



2023 ANNUAL REPORT



NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB LTD.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



DANIEL DICKSON
Chairman



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Director



TONY CRAWFORD
Director



GUY GUNASEKERA
Director



MARTY LAWSON
Director



BILLY MOORE
Director



JUSTIN OWEN
Director

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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

2023 HEAD COACHES

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

BEARS IN NUMBERS.

SOCIAL MEDIA.



58k

Social Media Footprint



8 million+

Reach on Facebook across football season February to September (inclusive)



309k

Minutes viewed on Facebook videos in 2023 season



178k

Interactions on Facebook in 2023



635k

Highest individual post reach - NSW Cup Team song post



2052

Financial Members in 2023, 5% increase on previous year



6,000

EDM database



25k+

Annual Home Attendance



Junior league community of 5000 - comprising of 1800+ players and their families.

2023 CLUB SUCCESS



Minor Premierships in the top two NSWRL competitions in 2023 - Knock-On Effect NSW Cup and Harvey Norman Women's Premiership



700% ↑

Increase in merchandise sales in 5 year period



10k

NSW Cup Grand Final 2023 Bears v Rabbitohs had over 10K people attend, the highest attendance in decades.



70k

NSW Cup Grand Final 2023 Bears v Rabbitohs had 70,000 people stream the game live

LIFE

MEMBERS

Mr D. Thompson

Mr H. Horder

Mr H. Blinkhorn

Mr R. Sullivan

Mr H. Toole

Mr C. Waters

Mr L. A. Brown

Mr K. Diversi

Mr R. Harrison

Mr P. O'Brien

Mr R. Warner

Mr J. Gillon

Mr F. Thompson

Mr B. M. Cowley

Mr C. Sawyer

Mr A. Arkey

Mr K. Irvine

Mr M. Maher

Mr F. Rule

Mr P. M. Boland

Mr D. McKinnon

Mr B. Glasgow

Mr N. Bluett

Mr J. Quinn

Mr F. Hyde, M. B.

Mr T. Bellew O. A

Mr R. Thompson

Mr R. Owens

Mr C. Delaney

Mr W. Teasdell

Mr R. Carey

Mr K. C. Marr

Mr G. Ambrum

Mr J. Simmonds

Mr B. Stedman

Mr W. Hamilton

Mr T. Edwards

Mr J. M. Schroder

Mr H. Peters

Mr H. Waterhouse

Mr T. Salier

Mr H. J. Balding

Mr G. W. Bright

Mr J. Quintin

Mr C. T. Doohan

Mr B. Norton

Mr R. Cooley

Mr P. Conlon

Mr R. Saunders

Mr P. Diversi

Mr A. Toole

Mr M. Hodges

Mr G. Florimo

Mr H. Blinkhorn

Mr M. Woodcock

Ms R. Dare

Mr G. Larson

Mr K. Nicholls

Mr F. Burge

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Mr J. Francis

Mr F. Bulger

Mr J. McLachlan

Mr J. O'Reilly

Mr D. Gorman

Mr J. Savage

Mr T. V. Hicks

Mr D. Deitz

Mr W. Mills

Mr E. Kerr

Mr R. H. McKinnon

Mr N. Strong

Mr F. A. Hazell

Mr D. Duffy

Mr J. Brannigan

Mr J. Hayes

Mr B. Robinson

Mr J. Lawson

Mr M. Dowel

Mr J. Adam

Mr M. Graham

Mr M. Soden

Mr C. Johnston

Mr J. Gray

Mr M. Lawson

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

After building on the success of previous years the 2023 season raised the bar across the entire football club, both on and off the field. With our senior teams that achieved some wonderful results and an increased level of engagement with our members, partners and fans that again brought our community together.

It was again a busy season for the Bears, and I would like to start by first thanking all the members and fans for their ongoing support of our rich 115-year foundation club, it is greatly appreciated. To our sponsors and corporate partners, old and new, we thank you for your ongoing and unwavering support that allows us to field a program that supports community engagement, junior participation, and pathways.

Despite our best efforts we fell heartbreakingly short in both our men's and women's senior programs. Whilst a loss in the final minutes of the NSW Cup Grand Final was disappointing we were very proud of season 2023 and look forward with positive optimism as we build to a bigger and better 2024.

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To our Junior Representative players, coaching staff, and volunteers, thank you for all your efforts and commitment over the past season. Our junior program is an important part of this football club and the link to the North Sydney Junior League creates a pathway for local juniors to strive toward. The importance of our female pathway was highlighted with successful seasons for both our Tarsha Gale U19 girls and Harvey Norman Women's team. We will add to this pathway in 2024 with the introduction of a Lisa Fiaola U17 girls team that will represent the Bears. It is important to acknowledge and thank Coaches, Tony Clarke, Paul Mamo and Sa Patiole and your staff for your dedication and tireless efforts to the success of our junior representative program.

It is important to acknowledge we are a football club, not just a football team. We operate a local Junior League from Under 6s through to A Grade, Junior Development Squad programs, Junior Representative teams, in both the male and female forms of the game. To do this takes a wonderful and dedicated group of staff and I would also like to thank our senior coaches Jason Taylor and Rob Capizzi and your respective staff. Both of our senior teams had wonderful seasons finishing as minor premiers, for our women it was for the second successive season. For our NSW Cup, to also be there on grand final day is a wonderful achievement and to see the passionate supporter base reinvigorated. To Jason, who leaves us for a wonderful NRL opportunity, I would like to thank you for the past 5 seasons as head coach and for your passion and the tireless work you have done for the club. We wish you all the best and know you will always be a Bear.

