

**THE  
WOOLLAHRA  
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FOOTBALL  
CLUB**



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**WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES RUGBY UNION  
FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**1979 OFFICE BEARERS**

- PATRON:** His Worship the Mayor of Woollahra,  
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- SECRETARY:** Doug Kirkwood
- TREASURER:** Michael Clifford
- CLUB HOUSE  
MANAGER:** Ross Collins
- COMMITTEE:** Messrs. Andrew Addinall, John Beckett,  
Michael Doolan, Chris Dyce, Tony Glynn,  
John Hitchen, Steve Toland.
- REGISTRAR:** Ian McGregor
- HONORARY  
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E. Radford, F. Storch, C. Vandervord.
- HONORARY  
AUDITOR:** Jim North.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After having a successful year in 1978, the 1979 season was somewhat of a "flop" or let down.

From being Club Champions in 1978 and having all four sides in the finals we could only find ourselves with the two sides in the semi-finals and that's where the 1979 season came to an end.

We had approximately 35 new young members register with the Club. This was very gratifying, but there were different faces at each of the four early season trials which made a selector's job very difficult, and I believe this showed up in the competition rounds that followed.

Members showed too much inconsistency on the field and not enough dedication toward their club and training.

However, I must mention that the Kentwell Cup side showed the Club towards the middle and end of the season, that more dedication towards training won them many games and built up a great spirit amongst their ranks. Unfortunately, they realised this too late. Their form in the beginning of the season was poor and they lost too many games to be a threat in the end.

All playing members have got to understand that to win matches and competitions and most of all to enjoy your Rugby, you simply cannot do this training for an hour and a half on Thursday nights. One must put in more work, whether it be in your own time or at organised training.

It is with great appreciation that I inform you of the Woollahra Council's decision to spend the sum of \$40,000 during the summer months on Numbers 2 and 3 Ovals. They have advised me that they intend to regrade and level these grounds and lay new turf and at the same time remove the old concrete cricket pitches. Thanks to the Council, we look forward to having a superior and perhaps a faster playing surface next season than we have seen on that ground for many many years.

On the administrative side, the Club ran successfully as the Treasurer's Report and Balance sheet shows. Perhaps the two most important aspects from a financial point of view were the control and sales of all gear and refreshments. The Annual Ball was very well organised and this showed in the attendance.

I would like to thank all Committee Members, Office-bearers and Coaches for their support to the Club, and also to members responsible for fund raising and other functions.

Congratulations to those members who played in the Pan-Am Rugby Tournament in Hawaii. They represented the Club very well in this first-ever Tournament. Also I would like to congratulate Wil Mortlock, John Anderson and Rich Daly for their representation in the Combined Sub-District team which toured Queensland.

Thanks to all Vice-Presidents and to all those old members for their continued support during the year.

Finally, as Club President I must ask every intending player to concentrate and work on his fitness, and by the beginning of March, 1980, present himself for selection as a fit Rugby player, so we may start the season with results.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to presume that this year was one of rebuilding and consolidation within the Club. This is the only conclusion one could draw after looking at the results of the season. Also, there was a lack of social functions this year which I must say could not be attributed to the Committee, as we had numerous complaints from local residents after the Good Friday Night "bash," and decided that future functions this year should be kept to a minimum.

The two main functions conducted during the year—the Annual Ball at Kei-Ron and the Trophy Night at Randwick R.U.F.C.—were well attended and most enjoyable. 120 people attended the Ball—one of our most successful yet and my thanks to Tony Glynn for his organisation.

We were somewhat privileged to have three guest speakers at the Annual Trophy Night—Des (how long should I talk for!!) Hoystead, Bob (Pink Gin) Moore and John (I hope you ask me again next year) O'Shea. A great night was had by all, and I would like to congratulate this year's Trophy Winners, especially Ross Collins for a well deserved Honour Cap.

The other major event of the season was the trip to Hawaii for the Pan-Am International Rugby Tournament of which 15 Colleagues attended and 15 Life Members of A.A. returned. A report of that trip is included in this report.

