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1986 OFFICE BEARERS

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CLUB CAPTAIN:	Stephen Roberts	
SECRETARY:	Amelia Gunning	
TREASURER:	Bill Currey	
CLUB HOUSE MANAGER:	Michael Doolan	
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HONORARY AUDITOR:	Michael Clifford	

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 1986 Rugby season proved to be very different to what we have been used to. Our off field activities overshadowed the on field activities — an imbalance we must correct for 1987. It was decided at last years AGM to update the facilities of the club house. Significant time and money was spent over the year in doing this. A new bar was built — enabling better security and faster service. ACI, our major sponsor, kindly donated two large glass door refridgerators enabling us to have a ready supply of cold refreshments. The hot water service was replaced throughout the club with a new ceiling put in and a heater connected. Wall panels were replaced and most of the electrical fittings and wiring updated. A program has also been put in place with the Woollahra Council ensuring regular maintenance for the next three years. The club house is now in good condition to enable a concerted effort to be put into improving our results on the Rugby field.

1986 was the first year since 1978 that we did not win a premiership. The Burke Cup performed well in winning the minor premiership but unfortunately lost the Grand Final. All other teams performed well on the odd occasion but consistency was the problem — no team was able to string together a sequence of victories. There is no doubt this was due to the large number of injuries and lack of depth in the club. The efforts for 1987 must be directed towards obtaining many new players.

During the year two players represented the club in the Sydney Suburban Team. Tim Booth and Michael Collit are to be congratulated as is John Noice, the coach.

Fund raising was very successful this year with the two games nights, organized by Tony Glyn contributing strongly to the finances.

The Annual Ball held at the Keiron was well attended with everybody having an enjoyable night.

Steve Roberts had decided to step down as Club Captain after three years. He has put a lot of time into the position and is to be thanked for his efforts.

Congratulations to Tony Glyn on winning the Honour Cup for 1986. He has been a strong contributor to the club as both a player and coach. His efforts this year in fund raising, organising renovations to the club house, and organising the Annual Ball, definitely earned the recognition he received. It is hoped Tony will continue his very valuable support to the club.

My thanks to the Coaches for their time and efforts this year. With the tough year they stuck at their jobs, and with a little more luck we could have done much better. Iain Edwards, back with the club again demonstrated what hard work can do with the Kentwell Cup having a very successful second round, just missing out on the semis by one point. This should give them the impetus for a strong 1987. With Iain probably leaving the club we wish him every success for his future coaching aspirations.

The committee this year once again found that a lot of work is needed to ensure a successful year. Bill Curry did a good job with the addition of Tim Lee as assistant bar manager being very beneficial.

For the future, the members must ensure we do not fall into the trap of resting on our laurels. We have been the most successful club in Sydney Suburban football and a strong effort from every member will be needed to return to this position. We must be prepared to find the new players, encourage the existing players, and train hard.

After three years I am stepping down from the management side of the club. It has been a challenging but enjoyable time for which I thank the members for their support.

I wish all members and their families a festive Christmas and happy new year.

JOHN ANDERSON — President

TROPHY WINNERS LIST 1986

Club Captain: Stephen Roberts

Kentwell Captain: Doug Ambrose

Burke Captain: Dave Taylor

Whiddon Captain: Tim Cassidy

Judd Captain: A.D. (Sandy) Ross

Sutherland Captain/Coach: Anthony Glynn

Kentwell Coach: Iain Edwards

Burke Coach: John Anderson/Nick Derera

Whiddon Coach: Andrew Williams

Judd Coach: Bruce Diggle

Kentwell Best & Fairest: A. Lomax

Burke Best & Fairest: P. Taylor

Whiddon Best & Fairest: T. Cassidy

Judd Best & Fairest: C. Braun

Sutherland Best & Fairest: P. Coombes

Club Best & Fairest: W. Currey/T. Cassidy

Leading Try Scorer: A. Glynn

Leading Points Scorer: J. Simpson

Challenge Cup: (Team Scoring Most Tries): Burke Cup

100 Kentwell Cup Games: D. Ambrose

100 Games: D. Taylor, A. Chubb, C. Rowston, M. Collit

Most Improved Player: W. Corkhill

Rookie of the Year: Jeremy Simpson

Oldest & Boldest: A.D. (Sandy) Ross

Honour Cap: Anotho Glynn

John Anderson Trophy: Not Awarded

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT 1986

The Golden Era has definitely come to an end. At the conclusion of the 1985 season, one by our standards less than successful, the night of the long-knives occurred. It was, however, a bloodless coup. The major result being the defection of Anthony "John Kerr" Glynn to the side of those he abhorred. However such was the case that Tony as he has always done, put his money where his mouth was and produced the goods on this year's committee. My thanks to Tony for his efforts this year and my congratulations on winning the year's honour cup.