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 2023 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.

The strength of our brand remained strong and this was shown by great home game attendance, again an increase to football club membership numbers and the strong ongoing interest and appetite for our merchandise which is often seen most weekends in and around the NRL matches as well as at North Sydney Oval.

Whilst we have achieved a lot over the past season on and off the field and this requires a lot of organisation and planning from a very small and dedicated team. On behalf of the Board, all the members and fans, I would like to thank all 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 appreciate your time and efforts to ensuring the club stays relevant and the interest and excitement about the Bears is at an all-time high. 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 conversations for expansion 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 expansion plans. 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 my fellow 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 2023 season was a successful one for the entire football club, with wonderful achievements and results on the field but also a new level of engagement that continued to show the strength of the Bears brand and the passion of our members and fans. The football was exciting, our teams were successful, we welcomed new partners and raised the bar yet again with our game day experience.

The highlight, well there were many, but Minor Premierships for our Knock-On Effect Cup and Harvey Norman Women's Premiership teams should be recognised and celebrated, in addition our NSW Cup team making the Grand Final capped a wonderful season. The team came together well and with a mix of exciting young players and older experienced footballers and we navigated the season with 16 wins and 8 losses. We secured the minor premiership with three weeks remaining in the regular season. A close and hard-fought semi-final win against the Warriors secured our place in the grand final. The match between teams 1 and 2 was also fiercely contested with the lead changing six times throughout the game. It came down to the dying minutes when Souths scored with 3 minutes remaining to take the lead and consequently the premiership. Whilst the result was disappointing for us all, we can applaud a great season and the effort and reward to be there on grand final day. To the many Bears members and fans that supported the team throughout the season, at our semi-final and the thousands that turned up and tuned in on grand final day, I would like to thank you for your ongoing and unwavering support. The sea of Red and Black again reinvigorated this proud club and engaged a bigger and broader audience.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Head Coach Jason Taylor and the NSW Cup staff for an amazing season, for your efforts in preparing our players each week and representing the club at the highest standard. We wish JT all the best as he moves on to a new role in the NRL as assistant coach at the Bulldogs and I know he will be a success. Given the positive trajectory of the last couple of seasons it made sense to appoint assistant coach Pat Weisner as our head coach for 2024-25 to continue to build on what we have already achieved. I look forward to the season ahead.

The Harvey Norman Women's Premiership team also had a wonderful season finishing the regular rounds as Minor Premiers for the second year in a row. With 6 wins and 2 losses we came up against a strong Mounties team in the semi-final who ended our season and went on to win the premiership. We are enormously proud of our support for women's rugby league, and it was great to see so many of our girls progress into NRLW clubs. I would like to congratulate and thank head coach Rob Capizzi and his staff for their commitment to continual improvement of our HNWP team and our women's football program.





We continued to support our player pathways from our Junior League through Development Squads and into our Junior Representative teams; Harold Matthews U17 (Male), SG Ball U19 (Male) and Tarsha Gale U19 (Female) who all had successful seasons. Our Tarsha Gale team, in only their second season, gained a win or draw result in half of their season matches, a wonderful achievement. Our boys also competed well and improved as the season went on. Whilst scorelines didn't always reflect this success, we can be proud of how these young men and women improved from week to week and represented the Bears proudly. Thank you to coaches Paul Mamo, Tony Clarke and Sa Patiole, and your respective staffs, for your efforts and contribution this season.

To add to our own player pathway the Bears delivered successful development squad programs for U13 through to U15 comprising of local players. In addition, an U16 academy program that worked closely with our Harold Matthews squad was a great success. These squads are part of our broader strategy to develop our own and provide an aspirational pathway for young players in the district to represent the Bears.

Our partnership with the Roosters was in its fifth and final year and again a great success. Our players Zach Dockar-Clay and Junior Pauga were rewarded with fulltime contracts at the Roosters in 2024 which highlights the opportunities created by the partnership. I would like to thank Roosters CEO Joe Kelly and coach Trent Robinson for all their support over the past 5 seasons. We enter into a new agreement in 2024 with the Melbourne Storm and we look to continue to build on the partnership further.

We continue to strengthen our feeder partnership with the Hills Bulls and off the back of a Ron Massey Premiership in 2022 the Bulls won their first Sydney Shield in 2023. The great working relationship between the Bears and Bulls is a direct result of the success both our clubs have experienced in recent years. I would like to thank Michael Gremmo and the executives of the Hills Bulls for their support this season. We look forward to another successful season in 2024.

Our Junior League completed a full season and again saw growth in registration numbers to a record high in recent years, with over 1800 junior participants representing the district in 2024. I would like to congratulate Junior League Chairman Mick Tickner and the Board on a successful season and another year of strong participation numbers.

The success of our teams and competitions is a result of the support we receive from the NSWRL. I would like to thank CEO David Trodden and his executive for their support and acknowledgement of the Bears as an important partner in the NSWRL competition structure.

Membership was again a priority for the club this season and with that came another increase in our membership numbers. We closed the year with 2052 members. Membership contributes to the success of our club and will continue to be a focus for us as we prepare for the proposed expansion of the NRL competition. I would like to thank all our members for coming out in force this season and appreciate your continued support as we aspire to again increase membership numbers.

