



2018 AGM Report

25 November 2018



Newport Rugby Colts - Nicholson Cup - Minor Premiers & Grand Finalists - 2018

Back Row L to R (Standing): Wayne Rides (Coach), Mason Binge, Sam wayling, Ollie Pound, Nick Robson-Scott, Ryley Hayes , Callum Hargreaves, Harry Hewitson, Scott Hamer, Kemba Vuata, Jim Allen (Coach), Tenny James, Jordan Rides (C), Elia Keogh.
Middle Row L to R: Jordan Scott, Chandler Walton, Matt Alexander, Tommy Bowden, Connar Bradshaw, Sebastian Allen, Charlie Anderson, Jackson Dawe, Max Newey.
Front Row L to R: Bailey ?, James Evans, Nick Fretten, Sam Bond, Emma Williams (Physio).

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The 2018 season started with a bang with a very strong turn out in pre-season under the refreshed management team that combined the “new” (Luke Wilson, Mat Brennan, Wayne Rides, Jim Allen, Paul Evans) with the “old” (Andrew Tuckett, Sam Toka, Heath Radel and Adrian Langford). We hit round 1 versus a strong Redfield outfit and we won colts and all grades bar 1st grade, where we battled bravely but struggled with the finishing touches. This was a sign of the season to come with colts and the lower grades having strong years and making the finals, while 1st grade battled injury and suspensions and finished in the bottom half of the table.

In 1st grade it was a season of what could have been where the results on the field (played 14, won 2) did not reflect the bravery or the closeness of the games. Four games were lost by 7 points or less and reflected a strong forward pack led that regularly dominated their opponents. Stand out performers for the year were Dylan Matthes and Jed Cram, who were ably supported by an entourage of colts who continued to put their hand up all year when injuries and suspensions played their part.

2nd grade had another successful season under the veteran Tockett coaching team, finishing 2nd and being knocked out in the penultimate final vs Redfield. In another year “that could have been” there was a tight and talented core playing group that formed with Snowy Butchard having a stand out year and taking home the best and fairest. It was great to see the father-son combination of Sam and Tyrone Taukitoku forming a powerful backline combo (Sam still managed to shade the young fella 8-5 in the try scoring, despite being well into his 40s!).

Colts had an outstanding year that reflected a combination of the experienced Allen-Rides-Evans coaching team, plus a very talented and committed playing group and brilliant comradie and mateship. They were neck-and-neck with BOBs all year and went down valiantly 29-14 in the Grand Final. Yet again we saw the power of the Northern Beaches production line of rugby talent with newcomers (Mason Binge, Ryley Hayes, Nick Robson Scott, Nick Fretton etc) being complimented by strong performances from the older heads (Seb Allen, Sam Waylings, Jordan Rides). We are looking forward to seeing those colts backing up next year going one better and taking home the silverware!

Third grade had another successful year guided by a well settled core of senior players (Piggy, Schultzy, Wellings, Prior, Mad Dog, Radel, Tommy Allen, Leif and Tex). Andrew Carter was an outstanding addition to the Thirsty Thirds who were complimented by some outstanding colts who helped us out week to week – it was an honour for us to play with these young men and their contribution is greatly appreciated. In the washup we finished 3rd and were unable to defend the 2017 premiership, being knocked out of the finals by Iggies. On a personal note it was a pleasure to coach and play with such an outstanding group of players and I will sorely miss the comradie of the group from retirement (my 6th!).

Off the field we had another outstanding year with a strong social calendar, a leading game day experience thanks largely to Gus and Butters, and another strong financial result. Once again I would like to thank our committee, coaches and support staff and supporters for their huge and selfless contribution. A hell of a lot of effort goes into making the season function as smoothly and successfully as it does and I cannot thank our volunteers enough for the time, effort and love that they put into this club. You are all enormously appreciated for the legacy you leave at the club.