Of the 10 Committee meetings held during the year, the attendances were as follows:

John Noice 10	Tony Glynn 88
Mike Caspers 10	John Hitchin 7
Doug Kirkwood 10	Steve Toland 7
Mike Clifford 10	Chris Dyce 6
Ross Collins 10	Mark Martin (resigned 9.5.79)
Andrew Addinall 9	4 out of possible 4.
John Beckett 9	Wil Mortlock (resigned 3.7.79)
Michael Doolan 9	2 out of possible 6.

I would like to thank our President, John Noice, and Club Captain, Michael Caspers, for their assistance during the year; John Hitchin, for his capable handling of the gear; and Michael Doolan, for acting as Assistant Secretary.

I would also like to make a special mention and congratulate John Noice for attaining his 300 games this season. I think this is the first time anybody in the Club achieved this honour, and to John Anderson, Wil Mortlock and Richard Daly for their selection in the Combined Sub-District side that beat Army 54-3 at Victoria Barracks and the Queensland Sub-District Side 14-3 at Ballymore as a curtain-raiser to the Wallabies v Ireland on June 3.

In closing, I would wish the incoming Committee and the Club all the best for a successful season next year.

## CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

1979 could be described in fisherman's terms as "the one that got away." To say that 1978's efforts were wasted would be a bit harsh, but the results emphasised the need for early pre-season training and a majority of wins in the first round of the competition.

With such a large influx of newer members, naturally problems emerged, players losing their individuality and becoming part of a team and a club, and the difficulty the selectors had in assessing their ability for grading. 1980, I'm sure, will be free from these problems and we will be able to concentrate on winning back those elusive pennants. I would ask all members to keep an eye out for possible recruits for this year, as injuries and "snow bunnies" still cause depletions mid-season.

The Club is now open on Thursday nights with touch football commencing at 6.30 p.m. Start running now and get fit for the pre-season trials.

The financial position of the Club this past year can be regarded as exceptional, considering increased running costs, coupled with lack of fund raising activities. After meeting with the Golf Club and Woollahra Council, it was learnt that a \$40,000 facelift for both ovals was on their agenda for approval. A decision was made to "cool it" as far as disco and games nights were concerned. Although the Club's funds may have suffered, the low profile adopted resulted in approval for work to commence.

Your Club President, John Noice, did a lot in negotiations to sway the verdict in our favour.

While social functions were kept to a minimum at the Club, those at alternative venues flourished. Both the Annual Ball and the Trophy Night had exceptional attendances, and I would like to thank all who supported these functions.

Congratulations to all Trophy winners and special congratulations to Ross Collins, our Honour Cap winner, who not only played a high standard of football but also ran a tight ship as Clubhouse manager.

Thanks also to our four coaches for their fair-minded selections, and to the committee for all their work. Special thanks to Ian McGregor, who has been registrar now for the past two years; also to the Old Colleagues who once again graced us with their support.

The Tour to Hawaii was a great success, and it got off the ground mainly due to the efforts of Tuba, Ando and Moose, thanks fellas. A full report is listed later. We must go back there in '81 and we need at least 30 players. Plan for it now.

In last year's report, I asked people not to stand for committee unless they were prepared to work. This is especially true for 1980. There are no glamour jobs, only hard work. Keep this in mind!

Finally, I should like to thank all of you, the members, for the past year's effort, and with a little more effort we'll go on to greater victories in '80.

MIKE CASPERS, Club Captain.

## KENTWELL CUP

The season of 1979 unfortunately will be remembered as one of opportunities lost by all of us connected with our Kentwell Cup side. Maybe it should be remembered as "The Pathological Year" as I personally cannot remember a season where more "Post Mortems" were carried out as to where we went wrong. Personally I believe we had our opportunities but failed to capitalise at the crucial times. Inconsistent team performances was the main problem more than individual lack of application by the players themselves, who I must thank for their dedication to training during the season.

My sincere thanks go to Ian Edwards who did an outstanding job of coaching the team during my absence and was of tremendous help to me after I returned. I must also thank the captain, John Anderson, for his contribution both on and off the field.