In addition to membership the support of our Corporate Partners is essential to the success of our Football Club. 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, Corporate Interior Projects, Command 51, Mammoth Projects, Send Payments, HP, Aon and Essential Coffee all of whom were our major partners in 2023, we appreciate their support and look forward to welcoming them back in 2024.

Our club merchandise was again strong in 2023 and it was great to see so many people wearing the Bear! I would like to thank Sinalli Sports and Classic Sportswear for working with the club in our hybrid apparel partnership and appreciate their support in ensuring quality products whilst also respecting our heritage and iconic brand.

We welcomed over 25,000 people through the gates to Bear Park this season and again focused on our game day experience and activations for our members and fans. We were blessed with a great season of football friendly weather and there was no better place to be than at North Sydney Oval on a Sunday afternoon watching the mighty Bears. We again aligned a theme to our home games and celebrated Anzac Day, women in league, members appreciation, magic round, our club legends, community and our junior league. We also introduced the Mario Fenech Cup against the Rabbitohs to acknowledge a great stalwart for both clubs.

Bear Park Brew in conjunction with Six String Brewing was again a fan favorite at our home games and throughout our supporter base; and we collaborated with another local in Finders Distillery to produce Bear Park Gin which pays homage to our iconic club and the place we call home, North Sydney Oval. Both our Beer and Gin align to our strong brand and will feature again in 2024.

In conjunction with our Red and Black Foundation we delivered another State of Origin sports luncheon. With Dolphins and Rugby League Supercoach Wayne Bennett as guest speaker as well as Bears and Origin legends a great day was had by all with funds raised supporting our foundation programs.

Personally, I would like to thank Chairman Daniel Dickson and the entire Bears Board for their ongoing support again this season. To my staff, all of whom work tirelessly to ensure the Bears are placed at the forefront to ensure success for our stakeholders. Together we have been able to improve all areas of the business and the football club, and I look forward to a bigger and better 2024.

To our members, corporate partners and supporters, thank you also for your unwavering and passionate support this season. I feel honoured and privileged to be leading this proud foundation club and I am excited for the plans and direction for the season ahead.

Gareth Holmes
Chief Executive Officer



FOOTBALL REPORT

With only Souths' season-ending try keeping us from winning both the Minor Premiership and the Premiership, it would be difficult to characterise the 2023 campaign as anything other than an enormous success. We were in the top 3 for the entire season, and for 75 minutes on Grand Final day, we thought we had the Premiership, but in the end, we lost the one that we will always remember as "the one that got away" at the very last hurdle.

Even though we lost narrowly to the 2022 Premiers Penrith in Round 1 on the road, we had a very strong start to the season, winning 4 of our first 5 away games before suffering a setback that was followed by another 5 straight victories to leave us in a strong position at the halfway point of the year.

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Our comeback victory over Newtown at Henson Park and our victory against the Bulldogs at home were two memorable victories during that period. After trailing the Jets 22 to 6 after 40mins, JT inspired the team at half-time and we managed to come back and win 29 to 28, with a late field goal by Jesse Marschke proving to be the difference. Two games later, we trailed a formidable Bulldogs squad 4-22 at home before mounting a stunning comeback to win 24-22, led by Junior Pauga's four outstanding tries on the day. These victories highlighted our unity and gave us the belief that we were a top side who could win from any situation.

Even though we lost four straight games from rounds 14 to 18, our team's confidence didn't waver, and with two rounds remaining in the regular season we secured the Minor Premiership with a win at home vs the Roosters after another run of four straight victories. As anticipated, the semi-final series was quite close, and even though we scored five tries apiece in our Grand Final qualifier, we lost 30 to 24 to eventual premiers South Sydney. In front of thousands of Bears supporters at Leichhardt Oval, we faced the Warriors in a decisive match that would determine our fate. We prevailed 28-24 after a fierce battle, highlighted by two outstanding tries from Jesse Marschke, our player of the year.





We travelled to CommBank Stadium on September 24th for our Grand Final, and it was an intense encounter with five lead changes and a score of 12 all at halftime, which showed how evenly matched the teams were. Unfortunately, with five minutes left on the clock, we allowed Souths to snatch the lead from us for a 4th time and claim the Premiership for 2023.

I'd like to congratulate every one of our players and staff for an outstanding 2023. In my role as Head of Recruitment & Assistant Coach, I am fully aware that most of our players and staff juggled their regular jobs with their football responsibilities, so it took a tremendous effort for them to fight against and defeat full-time professionals every weekend. They should be extremely proud of themselves. In addition, I want to commend and thank JT for his guidance, coaching, and leadership in 2023 as well as all the years prior. In addition to leading the team through some difficult years under covid and navigating through some postponed seasons, JT led the Bears to the Minor Premiership last year and gave his all for the club every single day. Throughout it all, he was the ultimate professional and consistently upheld the high standards we have at the team and we all wish him the best in his new coaching role in 2024.

I would like to make special mention to our award winners who all had very special seasons:

2023 Players Player: Jesse Marschke

2023 Most Valuable Player: Zach Dockar-Clay

2023 Coaches Award: Kurt De Luis

Finally, thank you to Gareth Holmes, Daniel Dickson and the North Sydney Rugby League club board for their support and to all the supporters who followed our journey in 2023. I look forward to seeing you all at North Sydney Oval again in 2024.