- Bec Hunt – a massive thank you for your work with the sponsors and generally to help things to run smoothly.
- Butters and Gus – absolute champions who do so much to keep the club running smoothly not to mention the hosts of the best BBQ and bar in Australian rugby!
- Shane and Matt – a constant and invaluable source of support across social media, community engagement, Rats engagement and general support.
- All of the coaches and support staff – Luke Wilson, Matt Brennan, Dick Thomas, Andrew Tuckett and Sam Taukitoku, Adrian Langford, Jim Allen, Wayne Rides and Paul Evans. You put an enormous amount of effort into making sure we were competitive every week and it is greatly appreciated.
- Adam Smyth and Emma from Wellbeing Physio – legends who get us on the field every week.
- Alex Bentley who was again amazing as Club Captain.
- Committee – AJ (game day management), Cam (photography and website and interesting anecdotes), Dave Griffiths (house and grounds maintenance).

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I would also like to thank our loyal supporters for your week to week support. There is no better sound than the roar of a packed Porters crowd and we really appreciate the support.

2018 was another successful year for sponsorship thanks to our long term sponsors (Pittwater RSL, The Newport, LJ Hooker Newport, Lucky & Peps, ANL, Ezi Flow Concrete, 4 Pines) and we were happy to welcome several new sponsors (Bazaar Finance, Doyle Bros and Swimline) this year. We look forward to your ongoing support and hope the supporter community repays the favour through patronage.

To our Broken Breakers, your support from the sideline gives an enormous lift to the players and always gives our crowd a great boost. Well done to Bobby Stanbridge and Dave "Pirelli" Hunt for all the efforts in pulling together such an important part of the Breaker culture and support group.

Thank you as well to the juniors for their support. President Nigel Baker was always supportive in passing on any messages and promotions for any upcoming events. Knowing there is a strong junior's organisation is core to the clubs continued success and we look forward to building on the strong ties we forged with Rats and Juniors as we continue to build strength in Northern Beaches rugby.

And finally a big thank you to the players. You are the ones who put your bodies on the line week in week out and represent the club with such great pride. I am very proud of the way we play and we are very lucky to have such a great bunch of blokes to represent the club.

On a sad note we also acknowledge the loss of one of our own with the passing of club legend Geoff Prior's son, Angus, late in the season. It was a heart wrenching loss for Geoff and for the wider playing group who knew Angus. But if there is any silver lining then it is the pride we take from how the clubs (Junior and Senior) came together to show their love and support for Geoff, his family and those effected.

2018 has been another successful but challenging year with good on field and off field results. However it has been marred by a few instances of poor on field discipline and crowd behaviour that we seriously need to address in 2019 if we are to represent the community in the right way. I am sure that the new committee will adequately address this but it requires real support across the club to change. On a personal note this year will be my last on the committee. I am proud to have served this amazing club and I would like to thank all of the players, supporters and volunteers who I have worked with over the past 5 years. It has been an amazing ride but I look forward to enjoying a few quiet beers as a supporter without the stress of BBQ, playing or other duties! I am a Newport Man!

Heath Radel
President 2018

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2018 Presentation Night Awards

Award	Perpetual Trophy	Name
1 st grade Best and Fairest		Dylan Matthes
2 nd grade Best and Fairest		Nathan Snowy Butchart
3 rd grade Best and Fairest		Siteki Tex Mafileo
Rookie		Nick Fretton
Colts Best and Fairest		Mason Binge
Clubman of the Year	Clubman Trophy	Rebecca Hunt
Most B&F points all grades	Graeme Holland Trophy	Nick Fretton
Players Player	The Graham Crutch Trophy	<i>Dylan Matthes</i>
Highest points scored		Nick Fretton
Try of the Year		Tyrone Taukitoku
Most Tries		Siteki Mafileo
Colts Coach's Award		Conner Bradshaw

2018 Committee Members

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Heath Radel

Vice President

Alan Murray-Jones

Secretary

Shane Pretty

Treasurer

Gus Hunt

Registrar

Matt Wellings

House and Grounds Manager

David Griffiths

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Thank you for all your time and effort throughout the 2018 season!

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Angus Hunt Electrical

A special mention to Andrew Rounds (ARC Flooring) who supplied and laid the much needed, brand new carpet in the Club House – thank you so much Andrew and Jan!