Other players worthy of congratulations of course are our sub-district representative trio of Willie Mortlock, John Anderson and Rick Daly who I believe were more than worthy representatives of The Colleagues Club. Mention must also be made of the team best and fairest award to Steve Donnelly and also the club best and fairest award to Jim Haydon who so ably filled the gap after the unfortunate accident to Doug Ambrose. Sincere thanks also to my fellow coaches, Mike Caspers and the committee for their assistance during a very difficult year.

As this season is my last year as a coach of Colleagues, I would like to thank all club members for their support during an enjoyable three years at the club and wish the coaches and players the very best for the forthcoming 1980 season. I sincerely believe that with dedication and maximum effort from all club members in every area of club activity 1980 will see Colleagues club back in their rightful position as club champions of sub-district rugby union.

Sincerely,

ROGER MONSON

## BURKE CUP

This was a disappointing year for the Burke Cup and for the Club as a whole. With the large influx of new talented players there was confidence that the year would be the best ever. Early games saw a malaise and lack of determination which ultimately afflicted the Burke Cup team also.

After the first round of the competition the team lay second, but after the loss to St. Ives purpose and determination which had brought success faded and it was hard to believe that the team which played in the second round was essentially that which played in the first. The lesson that success is not achieved by talent alone but must be coupled with discipline and team work was one which was not grasped. A team which does not train together can hardly hope to win the Burke Cup.

On the brighter side, there were some very talented young players in the team; in the backs Mike France, Michael Michelle, Steve Cripps, Richard Dunlop, Wal Carpenter and David Taylor all showed talent which in other years may well have seen them playing Kentwell Cup, and it is hoped that these players will return next year, determined to play in a successful premiership team.

In the forwards Mike Halliday and Tim Booth were outstanding young players. Then of course there were the players who were experienced and without whom no team could function. I was indebted to the help and support of both Mike Clarkson and Mick Fitzgerald, who shouldered responsibility and did their best on the field to see that the team remained comopsed. There were others, of course, in the backs, Peter Herman and John Beckett, who always gave of their best, and in the forwards Ross Collins, Mark Bowker, Dave Green and Doug Kirkwood comprised the engine room of a forward pack that was, of itself, never put down.

I wish you all success in the future season and hope that next year you all set yourselves the task of winning the Club Championship and obtain the return of the Burke Cup to the Club.

CHARLES A. VANDERVORD, Coach.

## WHIDDON CUP REPORT

This year proved to be somewhat of a let down after the success of the previous year. However, let me go on record as saying the efforts of the vast majority of players in Whiddon Cup this year was highly commendable.

Special thanks goes to Sandy Ross, who took over the captaincy at a difficult time when a number of narrow losses had stretched the resilience of the side to the limit. Sandy not only stabilised the situation, but also injected an enthusiasm that in no small way helped to bind the team together.

My only real sorrow was to see the emergence, once again, of the Club critics. This handful of individuals, although small in number, made their presence felt, much to the detriment of the Club generally. Colleagues is a great Club but for some unknown reason it has not been able to rid itself of these people who by their actions demoralise even the most enthusiastic coach or player.

On a more positive note, I thank John Noice, Mick Caspers and John Hitchen, who guided a Committee that tried all the year. Thanks also goes to all the other coaches for a hassle-free year. Last but not least, my thanks to Barney Wise, the team manager, for his untiring efforts.

PAT DALEY.

## JUDD CUP

Gentlemen,

The 1979 Colleagues Judd Cup team had an enjoyable if not a tremendously successful season.

The team qualified for the semi-finals in fourth place, however that is as far as we went as we were beaten by Newington Old Boys 6-0. Of the eighteen competition games played the team won twelve, lost five, with one drawn.

As it would be impossible to mention every member who played Judd Cup Rugby during the season, I would like to thank each and every player for their efforts of a Saturday afternoon and a Thursday evening.

My special thanks to Rowley Rowlett and Ian McGregor for their assistance during the season, and my congratulations to both on sharing the team's best and fairest award.

Of the younger players, I would like to give a special mention to Michael Collett, David Patterson, Graeme Boyd and Martin Booth for their consistent and dedicated efforts. I am sure that these and the other younger players who joined the Club this year should ensure our future for many years to come.