Pat Weisner

Assistant Coach & Head of Recruitment



Harvey Norman Women's Premiership

The 2023 season was very much similar to the 2022 season. We again finished deserved Minor Premiers winning all but two games in the regular season, finishing the year as the best attacking and best defensive team in the Harvey Norman competition. To have only conceded 120 points during the round games is a credit to the hard work invested by both staff and players. Although a very good squad was assembled, we had to work particularly hard and quickly, considering the amount of players that left the Bears at the end of 2022. To see this 'exodus' of players was disappointing considering the amount of work that had gone into some of these girls. Nonetheless, we worked hard and as a result, once again played a very good brand of rugby league.

It was very disappointing to lose our semi final game against Mounties, and considering this would be our worst performance of the season making 17 errors, to have only lost by two points is credit to the girls' fighting spirit. This was truly a good football team that unfortunately never got a 'second bite of the cherry'.

Once again, our female pathway program proved very successful in 2023 and evidence of this was the inclusion of girls such as Sienna Deeley and Grace Weekes into our Harvey Norman Women's team. Grace would go on to represent in the NSW u19 State of Origin team along side Captain Chloe Jackson, Kalisopani Hopoate and Sienna Williams. To have these girls graduate out of our Tarsha Gale team speaks volumes of the benefits of having these younger teams.

We must acknowledge the following players on their selection in the 2023 NRLW season. 20 players represented in the national competition and their inclusion is testament to the hard work invested during the Harvey Norman season. Congratulations to the following players on their selection:

Sydney Roosters – Jess Sergis, Kalisopani Hopoate, Mia Wood, Teuila Fotu Moala, Lexi Kiriwi

Brisbane Broncos – Filimina Hanisi

Wests Tigers – Sarah Togatuki, Rikeya Horne, Leinne Tufuga, Jakiya Whitfield

Parramatta Eels – Cassey Tohi-Hiku, Taneka Todhunter, Chloe Jackson

Newcastle Knights – Nita Maynard

St George Illawarra Dragons – Raecene McGregor, Jamilee Bright

Cowboys – Kirra Dibb

Cronulla Sharks – Vanessa Foliaki, Fatefehi Hanisi, Grace Weekes

I extend my congratulations to Jess Sergis and Sarah Togatuki on their selections in the NSW State of Origin team and to Sarah for also being named the North Sydney Bears player of the year. Congratulations also to Jess Sergis, Racene McGregor and Leinne Tufuga on their selections in the Australian and New Zealand National teams as well as Jakiya Whitfield, Cassey Tohi Hiku and Taneka Todhunter on their selections in the Prime Ministers XIII. Once again, congratulations to our Under 19 State of Origin representatives, Sienna Williams, Grace Weekes, Kalisopani Hopoate and Chloe Jackson.

I'd like to say thank you again for the opportunity to coach the Harvey Norman Women's team. I believe we have created an excellent programme for young women to play at this historic club and although we can't boast about being premiers, the fact we have produced so many good footballers makes for a very proud coach. This of course would not be possible without a staff that not only bring an expertise to our sessions but more importantly, they brought a genuine care for our girls. I'd like to personally thank all our staff, particularly Greg Florimo. To work beside a legend of this great club is something that will remain with me for a very long time. I also want to thank our board as well as Gareth Holmes, Daniel Hutton and Fran Hahlos. Their tireless work was never taken for granted nor went unnoticed. It makes for a good operation when we have staff that only want the best for their teams. Also a special mention to Pat Weisner. His knowledge of footy is second to none. He assembled a quality team and I'd like to wish him the best of luck with the season ahead.

I've loved working at the Bears and I have enjoyed working with our girls. They had a jovial approach but always had the ability to switch on whether that be at training or games. We can all be very proud when we see our players, not only from 2023, but players of the last 6 seasons representing at the highest level. Wishing everyone every success in the future and looking forward to watching the Bears be re-instated into the NRL competition.

Rob Capizzi

Head Coach | Harvey Norman Women's Premiership





2023 PLAYER AWARDS

KNOCK-ON EFFECT NSW CUP



JESSE MARSCHKE
Player's Player



ZACH DOCKAR-CLAY
Most Valuable Player



KURT DE LUIS
Coaches Award



BEN STEVANOVIC
Player Of The Year
Member & Fan Voted

HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP



SARAH TOGATUKI
Player's Player
Most Valuable Player
Player Of The Year
Member & Fan Voted



NITA MAYNARD
Team Person of the Year



CASSEY TOHI-HIKU
Coaches Award

BEARS IN THE COMMUNITY



MICHAEL WHITE
Senior Mens



GEORGIA CLEMENTS
Senior Womens



MARK MADDEN

MILESTONE AWARDS:

- JERRY KEY | 50 Bears Games BEN MARSCHKE | 50 Bears Games BEN THOMAS | 60 Bears Games
ZACH DOCKAR-CLAY | 100 NSW Cup Games
DARREN ALLARD | 20 Years Service JACK FYFE | Ball Boy Service