Our successes this year were few and far between. The club started the year with the best of intentions, again trialing in excess of one hundred players from whom five sides were chosen. However the wheel fell off early in the piece with only the Burke Cup showing any form. The Kentwell Cup with the return of Iain Edwards as coach, worked harder and longer than many teams before them. They proved to be a continual thorn to all they played but were just unable to put the seal on numerous games, resulting in many close defeats or draws. These proved costly as they missed out on the semi-finals by one competition point. However the season finished on a high note, by defeating St. Ives, the competition's first round front runners. My congratulations to those who made the Sydney Suburban Side and to Andrew Lomax, whose fine season was capped by being awarded the best and fairest player trophy. With the return of Iain Edwards as coach of the Kentwell Cup it was assumed that all would be well once again. Most certainly the effort was there but the results just didn't seem to follow. Iain's return did restore credibility to the club and we wish him well for his future coaching assignments.

The Burke Cup was looking this year to complete their sixth successive premiership. However this was not to be the case. They were the competition front-runners, winning the minor premiership quite easily from the team, St. Ives that would eventually defeat them in the Grand Final. Congratulations to Nick Derrarra and John Anderson for their efforts as coaches but as they say "All good things must come to an end".

The Whiddon Cup played with continued spirit during the year ably led by Tim Cassidy, their eventual best and fairest winner. The teams contested quite well all their games but lacked at times depth of continuity in the teams to really be a threat. Injuries and unavailability of players in the high grades again rout havoc in this side. Many thanks to Andrew Williams, coaching this side with his usual aplomb.

Bruce Diggle in taking over the helm of the Judd Cup this year most definitely found the job harder than expected. One must spend more time on the telephone than on the paddock. He did equip himself most ably in the given circumstances. Sandy Ross again proved to be the backbone of the side and with best and fairest winner, Cliff Braun, the two worked hard throughout the season to maintain credibility in the forward pack.

Whilst in my capacity as club captain, I have enjoyed the support and help of the Club President, John Anderson. At the conclusion of John's

term, on behalf of the club I would like to thank him for the enormous effort he has put into the club over the past three years as club president and to the many years as a player. No one did more than John to achieve the successes enjoyed over the past decade.

In conclusion, my thanks to this years committee for their work especially Bill Currey who had the task of sorting out our financial problems.

Good luck to next year's committee.

STEPHEN ROBERTS

CLUB HOUSE MANAGER'S REPORT

The 1986 season presented many challenges to the incoming committee. One of which was the upgrading of the clubs interior. Expenditure was considerable when you consider, the remodelling of the bar area, the new style floor, the replacing of all heating units and the purchasing of a gas heater and its installation. The council finally came to the party replacing the roof interior (after spending two weekends painting the old one), and A.C.I. through the efforts of Bob O'Dea donated two bar fridges. Our thanks to Bob, the support received from A.C.I. is very much appreciated.

Unfortunately the efforts to upgrade members facilities was not reflected in the bar trading results. Turnover on the whole was down on previous years and was especially noticeable on Thursday nights. The clubs bar trade is its life blood, an effort must be made by all members to drink more next season. The club's duty roster was attended spasmodically with too often the same nucleus of members doing all the work. The club was lucky enough to stumble upon Tim Lee whose effort during the season was invaluable. Tim's prowess makes him a front runner for the much sought after position of the club. He's manager next year.

On the party front the trivia night, the annual ball, the gambling nights, and the trophy night were all great successes. The 1986 season saw the demise of the disco night (almost extinct) through bad attendances and the Grand Final night was as disappointing as the Burke Cup loss earlier that day.

Congratulation must go to this years Honour Cup Winner, Tony Glynn and to John Anderson who stands down as President. The 1987 season will be a difficult rebuilding period for colleagues. It is up to every member to stand up and be counted, the club needs more workers.