I would also like to thank the committee and my fellow coaches and co-selectors Roger Monson, Charles Vandervord and Pat Daley for their co-operation during the season.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I feel that we can look forward to 1980 with great confidence.

Regards, RONALD A. HARRIDEN.

## 1979 TROPHY WINNERS

Honour Cap .....	Ross COLLINS
Club Captain .....	Michael CASPERS
Club Best and Fairest .....	Jim HAYDON
Kentwell Cup Best and Fairest .....	Steve DONNELLEY
Burke Cup Best and Fairest .....	Jim HAYDON
Whiddon Cup Best and Fairest .....	Michael FRANCE
Judd Cup Best and Fairest .....	Shared: Ian MCGREGOR, Rolly ROWLATT
Leading Try Scorer .....	(10 tries) Richard ALAGNA
Leading Point Scorer .....	(114 points) Steve WEIR
Challenge Trophy for Team Scoring the Most tries: Burke Cup (23 tries)	
100 Games Trophies: John ANDERSON, John BECKETT, Michael CLARKSON, John KEENE, Doug KIRKWOOD, Fred MULHALL	
200 Games Trophies: Bruce DIGGLE, Michael FITZGERALD, Sandy ROSS.	
300 Games Trophies: John NOICE.	
Team Captain's Trophy:	
Kentwell Cup .....	John ANDERSON
Burke Cup .....	Michael CLARKSON
Whiddon Cup .....	Sandy ROSS
Judd Cup .....	Rolly ROWLATT
Cricket Trophies:	
Best Batting Average .....	Geoff ROBBINS
Best Bowling Average .....	Steve MOONEY
Linesman's Award .....	Michael TWEMLOW
Most Improved Player .....	Richard ALAGNA
Oldest and Boldest .....	Rolly ROWLATT
Rookie of the Year .....	Michael COLLETT

## RESULTS FOR SEASON 1979

### KENTWELL CUP

St. Patrick's O.B.	12	2	4	269	157	26
Lane Cove	12	1	5	266	163	25
Hunters Hill	12	—	6	297	181	24
St. Ives	10	1	7	262	263	21
Colleagues	9	2	7	205	129	20
Chatswood	9	1	8	197	215	19
Briars	7	1	10	169	278	15
Bondi/Bronte	7	—	11	188	221	14
Lindfield	5	1	12	189	296	11
Newington O.B.	2	1	15	144	297	5

### BURKE CUP

St. Ives	15	—	3	319	96	30
Hunters Hill	14	1	3	285	89	29
St. Patrick's O.B.	14	—	4	215	130	28
Colleagues	12	—	6	208	109	24
Lindfield	11	—	7	163	150	22
Bondi/Bronte	8	1	9	190	216	17
Briars	6	—	12	140	213	12
Chatswood	4	—	14	88	219	8
Newington O.B.	4	—	14	74	256	8
Lane Cove	1	—	17	67	262	2

### WHIDDON CUP

Bondi/Bronte	13	—	5	232	79	26
Hunters Hill	13	—	5	223	115	26
St. Ives	13	—	5	222	143	26
St. Patrick's O.B.	12	—	6	195	96	24
Briars	11	1	6	233	134	23
Colleagues	10	1	7	191	104	21
Lindfield	8	1	9	141	116	17
Chatswood	6	1	11	111	185	13
Newington O.B.	1	—	17	60	331	2
Lane Cove	1	—	17	42	328	2

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**JUDD CUP**

Hunters Hill	14	1	3	258	43	29
Lane Cove	14	1	3	200	56	29
Newington O.B.	14	—	4	301	105	28
Colleagues	13	1	5	161	108	25
Briars	8	1	9	75	132	17
Bondi/Bronte	7	1	10	97	152	15
St. Ives	6	—	12	90	177	12
St. Patrick's O.B.	5	1	12	100	171	11
Lindfield	4	—	14	97	228	8
Chatswood	2	2	14	43	248	—

**SEMI-FINALS**

Kentwell Cup: St. Patrick's O.B. 16, Lane Cove 15. Hunters Hill 20, St. Ives 6.