KNOCK ON EFFECT NSW CUP

Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Total
Aukafolau, D	9	3			12
Baker, F	9	1			4
Bergamin, J	26	5			20
Dockar-Clay, Z	27	8	3		38
El-Zakhem, E	15	3			12
Fakatoumafi, W	11	4			16
Fitzgibbon, A	10	11			44
French, M	1				
Hayman, K	9		26		52
Hughes, R	21	4			16
Katoa, T	19	12			48
Key, J	15				
Luis, K	24				
Makatoa, P	14				
Marschke, B	26	3			12
Marschke, J	27	11	29	1	103
Mata'afa, T	24	8			32

Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Total
May, T	10	1			4
Momirovski, P	2	2			8
Niutili-Schmidt, K	1				
Ott, T	20				
Pauga, F	18	21			84
Porter, R	26	9			36
Seufale, B	6				
Smalley, A	11	11			44
Smith, B	2	1			4
Stevanovic, B	26	11	23		90
Talty, B	8	1			4
Thomas, B	23				
Toia, R	2				
Tupouniua, S	2	1			4
Turpin, J	9				
Walker, S	2		6		12
Wormleaton, J	1	2			8
TOTALS	483	133	87	1	707



KNOCK ON EFFECT NSW CUP RESULTS

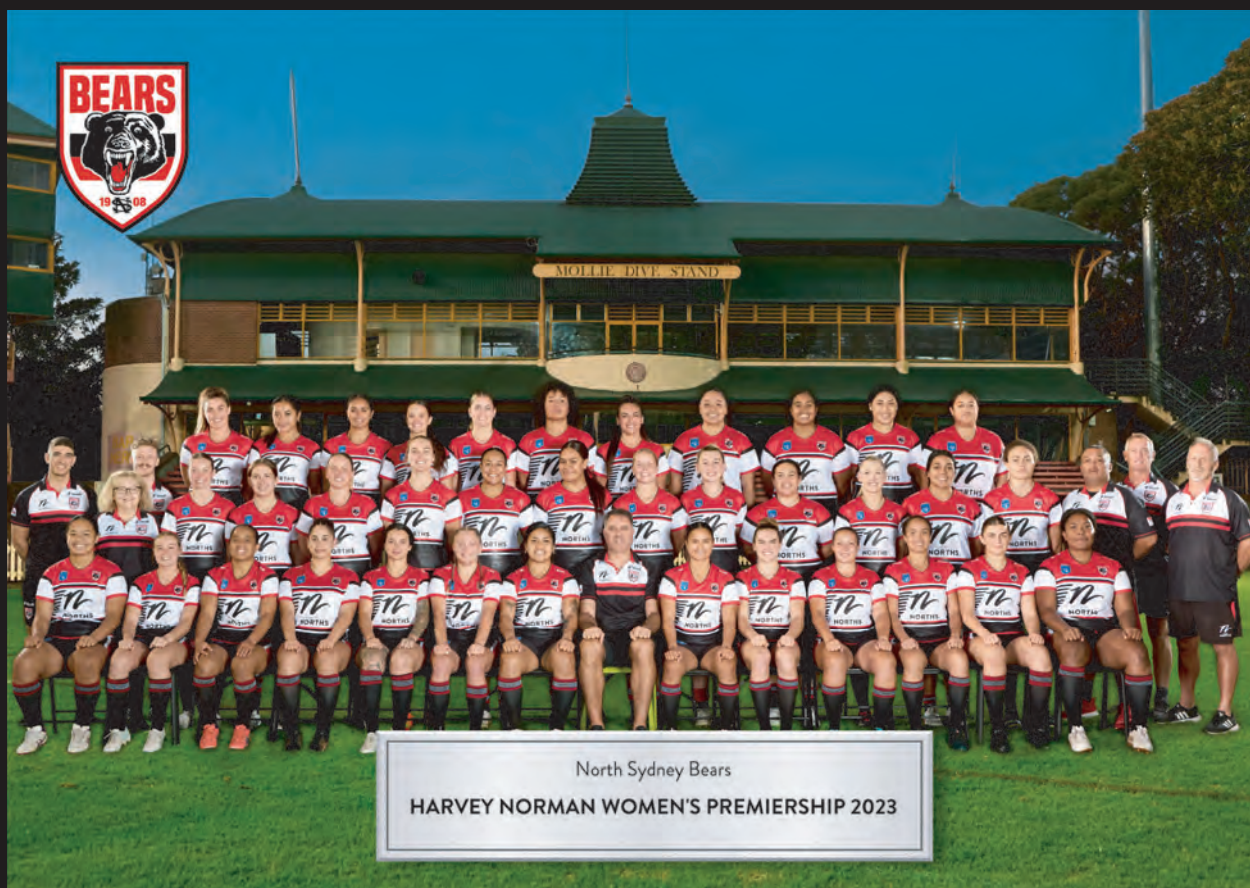
ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	Friday, 3 March 2023	BLUEBET STADIUM	PANTHERS	L 18-12
ROUND 2	Sunday, 12 March 2023	RAIDERS BELCONNEN	RAIDERS	W24-18
ROUND 3	Sunday, 19 March 2023	TRUST ARENA, AUCKLAND	WARRIORS	W20-12
ROUND 4	Saturday, 25 March 2023	LIDCOMBE OVAL	MAGPIES	W36-26
ROUND 5	Sunday, 2 April 2023	HILLS GRAMMAR	ROOSTERS	W24-14
ROUND 6	Saturday, 8 April 2023	COLLEGIANS SPORT COMPLEX	DRAGONS	L26-12
ROUND 7	Sunday, 16 April 2023	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	RABBITHOHS	W40-14
ROUND 8	Sunday, 23 April 2023	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	KNIGHTS	W32-6
ROUND 9	Saturday, 29 April 2023	HENSON PARK	JETS	W29-28
ROUND 10	Saturday, 6 May 2023	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	WARRIORS	W30-12
ROUND 11	BYE			
ROUND 12	Sunday, 21 May 2023	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	BULLDOGS	W24-22
ROUND 13	Friday, 26 May 2023	COMMBANK STADIUM	EELS	L26-8
ROUND 14	Saturday, 3 June 2023	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	SEA EAGLES	L36-30
ROUND 15	Sunday, 11 June 2023	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	JETS	L36-20
ROUND 16	Sunday, 18 June 2023	COOGEE OVAL	RABBITHOHS	L24-16
ROUND 17	BYE			
ROUND 18	Sunday, 2 July 2023	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	MAGPIES	W46-18
ROUND 19	Sunday, 9 July 2023	HE LAYBUTT FIELDS	SEA EAGLES	W30-16
ROUND 20	Sunday, 16 July 2023	BELMORE SPORTS GROUND	BULLDOGS	12:40pm
ROUND 21	Saturday, 22 July 2023	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	DRAGONS	W30-26
ROUND 22	Sunday, 30 July 2023	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	EELS	W40-4
ROUND 23	Saturday, 5 August 2023	CESSNOCK OVAL	KNIGHTS	W54-14
ROUND 24	Sunday, 13 August 2023	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	ROOSTERS	W18-10
ROUND 25	Sunday, 20 August 2023	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	PANTHERS	L26-18
ROUND 26	Sunday, 27 August 2023	NORTH SYDNEY OVAL	RAIDERS	L36-14
Semi Final	Saturday, 9 September 2023	LEICHHARDT OVAL	RABBITHOHS	L30-24
Preliminary Final	Saturday, 16 September 2023	LEICHHARDT OVAL	WARRIORS	W28-24
Grand Final	Sunday, 24 September 2023	COMMBANK STADIUM	RABBITHOHS	L22-18



HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Points
Bright, J	8	2	8		24
Brown, C	1				
Deeley, S	1				
Dibb, K	7	6	34		92
Fa'amausili, R	3				
Foliaki, V	8	3			12
Fotu-Moala, T	9	3			12
Fuāalo, A	3				
Hanisi, F	4				
Hopoate, K	7	2			8
Horne, R	8	9			36
Jackson, C	8	3			12
Kiriwi, A	9				
Mailangi, S	9	2			8
Maynard, N	11	4			16
McGregor, R	5	1			4

Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Points
Namoce, A	6				
Nikua, K	2				
Pritchard, P	3	1			4
Sergis, J	4	5			20
Singman, B	1				
Taufa, T	1	1			4
Todhunter, T	8	1			4
Togatuki, S	10	4			16
Tohi-Hiku, C	10	4			16
Tufuga, L	5	2			8
Weekes, G	4	4			16
White, S	8	1			4
Whiāeld, J	10	12			48
Wood, M	7	3			12
Yaranamua, L	4		1		2
TOTALS	199	73	43	0	378



HARVEY NORMAN WOMENS PREMIERSHIP RESULTS

Rd	Date	Venue	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	Saturday, 4 February 2023	Hills Grammar	KNIGHTS	W 30-20
ROUND 2	Saturday, 11 February 2023	Hills Grammar	SHARKS	W22-10
ROUND 3	Saturday, 18 February 2023	BYE		
ROUND 4	Saturday, 25 February 2023	Ringrose	MAGPIES	W48-12
ROUND 5	Monday, 6 March 2023	NSWRL CoE	BULLDOGS	L28-18
ROUND 6	Saturday, 11 March 2023	Aubrey Keech Reserve	MOUNTIES	L24-14
ROUND 7	Saturday, 18 March 2023	Collegians Sporting Complex	STEELERS	W32-12
ROUND 8	Saturday, 25 March 2023	Campbelltown Stadium	TIGERS	W50-4
ROUND 9	Saturday, 1 April 2023	Hills Grammar	ROOSTERS	W30-10
ROUND 10	Monday, 10 April 2023	NSWRL CoE	DRAGONS	W48-0
ROUND 11	Saturday, 15 April 2023	North Sydney Oval	RABBITHOHS	W70-0
SEMI FINAL	Saturday, 22 April 2023	Leichhardt Oval	MOUNTIES	L18-16



SG BALL CUP

Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Points	Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Points
Ali, N	6	1			4	Loleni, C	3				
Ashdown, N	3					MacDonald, H	1				
Avery, B	9	1	3		10	Magann, C	3				
Barglik, R	2	1	1		6	Martin, M	7	4			16
Durkin, J	4	1	13		30	Newlyn, M	9	2			8
Edler, M	7	3			12	Nicholls, E	6	3			12
Enasio, M	6	2			8	Peters, T	9	3			12
Epere, T	1					Plaister, S	9	2			8
Fonoti, A	1					Pollard, L	6				
Hillier, N	9	1			4	Robertson, C	5				
Jaber, J	5	1			4	Sing, B	6	1			4
Kahu, Z	1					Sing, C	8				
Kelly, D	4					Vaenuku, T	7				
Kidd, J	3		4		8	Wilson, B	6	3			12
Limon, J	8	2	3		14	TOTALS	163	31	24	0	172



