days that I've been involved with at North Sydney Oval. We were a team on a mission this day. The footy that was played was absolutely sensational. You must win by 46, how can you even contemplate getting an outcome like that? Well we did it, and it was an absolute pleasure to be part of.





Coaching in the NSW Cup is an enormously challenging job. The hurdles that continue to be thrown in front of all of us coaches, across all clubs, can be extremely difficult to overcome. But we are all in the same boat, and the only way, is head down and get on with it. More lessons are learnt with every year that passes and we are definitely getting stronger.

Congratulations to all players that participated for this great club in 2022. You did yourselves and the club proud.

Special mention to our 2022 NSW Cup award winners:

Players' player – Ben Thomas

Coach's award – Terrell May

Members' player – Kieran Hayman

Most tries in NSW Cup - Tom Carr

Thank you to Daniel Dickson, Gareth Holmes and the North Sydney Rugby league club board. Your support is enormously appreciated.

To the staff of the North Sydney Bears NSW cup team. Thank you so much. The time and effort that goes in far outweighs any thank you we can possibly provide.

Jason Taylor

Head Coach | Knock-On Effect NSW Cup



Harvey Norman Women's Premiership

A disappointing way to end what was a very successful season. Deservedly, we finished Minor Premiers winning all but one of our competition games. We proved to be the best defensive team and played an exciting brand of rugby league. Unfortunately, we were beaten in the semi-final disappointingly, not being awarded the opportunity of a second chance.

2022 saw the inception of our female pathways program, and I think everyone would agree, this proved very successful. The number of girls graduating out of our Tarsha Gale system benefited the Harvey Norman Women's team in a number of ways. It not only helped with providing numbers to the senior program, but it also allowed the younger girls to compete for positions, keeping our senior players honest, but also invigorating them with this injection of youth. Special thanks to the Asquith Magpies Rugby League Club who aligned with our Harvey Norman team and provided the opportunity for our players to play weekly. Congratulations to Asquith on making their Grand Final.

We must acknowledge the following players on their selection in the 2022 NRLW season. To have 13 players represent in this national competition is testament to the hard work invested during the Harvey Norman season. Congratulations to the following players on their selection:

Sydney Roosters – Raecene McGregor, Kalisopani Hopoate, Angelina Teakaraanga Katoa

Brisbane Broncos – Nita Maynard

Gold Coast Titans – Shannon Mato

Parramatta Eels – Vanessa Foliaki, Cassey Tohi-Hiku, Luisa Yaranamua

Newcastle Knights – Kirra Dibb

St George Illawarra Dragons – Tara McGrath West, Aliti Sagono, Renee Targett, Page McGregor

I extend my congratulations to Kirra Dibb, on her selection in the NSW State of Origin team and also being named Harvey Norman Women's Premiership Player of the Year. Congratulations also to Shannon Mato, Nita Maynard, Raecene McGregor and Page McGregor on their international selections, Shannon in the Australian team and Raecene, Page and Nita for the New Zealand World Cup team. Special mention to Raecene on the season she had. She was instrumental in the part she played for the Roosters winning the NRLW competition, and as such went on to be announced the Dally M medallist for season 2022. Further to this, she was then judged the women's International Golden Boot winner after the World Cup. We are blessed to have a player of Raecene's ability wear the number 7 for our proud club.

I'd like to say thank you again for the opportunity to coach the Harvey Norman Women's team. Although we did not accomplish what we had set out to achieve, I feel this team is heading in the right direction and a premiership is not too far away. Personally I would like to thank all our staff involved. They've created a professional environment for our players which allows our players to focus on their rugby league. Our staff have the player's best interests at heart and their genuine care of our players is evident for everyone to see.

I have enjoyed working with our girls. Their professional approach made for a positive environment, one where learning and being better was at the forefront of everyone's thoughts. The ladies game continues to grow, and their professionalism and want to learn only fosters the continual growth, not only for our club, but for the game also. We should be very proud when we see our Bears players competing at the higher levels, and 2023 will only see more of our players debut at the next level.

Finally, thanks to our board and our sponsors for their continual support during my time at the Bears. I look forward to what season 2023 brings.