Burke Cup: Hunters Hill 16, St. Ives 10. St. Patrick's O.B. 9, Colleagues 3.

Whiddon Cup: Bondi/Bronte 7, Hunters Hill 3. St. Patrick's O.B. 18, St. Ives 10.

Judd Cup: Hunters Hill 8, Lane Cove 3. Newington O.B. 6, Colleagues 0.

**FINALS**

Kentwell Cup: Hunters Hill 29, Lane Cove 8.

Burke Cup: St. Ives 9, St. Patrick's O.B. 6.

Whiddon Cup: Hunters Hill 12, St. Patrick's O.B. 3.

Judd Cup: Lane Cove 7, Newington O.B. 7.

**GRAND FINALS**

Kentwell Cup: Hunters Hill 21, St. Patrick's O.B. 12.

Burke Cup: St. Ives 9, Hunters Hill 0.

Whiddon Cup: Bondi/Bronte 12, Hunters Hill 6.

Judd Cup: Hunters Hill 15, Lane Cove 3.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 1979**

**BRUCE GRAHAM SHIELD**

Points: Kentwell 10, Burke 8, Barraclough 8, McLean 8, Jeffery 6, Stockdale 6, Noice 6, Grosse 6, Judd 4, Blunt 4, Richardson 4, Clark 4, Walker 4, Farrant 4, Meldrum 4, Radford 4.

Hunters Hill**	744	Greystanes	174
St. Patrick's O.B.**	672	Manly-Savers	174
St. Ives**	654	Bank of N.S.W.	162
Old Waverlians	622	Tobians	160
Colleagues**	618	North Steyne	156
Barker O.B.	504	Bondi Boys	150
Bondi/Bronte**	492	N.S.H.O.B.	144
Kings O.B.	486	Fairvale O.B.	144
St. Leo's O.B.	480	Epping Inr.	138
Blue Mountains	476	Kur-ring-gai C.A.E.	138
S.H.O.B.	468	A.N.Z. Bank	132
Briars**	452	North Balgowlah	120
Lindfield**	420	Coogee Inr.	120
Newport	407	Cammeray/Northbridge	116
Lane Cove**	394	Blakehurst	114
South Carlton/Cronulla	360	Oatley	112
Chatswood**	356	Normanhurst O.B.	108
Manly Silver Ferns	338	St. Augustine's O.B.	108
Matrville/Chevalier	304	Knox O.B.	106
Killara	294	Supreme Court	96
Merrylands	292	Guild Teachers	96
Shore O.B.	280	Roseville	94
C.B.C. Bank	242	Denistone	90
Newington O.B.**	238	St. Joseph's O.B.	84
Willoughby	228	West Pymble	84
A.M.P.	216	Petersham	84
Collaroy Plateau	202	St. Marvs	84
Northmead	202	Coasters	72
Randwick	192	Sydney Welsh	72
Warringaroos	190	Punchbowl	66
Haberfield	188	Lidcombe	60
Rockdale	186	Oakhill	54
Old Ignations	184	Wanderers	36
C.B.O.B.S.	182	Naremburn	36
Reserv Bank	180	Hills	24
Navy	174	**denotes First Division Clubs.	

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF COLLEAGUES

Since its inception in 1933, Colleagues has achieved the following results:—

CLUB CHAMPIONS: 16 times: 1941, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1978.

KENTWELL CUP: 9 times: 1950, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1970.

BURKE CUP: 7 times: 1957, 1958, 1961, 1968, 1971, 1972, 1978.

WHIDDON CUP: 2 times: 1959 and 1967.

JUDD CUP: 1 time: 1966.

Sub-District football was not played during the war years (1942-1946) so this record spans only a period of 41 years.

Colleagues have won the Club Championship, Kentwell Cup and Burke Cup more times than any other Club in the history of Sub District Football.

This is a tremendous record that we must preserve—so let's get into it in 1980.