SG BALL CUP RESULTS

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	Saturday, 4 February 2023	Hills Grammar	KNIGHTS	L62-12
ROUND 2	Saturday, 11 February 2023	Hills Grammar	SHARKS	W24-16
ROUND 3	Saturday, 18 February 2023	Leichhardt Oval	TIGERS	L16-12
ROUND 4	Saturday, 25 February 2023	Kellyville Park	EELS	L44-12
ROUND 5	Saturday, 4 March 2023	Hills Grammar	STORM	W46-26
ROUND 6	Sunday, 12 March 2023	Raiders Belconnen	RAIDERS	L54-10
ROUND 7	Saturday, 18 March 2023	Collegians Sporting Complex	STEELERS	L32-20
ROUND 8	Saturday, 25 March 2023	Campbelltown Stadium	MAGPIES	L50-24
ROUND 9	Saturday, 1 April 2023	Hills Grammar	ROOSTERS	L58-12



TARSHA GALE CUP

Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Points	Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Points
Bright, K	7	1			4	Koro, A	1				
Brown, C	1	1			4	Lees, K	6				
Byrne, C	4					Matoe, K	8	1	8		20
Deeley, S	8					Morris, C	2	1			4
Duncan, K	5	1			4	Nuku-Mariner, I	8				
Enasio, S	4					Rutonski, S	7				
Faupula, M	6					Stewart, G	3				
Follows, E	2					Stuart, T	2				
George, L	7	1			4	Tanonef, A	8				
Haami, T	2	1			4	Watterson, R	5	5			20
Hollis, C	8	2			8	Weekes, G	7	2			8
Hunt, B	7	2			8	Weekes, K	7				
Jackson, C	3	2			8	Williams, S	8	1			4
						TOTALS	144	21	8	0	100



TARSHA GALE CUP RESULTS

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	Saturday, 4 February 2023	Hills Grammar	KNIGHTS	L20-14
ROUND 2	Saturday, 11 February 2023	Hills Grammar	SHARKS	D10-10
ROUND 3	Saturday, 18 February 2023	BYE		
ROUND 4	Saturday, 25 February 2023	Kellyville Park	EELS	L16-6
ROUND 5	Saturday, 4 March 2023	Hills Grammar	ROOSTERS	L36-8
ROUND 6	Sunday, 12 March 2023	Raiders Belconnen	RAIDERS	D16-16
ROUND 7	Saturday, 18 March 2023	Collegians Sporting Complex	STEELERS	L24-10
ROUND 8	Saturday, 25 March 2023	Campbelltown Stadium	TIGERS	W22-6
ROUND 9	Saturday, 1 April 2023	Hills Grammar	PANTHERS	W14-6



HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP

Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Points	Player	Matches	Tries	Goals	1pt FG	Points
Case, D	3					Mackellar, O	3				
Chaker, I	6	1			4	McMillan, B	8	3			12
Collins-Wicken, C	6					Miller, N	2				
Dickinson, J	6					Mitchell, R	6				
Ellia, K	8					Okeefe, J	4				
Faaumu, W	1					Pasfield, B	8	6	9		42
Fa'avae, C	5					Popo, M	6	1			4
Fisilose, J	2					Riddle, C	5	1			4
Goddard, J	8					Savesi, E	8	1	1		6
Hagan, R	3					Seualuga, A	4	1			4
Jim, I	4					Sowaid, A	2				
Kisi, I	7					Stringer, B	6	3			12
Kouka, J	7					Tunks, A	1				
Kumar, A	3	1			4	Turner, H	2				
Leota, Z	3					TOTALS	145	18	10	0	92



HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP RESULTS

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPOSITION	SCORE
ROUND 1	Saturday, 4 February 2023	Hills Grammar	KNIGHTS	L42-4
ROUND 2	Saturday, 11 February 2023	Hills Grammar	SHARKS	L26-10
ROUND 3	Saturday, 18 February 2023	Leichhardt Oval	TIGERS	L46-22
ROUND 4	Saturday, 25 February 2023	Belmore Sports Ground	BULLDOGS	L44-8
ROUND 5	Saturday, 4 March 2023	Hills Grammar	CC ROOSTERS	L18-16
ROUND 6	Sunday, 12 March 2023	BYE		
ROUND 7	Saturday, 18 March 2023	Collegians Sporting Complex	STEELERS	L50-6
ROUND 8	Saturday, 25 March 2023	Campbelltown Stadium	MAGPIES	L24-10
ROUND 9	Saturday, 1 April 2023	Hills Grammar	ROOSTERS	W16-12



Junior League

Thank you all for contributing to such a successful season. We had record growth across the district in overall numbers, as well as female participation. This year saw more of our North Sydney clubs fielding A Grade teams - Berowra, Pennant Hills and Willoughby, while Asquith had two teams as well as an Open Women's team. 2023 saw the introduction of our own North Sydney Junior Rugby League female tackle competition for both the U14s and U16s which had participation from nearly all of our clubs.

Our school holiday clinic was a huge success, selling out and all our juniors raving about how great it was. It didn't hurt to have the Roosters drop by to say hello. There has been multiple Gala Days at North Sydney Oval this season giving most ages the opportunity to play on the hallowed turf that is North Sydney Oval.

We have been so fortunate this year to have an unbroken season with no wash outs, no national disasters, instead just week in week out footy.