Rob Capizzi

Head Coach | Harvey Norman Women's Premiership





2022 PLAYER AWARDS

KNOCK ON EFFECT NSW CUP



BEN THOMAS
Player's Player



TERRELL MAY
Coaches Award



KIERAN HAYMAN
Member & Fan Voted
Player of the Year
Senior Mens

NSW CUP COACHES COMMITMENT AWARD

DION NARAYAN | VICTOR TERESZKO | DENZIL MANU

HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP



TARA MCGRATH-WEST
Player's Player



RAECENE MCGREGOR
Coaches Award



KIRRA DIBB
Member & Fan Voted
Player of the Year
Senior Womens

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BEARS IN THE COMMUNITY



KIERAN HAYMAN
Senior Mens



ALLISON FUTIALO
Senior Womens

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR



JASON WEBSTER
Harold Matthews Team Manager

KNOCK ON EFFECT NSW CUP

Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Total	Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Total
Atoni, R	14	5			20	Marschke, B	23	3			12
Baker, F	6	2			8	Marschke, J	5	1			4
Bergamin, J	16	5			20	Mata'afa, T	16	7			28
Brown, F	4					May, T	13	1			4
Brown, F	3	1			4	Momirovski, P	1				
Butcher, E	2	1			4	Moriarty, T	2				
Carr, T	23	22	11		110	Naiqama, K	12	3			12
Cassel, T	5	1			4	Preston, J	12	7			28
Deakin, T	9					Roberts, E	2				
Fenn, M	13	1			4	Smith, B	3	1			4
Fifita, D	7					Smith, S	23	4			16
Gildart, O	3	5			20	Suaalii, J	3				
Hayman, K	15	5	12		44	Swann, J	1				
Hughes, R	16	1			4	Tapuha, T	15	3			12
Hutchison, D	1					Thomas, B	19	2			8
Karawalevu, V	6	7			28	Tonise, D	3				
Keighran, A	17	8	64	1	161	Va'a, X	5				
Key, J	13	2			8	Verrills, S	1				
King, E	11	6			24	Volkman, R	3	1	2		8
Lam, L	12	4			16	Whyte, N	19	4			16
Leiu, J	18	3			12	Wong, J	10	3			12
Lodge, M	1					TOTALS	430	119	89	1	655