## HAWAII TOUR 1979

Friday, October 19, 1979, 4.30 p.m. The combined Colleagues/Hunters Hill team departed for the Pan-Am International Rugby Tournament in Hawaii. The team consisted of 15 Colleagues, 16 Hunters Hill players and Graham Davies (Sub-District and Newport coach).

The tour got off to a great start when, seated on the plane we found that two of the Hunters Hill lads, namely Andy (the Kid) Moysten and Dave (Crackers) Polly were not aboard. An endeavour was made to stop the plane, but to no avail, and we left them selling their Duty Free to the boys at the bar.

The flight over was very "quiet"; luckily the crew changed when we arrived at Auckland, where we stopped for a 'P.' From Auckland the marathon '10 hour drink' to Honolulu was started, which found the Colleagues in their usual "in flight" form and some of the Hunters Hill boys lacking. Also on the same flight were the Manly team and a team from New Zealand. After the first three hours out of Auckland the bald hostesses gave up trying to keep up with the pace and left the drink trolleys in the aisles for quick self-service.

Two hours from Honolulu, with all the beer gone and spirits prevailing, a slight indiscretion by one of the Manly team caused the grog to be turned off, the Captain to have a few words to Ando, and the Ghost left pleading his innocence.

Arriving in Honolulu 7.30 a.m. Friday we were warmly greeted by Dick Gooch and a lei and transferred to our hotel in Waikiki, where we found that the Hunters Hill Club captain, Ian (Cashmere Cowboy) Ross had lost his baggage and thought he would have to 'busk' on the street corners singing "We are Warriors" for a quid to buy some more. Luckily it turned up the next day (sailor suit, tennis outfit, raincoat, suits, handbag—the lot!).

The rest of Friday, Saturday and Sunday were spent recovering at the bar with Mai Tai's, Fog Lifters, Blue Hawaiians, and Egor Specials, which cost three arms and four legs each and had a kick like my last wife. We did manage to fit in two training sessions over the weekend—much to the coach's delight (as he frowned on drinking and was taking the whole thing quite seriously).

Saturday night we attended a Gridiron game at the Aloha Stadium which holds 50,000 people seated and is a monumental place. The game was very interesting, although one-sided, and for those of us who hadn't seen a Gridiron game before it was a real experience. At half-time an exhibition game of Rugby was played between the Manly team and the Hawaii Harlequins, much to the delight of the crowd who had never seen Rugby before and thought we were all mad.



## HAWAII TOUR 1979

Monday saw the start of the Tournament and our strongest team was fielded. We played the New Zealand Pirates (who eventually contested the Grand Final) and it was our best match of the Tournament. The score was 0-0 three minutes from half-time when they scored a converted try to make it 6-0 at half-time. Our big setback in the game was our 5/8, Michael Oakley (Hunters Hill), who broke his wrist during the first half and did not play again in the Tournament. The second half saw the 85 degrees heat and grog taking its toll on both sides in the very physical forwards game. We were by no means disgraced by the full-time score of 18-0.

Tuesday with renewed vigour we attacked the Dallas Cowboys (Texas), who were a strong side but lacked experience, and a very popular win to us by 16-6 was achieved.

Our next game on Wednesday was Mt. Roskill—another New Zealand team, who were very good. Some of our players from the first two games had to be rested and a few of the drinkers were put on the field. The score was 16-9 against us ten minutes from full-time, when we lost our centre, Dave Polly—sent off for a head-high tackle. This opened the gates for Mt. Roskill, scoring twice in the last ten minutes for a full-time score of 26-9.

Wednesday night saw a free booze-up for all concerned in the Tournament (about 2,000 people), held in a disused Customs Hall on the docks. The Primo (beer) flowed freely, T-shirts and caps were swapped, and with the aid of the host, Dick Gooch, the Ghost led us into song with a burst of "Kidney-Wiper" followed by Cowboy with "We Are Warriors"—both of which brought the house down and got the shirts off.

That night certainly took its toll, as next day (Thursday) we were matched against a team of geriatrics from Hanover, Germany, the youngest of which must have been 35. We lost 7-4. Certainly our worst game and the only consolation being the Moooses' encounter with their poofy breakaway and Bowk's decking a second-rower and splitting of the props' heads with a 'Liverpool kiss.'