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I'm sure we will continue to grow and have many more highlights next season. I'd like to thank all the clubs, teams, players, referees, parents, North Sydney Bears and most importantly the volunteers across the North Sydney Junior League who make our district great. My final thank you is to Norths Collective for their continued support of the North Sydney Junior League. It was a pleasure to chair this board and I look forward to continued growth and success in 2024.

Mick Tickner

Chairperson North Sydney District Junior Rugby League

EVENTS

2023 was a big year for the Bears on the field, and off the field it was just as big. We started the year with our Season Launch that brought together our senior men's and women's teams, corporate partners, media and members to enjoy a historic walking tour of North Sydney Oval, followed by drinks and canapes at The Greens North Sydney.

Over the June long weekend we held our State of Origin Luncheon at Norths Cammeray, with super coach Wayne Bennett as guest speaker. Bennett captivated the audience with stories of his time coaching against the Bears in the '90's and went on to discuss his new role with Dolphins. Alongside Bennett, we heard from Bears legends David Fairleigh, Gary Larson, Billy Moore, Greg Florimo and Jason Taylor. This annual event is an important fundraiser for the club but more importantly is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the spirit of the Bears.

In the July school holidays, the club held a Holiday Clinic at North Sydney Oval that saw 200 kids from the local district attend the event. Players aged from 5 to 15 thoroughly enjoyed learning new footy skills upon the hallowed turf of Bear Park. Thank you to NRL Development for their assistance in making the clinic a success.

We celebrated the end of one of the most successful years for the club in many years, with our senior men's and women's Awards Night held at The Glasshouse Artarmon. On a warm spring evening, we acknowledged those players and staff who had excelled both on and off the field.



WELLBEING EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

All players and staff were required to complete the NRL Wellbeing and Education mandatory education program in 2023, covering topics including vilification, gambling, anti-doping, illicit drugs, alcohol, sexual consent, mobile phone use and concussion. The program included a video 'SMASHED', which recreated scenarios containing some confronting scenes covering the key topics. All players are made aware of the pitfalls and temptations they may face as a professional athlete, both from an NRL and a legal perspective.

One of the important areas of wellbeing is the state of our mental health. My role is to build trust and relationships in order to have open and honest conversations with the players. It can be very difficult for some to maintain the rigor of playing, training, recovering, travelling, career, education, family, relationships, injuries, lack of form, etc. Supporting me is an Employment Assistance Program provided by the NRL, Benestar, for any players who may need additional support and speak with a counsellor. This has been a valuable service for us over the past few years, as some players find themselves needing to reach out. Our NSW Cup players Wellbeing is tracked over the season via online questionnaires, reflecting on areas such as financial, community, spirituality, relationships, psychological, physical and career.



Community:

Another mandatory education piece delivered for Junior Representative players is the 'Career Wise' presentation, to ensure they have two 'Plan A's'. That is, they are either contemplating or engaged in study outside of their Rugby League career. We have a range of students, tradespeople, industry professionals, entrepreneurs, mums and dads all trying to balance their footy with their career. The average NRL player in the men's competition plays only 42 games, so it is important that all players are provided with the encouragement and the tools to secure a career outside of playing the game.

Over the course of the year I am assisting with job placement and career planning with our NSW Cup players. We meet to discuss their current situation and their future dreams and plans for their career, how to best achieve where they want to go. The NRL assists open age players with a yearly education fund that can be utilised for their study, of which we had 3 players take up in 2023.

Education & Career:

In 2023 our players were able to really get a feel for the North Sydney Junior Rugby League community. We had all of our Junior Representative teams attend most of our Junior League clubs 'Come and Try' events on Monday nights in the preseason. This concept works well as the Bears teams are in season, they'll have a light training run at the location then mix with the locals over a bbq, having a kick with the kids. Many thanks to the coaches and managers of these teams for supporting this concept, we had almost a full compliment of players at each event, male and female. There were also additional community events across the North Sydney district that our players attended, many thanks to you. Of those players, there were a couple of standouts who were recognised for their efforts by receiving the Bears 'Community Award', which went to Michael White from the NSW Cup and Georgia Clements from Harvey Norman. Both players were always willing to volunteer and represent the club, even putting on the Barney suit at times! Thank you Michael and Georgia for your support.

I look back at season 2023 with a great deal of pride and satisfaction. Our Footy Club has experienced one of its most successful seasons in recent years, as we continue to build our performance levels and recruitment strategies. To be a part of the energy and excitement in both the men's and women's finals is why we do this, every single day the players turn up to improve themselves and drive hard towards their goals and it is infectious to be around.

Congratulations to all players and staff on your 2023 season, I enjoyed every single second of it (except maybe the last 6 minutes of the grand final). I'll especially cherish the past few seasons in my role as assistant coach with the Harvey Norman team, with many fond memories of wins, losses and wonderful people. It is unfortunate that this program will not continue but who knows what the future brings. I'm positive the girls will not forget their time under coach Rob Capizzi who I particularly wish all the best into the future. To Jason Taylor and the team, well done on a massive season and being the catalyst for the most amount of Bears fans I've seen attending a Bears game in over 20 years!

Finally, to the board of directors, staff and management, thank you for your support this season and congratulations. The footy was great, game day at North Sydney oval was amazing and the brand continues to grow.

Greg Florimo

Wellbeing, Education and Community Manager