KNOCK ON EFFECT NSW CUP RESULTS

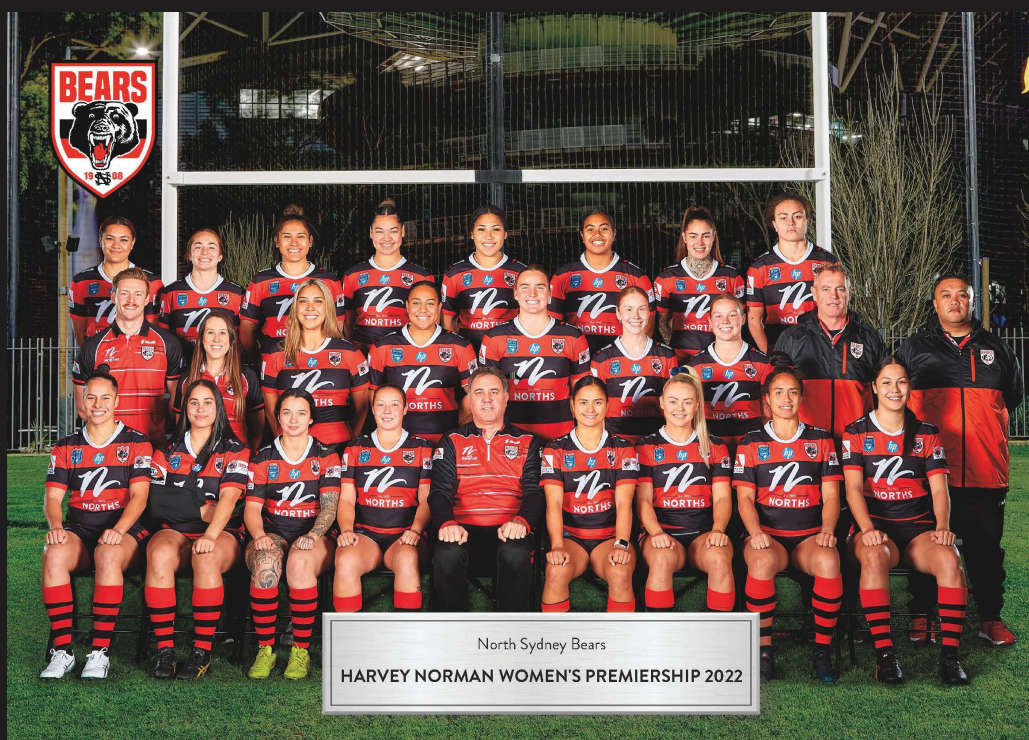
ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	SUNDAY 13TH MARCH	CESSNOCK SPORTS GROUND	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	36 - 24
ROUND 2	BYE			
ROUND 3	FRIDAY 25TH MARCH	ACCOR STADIUM	SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	24 - 16
ROUND 4	SUNDAY 3RD APRIL	LEICHHARDT OVAL	WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES	28 - 18
ROUND 5	SUNDAY 9TH APRIL	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	PARRAMATTA EELS	30 - 16
ROUND 6	SUNDAY 16TH APRIL	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	CANBERRA RAIDERS	28 - 20
ROUND 7	SUNDAY 24TH APRIL	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	ST GEORGE DRAGONS	14 - 30
ROUND 8	SATURDAY 30TH APRIL	ACCOR STADIUM	CANTERBURY BULLDOGS	18 - 12
ROUND 9	SUNDAY 8TH MAY	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	NEWTOWN JETS	28 - 40
ROUND 10	SATURDAY 14TH MAY	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	BLACKTOWN WORKERS SEA EAGLES	56 - 18
ROUND 11	FRIDAY 20TH MAY	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	PENRITH PANTHERS	12 - 17
ROUND 12	SUNDAY 29TH MAY	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	32 - 24
ROUND 13	SATURDAY 4TH JUNE	4 PINES PARK	BLACKTOWN WORKERS SEA EAGLES	16 - 22
ROUND 14	SATURDAY 11TH JUNE	AUBREY KEECH RESERVE	MOUNTIES	26 - 18
ROUND 15	SATURDAY 18TH JUNE	COMMBANK STADIUM	PARRAMATTA EELS	31 - 20
ROUND 16	FRIDAY 1ST JULY	BLUEBET STADIUM	PENRITH PANTHERS	20 - 24
ROUND 17	SATURDAY 9TH JULY	RAIDERS BELCONNEN COLLEGIANS	CANBERRA RAIDERS	16 - 30
ROUND 18	SUNDAY 17TH JULY	SPORTING COMPLEX BANKWEST	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS	28 - 28
ROUND 19	SATURDAY 23RD JULY	HENSON PARK	NEWTOWN JETS	14 - 20
ROUND 20	BYE			
ROUND 21	SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	CANTERBURY BULLDOGS	30 - 20
ROUND 22	SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	60 - 4
ROUND 23	SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES	24 - 20
ROUND 24	SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	MOUNTIES	60 - 6
SEMI FINAL 1	SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER	ST MARY'S LEAGUES STADIUM	PENRITH PANTHERS	14 - 22
SEMI FINAL 2	SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER	NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM	CANTERBURY BULLDOGS	10 - 22

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HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Total
Bright, J	8	2			8
Brown, C	2				
Bullman, A	1				
Dibb, K	7	2	18		44
Foliaki, V	7	3			12
Futialo, A	9	2			8
Gambell, T	8	2			8
Hopoate, K	6	1			4
Jackson, C	3				
Lendill, S	7		1		2
Mapusua, T	4	2			8
Mato, S	1				
Maynard, N	8				
McGrath-West, T	9				
McGregor, P	3	1			4
McGregor, R	9	2			8
Namoce, A	4				
Phippen, K	9	2			8
Pou, C	5	7			28
Pritchard, P	7	5			20
Targett, R	7				
Taufa, T	1				
Teakaraanga-Katoa, A	8	2			8
Tohi-Hiku, C	6				
Vakacavu, N	1				
Vaughan, R	1				
Williams, S	2				
Yaranamua, L	7	5	2		24
TOTALS	162	38	21	0	194