In the afternoon we were scheduled to play again, against the Hawaii Barbarians and this was to be extremely important as it was going to be the Ghost's first game of the tour. He arrived at the field with his jumper in Mint condition, socks perfect, boot polished, psyched-up ready to go, only to find, to his relief, that the Hawaiians had forfeited. Our second win of the tour.

Friday brought our finest hour as we were to play Cowra, N.S.W., who happened to be staying at the same hotel and happened to be drinking with us the night before. We again fielded our strongest team and to our surprise Andy Addinall scored from the kick-off. At half-time the score was 19-0, so we decided to put the drinking side on (including the Ghost). The full-time score was still 19-0, but a great game to finish the tournament. Out of the 34 teams competing, Colleagues/Hunters Hill finished 21st overall.

With the football out of the way, some serious drinking was in order for the next six days, combined with some rubber-necking, "ticking-off" numerous things such as Sunset Beach, Waimea Bay, swimming in the hotel pool, eating rubbishy hamburgers. Ando and Tuba's cocktail party, collective semi-screwing thanks to the Ghost, and a contest between Ando, Cowboy, Ghost and Hurt (the Kraut) to see who could

## HAWAII TOUR 1979

Other notable activities during the tour were an invitation to the Hawaii Yacht Club and two days on a launch, courtesy of Dick Gooch, who I would like to thank sincerely for looking after us; Bob Milne (our Hawaii host), who provided a pleasant day of tennis and swimming at his home and a night out at his club; Turkey France and his fly-swattling; Dave Caspers and his "dog" award, having a team meeting every half-hour; Cowboy and Tuba, ordering pizzas that turned out to be tarts, much to the delight of the hotel security guard; Cowboy's sailing prowess in a catamaran, when he managed to rip the sail off the boom; our Awards Night at our hotel, where 50 of us drank 60 bottles of spirits, and Shagger Burns disgraced himself in the hallway. John Hitchen also enjoyed himself that night, along with our "out-of-it" coach, Graham, who came dressed up as a roll of Sorbent: the tournament banquet at the Hilton Hawaii Village Bali Room, where all 2,000 of us in the tournament sat down to a free dinner.

Speeches and presentations were made, then slides of the week's football were shown—set to the songs of "Up their Casally," "The Greatest Game of All" and "We are the Champions," which was a heart-stirring moment for we Australians.

From the Hunters Hill team, I should mention some of their talent: Gavin Cornford and Wayne Farthing (known as the Sky Pilots), Grant Millard (Ocker Australis, good footballer and leg-stamper but can't sing), Glen (Pilgrim) Burgess, Shagger (the best chuck of the tour) Burns, and the Kids, Andy Moyston and Michael Oakley, just to name a few.

From Colleagues, Des Hill made his presence felt at the bar, Mark Smith at the Disco's, Rick Smith with the ladies, Toad in the Pool (Pond), Hitcho on his Boogie Board and drinking Piss, Moose in his Jeep, Dycey and his chatting, Bowk's with his white-anting, Stan Addinall with his shopping for his dog Ralph, and Twembles being Twembles.

About the coach, Graham Davies, who previously thought that booze and football should be kept well apart—he now insists his players drink before a game. Graham was a very moderate drinker before the trip (being 40 odd or so) and being a pharmacist he brought along all sorts of pills and potions for the boys to cure hangovers, upset stomachs, etc. At the end of the tour Graham was converted to a complete alcoholic and ended up taking all his pills himself. A good man!

The trip home was fairly quiet with most of us sleeping till we arrived at Auckland, where with renewed vigour we hit the bar for an hour and put down our last drinks over Mascot about 10 a.m. Saturday.

Thanks go to the organisers, John Anderson, Ross Collins and Doug Kirkwood from Colleagues, and Ian Ross from Hunters Hill, for a trip that will not be soon forgotten, and the best part about it is that it's on again in 181.

You little beauty! (to coin a phrase).

Aloha from Mai Tai,  
Member A.A. Hawaii Touring Team 1979