HARVEY NORMAN WOMENS PREMIERSHIP RESULTS

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	SUNDAY 24TH APRIL	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	SAINT MARY'S	38 - 0
ROUND 2	BYE			
ROUND 3	SUNDAY 8TH MAY	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	WESTS TIGERS	34 - 6
ROUND 4	MONDAY 23RD MAY	NSWRL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE	CENTRAL COAST ROOSTERS	14 - 10
ROUND 5	SUNDAY 29TH MAY	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	28 - 14
ROUND 6	SATURDAY 4TH JUNE	ST JOHN'S OVAL	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	18 - 6
ROUND 7	SATURDAY 11TH JUNE	AUBREY KEECH RESERVE	MOUNTIES	12 - 24
ROUND 8	SATURDAY 18TH JUNE	POINTSBET STADIUM	CRONULLA SHARKS	10 - 4
ROUND 9	SATURDAY 2ND JULY	RINGROSE PARK	WENTY MAGPIES	30 - 0
SEMI FINAL	SATURDAY 9TH JULY	NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM	WESTS MAGPIES	10 - 24



SG BALL CUP

Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Total Points
Abal, C	7				
Flaherty, O	7	1			4
Lepua, K	7	5	1		22
Newlyn, M	7	1			4
Brettie, D	6	4	10		36
Dickson, J	6				
Loleni, C	6	1			4
Wichmann, M	6				
Maalo, B	5				
Mears-Crabbe, L	5				
Pati, S	5				
Sedgman, M	5				
Iro, D	4				
Jaber, J	4	1			4
Maytom, C	4		1		2
Price, R	4				
Squire, S	4				
Biet, J	3				
Collison, J	3	1			4
Geddes, M	3	1			4
Ligaliga, B	3				
Sharman, F	3				
Woollett, S	3				
Ruxton, J	2				
Whitton, M	2				
Abbey, J	1				
Guest, M	1				
Guest, M	1				
Loleni, C	1				
Nati, D	1				
Tareke, M	1				
TOTALS	128	15	12	0	84



SG BALL CUP RESULTS

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY	KURRI KURRI SPORTS GROUND	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	0 - 44
ROUND 2	SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY	LEICHHARDT OVAL	BALMAIN TIGERS	12 - 22
ROUND 3	BYE			
ROUND 4	SATURDAY 12TH MARCH	IRONMARK HIGH PERFORMANCE	CANBERRA RAIDERS SOUTH SYDNEY	22 - 36
ROUND 5	SATURDAY 5TH MARCH	WASH OUT	WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES	0 - 0
ROUND 6	SATURDAY 19TH MARCH	NEW ERA STADIUM	PARRAMATTA EELS	10 - 12
ROUND 7	SUNDAY 27TH MARCH	KIRKHAM OVAL	SYDNEY ROOSTERS	0 - 30
ROUND 8	SUNDAY 3RD APRIL	HILLS GRAMMAR	CANBERRA RAIDERS	18 - 16
ROUND 9	SATURDAY 9TH APRIL	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	ILLAWARRA STEELERS	22 - 32



TARSHA GALE CUP

Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Total Points
Clements, G	6				
Cox, S	7	1			4
Faupula, M	4				
George, L	7	1			4
Hunt, B	5	1			4
Jackson, C	6	4			16
Kaati, G	5	1			4
Kaati, G	1	1			4
Lavaki, R	3				
Lees, K	5				
Mahoni, S	5	2			8
McFadyen, H	2				
Moe, K	2				
Patten, K	7				
Reynolds, L	2				
Row, D	5				
Row, D	1				
Simati, F	5				
Stewart, G	5				
Taufa, T	7				
Tavui-Leota, L	2				
Thomas, S	5	1			4
Weekes, G	7	2			8
Williams, S	7	3	5		22
Young, B	7				
TOTALS	126	17	5	0	78



TARSHA GALE CUP RESULTS

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY	KURRI KURRI SPORTS GROUND	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	14 - 24
ROUND 2	SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY	BLUEBET STADIUM	PENRITH PANTHERS	28- 16
ROUND 3	BYE			
ROUND 4	SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY	CRONULLA HIGH SCHOOL	CCRONULLA SHARKS	0 - 16
ROUND 5	SATURDAY 5TH MARCH	WASH OUT	WESTERN SUBRUBS MAGPIES	0 - 0
ROUND 6	SATURDAY 19TH MARCH	NEW ERA STADIUM	PARRAMATTA EELS	10 - 32
ROUND 7	SUNDAY 27TH MARCH	KIRKHAM OVAL	SYDNEY ROOSTERS INDIGENOUS	0 - 22
ROUND 8	SUNDAY 3RD APRIL	HILLS GRAMMAR	CANBERRA RAIDERS	12 - 20
ROUND 9	SATURDAY 9TH APRIL	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	ILLAWARRA STEELERS	14 - 28



HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP

Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Total Points
Ashdown, N	3				
Barglik, R	4				
Coom, Z	2		2		4
Daniels, C	7				
Dillon, J	4		7		14
Enasio, M	7	2			8
Epere, T	7	2			8
Fernando, J	3				
Fonoti, A	7	1			4
Graham, B	5				
Grech, T	2				
Heather, M	6				
Hillier, N	5				
Kay, C	1				
Leota, V	6				
Magann, C	5				
Maitre, M	7	2			8
Malietoa, B	3				
Manu, A	4	3			12
Neli, H	4	1			4
Nikua, J	1				
O'Connor, J	4	3			12
Robertson, C	7				
Stevens, H	7	1	1		6
Tafaese, P	5				
Turner, H	1				
Walsh, K	3	1			4
TOTALS	128	18	10	0	92



HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP RESULTS

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY	KURRI KURRI SPORTS GROUND	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	22- 10
ROUND 2	SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY	LEICHHARDT OVAL	BALMAIN TIGERS	6 - 12
ROUND 3	BYE			
ROUND 4	SATURDAY 12TH MARCH	IRONMARK HIGH PERFORMANCE	SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	6 - 16
ROUND 5	SATURDAY 5TH MARCH	WASH OUT	WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES	0 - 0
ROUND 6	SATURDAY 19TH MARCH	NEW ERA STADIUM	PARRAMATTA EELS	14 - 26
ROUND 7	SUNDAY 27TH MARCH	KIRKHAM OVAL	SYDNEY ROOSTERS	14 - 24
ROUND 8	SUNDAY 3RD APRIL	HILLS GRAMMAR	CANBERRA RAIDERS	10 - 50
ROUND 9	SATURDAY 9TH APRIL	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	ILLAWARRA STEELERS	20 - 20



Junior League

Season 2022 was another season where we were thrown more hurdles and curve balls. We were coming off covid restrictions that ended the 2021 season prematurely, and then mother nature decided to play havoc with the weather. Rain, rain and more rain! Ovals closed, training cancelled, rounds postponed, all of this before many teams got to have a training session, let alone pass or kick a ball.

Full credit to our board of Ben May, David Zimmer, Gareth Uys, Greg Adnum, Ilana Crawford, Jake Enasio, Nathan Cherry, Sandra Peacock and Lisa Doumit who behind the scenes worked tirelessly to adjust draws, manage oval bookings, juggle referee placements and organise green space for clubs to train on. These are just some of the roles assigned to them who all give up their valuable time and effort in a volunteer capacity. On behalf of the North Sydney Junior League committee though I am sure I can say that all of this is a small price to pay and merely a footnote in what was a great season even though it was slightly shorter than we wanted. If you turned up at any one of our grounds on any given weekend you would have seen the smiles on all kids - boys and girls alike from 6's through to our seniors to know that it was worth it and the reason we all do what we do.

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We had many special moments which will be covered in the club specific reports but included for some, playing at North Sydney oval, playing in one of our Mini Gala days or being lucky enough to play in the Grand Final itself.

It was a pleasure to chair this board and I know we are already planning for a bigger and better year in 2023.

Mick Tickner

Chairperson North Sydney District Junior Rugby League

WELLBEING EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

There is more and more scientific evidence supporting that our wellbeing directly impacts the way we perform and present on a day to day basis. Sport has many benefits for our wellbeing including boosting self-esteem, building motivation and resilience, connecting, establishing relationships as well as the physical benefits around cardiovascular health, metabolism and sleep. Playing Rugby League enhances wellbeing, but it does come with additional physical and mental challenges for our young players. Things like maintaining level of performance, managing long term injury, relocation from family and friends, career longevity are some of the challenges they may face. That's where I step in and deliver the NRL Wellbeing and Education program.

25 This season over 150 players and staff completed their mandatory wellbeing education around anti-doping, concussion and code of conduct, which are delivered across the game at this level to give the young men and women an understanding of some of the challenges they might face as professional athletes. Most of our players are engaged in managing or building a career outside of Rugby League through school or tertiary education or employment, some are professional people, some run their own businesses and some are mum and dads. I'd like to thank each and every one of them for the opportunity to get to know them a little better, for the way they represented the club and to wish them the best for next season and beyond.

One of the biggest highlights for me this season was to see the u/19's Tarsha Gale team run out onto Kurri Kurri oval for the first time to represent the Bears in Rd 1 against Newcastle. There is no stopping the women's game at the moment and I am proud to see our club at the forefront of developing and promoting the girls. I never thought I would see the day and look up to see over 50 women, all in Bears training kit, training on a Tuesday night at North Sydney No. 2 oval. These young women have enhanced our already strong women's program and bring their own brand of energy, intellect and positivity to our club. Well done to all involved and special mention to the Asquith club who completed the pathway system for the girls with their Sydney Combined team.



Community:

There is always a good response when the call goes out for players to help out with community promotions. Although our players do have other commitments, many of them find time to be able to assist and engage with our Bears community. On occasion we were able to have the whole of our junior rep sides turning up to local junior league grounds, helping the local clubs to promote their 'come and try' events. The Bears players would then 'warm up' with the locals, proceed to train and finish the session with a bbq. Some players actually went above and beyond and arranged to turn up and help out the young teams of their own accord, something that was very much appreciated by the local players. This year's winners of the 2023 Community award went to Kieran Hayman and Allison Futialo, who represented the club with distinction at varied community events.

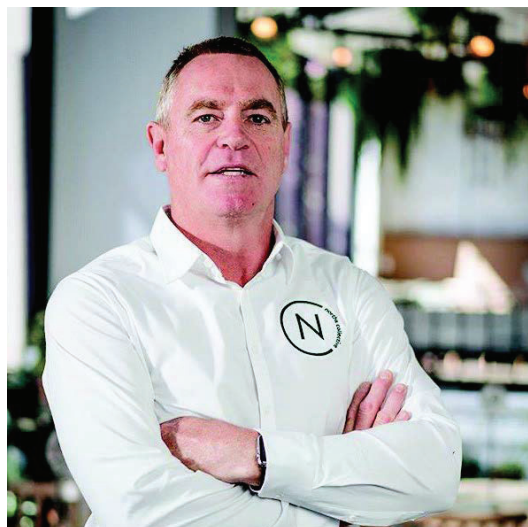


Norths Collective ClubGRANTS 2022:

Representing Norths Collective, I am able to work with the successful applicants for 2022 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.

2022 ClubGRANTS recipients:

Dress for Success Inc
Greenway Tenants Group Inc.
Lifeline Harbour to Hawksbury Ltd
Life Education NSW
Mary's House - The Daisy Centre
North Sydney Community Centre
Sydney Community Services
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
Learning Links - Psychology in Schools



One of our partners – Phoenix House Youth Services, were 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

Although 2022 began with an air of cautiousness remaining around COVID-19, the club managed to host a number of events and successfully hold all of our home game day activations at North Sydney Oval. We started the year with a Member & Fan Day Community Season Launch. Originally planned to be held in St Leonards Park, the torrential rain of 2022 pushed the event into the auditorium at Norths. It was a wonderful afternoon introducing our NSW Cup and Harvey Norman Women's Premiership teams to our members and entertaining the kids with face painting, Bears temporary tattoos and mini hot dogs.

For the first time in three years, we held our annual State of Origin Luncheon at Norths raising funds for our Red & Black Foundation. We heard from a stellar panel including Bears legends Mark Graham, David Fairleigh, Greg Florimo and Jason Taylor followed by Origin legends of Cooper Cronk, Steve Menzies, Trent Barrett and Billy Moore. Reminiscing on classic Origin moments from the past and reviewing game one of the 2022 Origin Series held only a few days earlier. It is a not-to-be-missed event on the Bears annual calendar.



Once the 2022 season kicked off, every home game at North Sydney Oval was a major event and had a theme attributed to the day. We have worked hard to enhance the game day experience of our members and spectators and delivered some great moments during Bears Legends Day, our ANZAC Day Round, Members Day, Frank Hyde Shield, Jason Taylor Cup and the introduction of the WomenCan Cup held on our Women in League round.

We finished the year with our annual Presentation Night, held at the newly opened The Glasshouse in Artarmon. Bringing together our senior men's and women's teams to acknowledge those that had excelled both on and off the field.