CLUB HOUSE MANAGER

THE KENTWELL CUP REPORT

Although the Kentwell Cup was not successful in reaching the semi finals, it did achieve 3 very important goals this season. Those were to regain some of the confidence, self respect and reputation which the team had lost at the end of the 1985 season.

Under the difficulties of the season, missing the semi final by only one point was a very creditable result and came directly from the commitment and determination of those players selected. During the season there was 40 players selected to play in the Kentwell Cup with those changes being forced upon us by injury or personal unavailability. This vast team turn over presented the development of team co-ordination which is necessary to produce a consistently winning team.

Retrospectively the first round of the season seemed a nightmare. We could not establish a consistent front row, second row, half back and five eights. To lose half of the back line due to injury and illness sustained between Friday night and Saturday morning in the game against Briars was new experience one could do without.

The end result of the confusion was that after round one the team had won four games and drawn one.

With none of the wins being assertive and all the losses being significant round two looked daunting especially with the prospect of the opposition strengthening as it always does in the later half of the season.

However, the arrival of Jeremy Simpson after a heroic day against St. Pats wherein he scored the winning try and kicked the winning goal, after playing in the Whiddon and Bourke cup gave some hope that we could do better.

The end result of round two was that we lost only to Hunter's Hill and Matraville the eventual grand final contenders and missed the semi finals by one point.

If only — Steve Leese who was dominant in the line outs had not been transferred overseas initially and then finally prior to the end of the season; if only Doug Ambrose had kicked the penalty goal against Briars or Newport, if only the referee had awarded us one of the four try attempts against Newport, if only the St. Ives game had not been postponed when we were running hot we would have been there in the semis.

All in all the players are to be congratulated for their courage and determination to continue on despite the cause appearing hopeless and under the extreme pressure of having to win every game in the second round to make the semi finals a possibility.

When one looks back I am sure every player would now agree that the hard work was worth it to produce a win against St. Ives in the last game of the season and in any case what else do you do.

On reflection the two most significant games of the season were the round two win against Blue Mountains with Steve Leese's try following a

long (why didn't we see more of these) penetrating run by Doug Ambrose and obviously the last game of the season against St. Ives who were second in the competition. It was pleasing to see a try scored by Hugh Warden who had an unfortunate season beset by injury. His skills had he played, would have had a significant bearing on our results.

Individually Andrew Lomax gave a great performance in the second row and deserved the award of Kentwell best and fairest, Andrew Chubb despite some doubts from many proved his worth in consolidating the front row following Morgan Chubbs urgent overseas departure, Jeremy Simpson kicked us to a win on more occasions than not in the second round and Michael Collett gave his usual safe performance in the loose.

Doug Ambrose as Captain did his best at full back returning with interest the ball that came his way. Unfortunately his hamstring problems prevented him playing the running full back game. However, his heart and voice (as the referees noted) was in the game every Saturday for the Kentwell Cup to win.

In summary the team feel satisfied with the season's result as a whole. Since there was always total commitment, enthusiasm and determination to succeed there can be no criticism and with the results of round two to build upon the Kentwell Cup is in a much better position to approach the 1987 season that it was at the end of 1985.

In conclusion I would like to congratulate John Anderson and Nick Derera for their success in taking Bourke Cup to its sixth minor premiership and in contesting the grand final. It was just bad luck that the team had an off day in the last game.

My thanks to Bruce Diggie and Andrew Williams for their support and help and in their efforts to coach during a very difficult season created mostly by the unavailability of players.

My thanks and congratulations to Doug Ambrose as Kentwell Cup Captain for his persistence and support during the season. It was for both of us a difficult and frustrating season to see so much effort being put in with so little apparent results but by no means should it be considered a failure as the end of the season's results of the Kentwell Cup and Bourke Cup have served to keep the proud record of the colleagues club to the fore.

In conclusion the 1987 season is now ahead of the club and the club as a whole must endeavour to do better next year. It will not come any other way than by hard work, determination, commitment and a desire to do better.

Good luck to the colleagues in 1987.

IAIN EDWARDS — Coach

BURKE CUP

As defending Premiers, the team played very well during the year to win the minor premierships. The team played with excellent spirit and on many occasions the standard of football was at the highest level. It was disappointing we lost the Grand Final however, when reviewing the full season the team was clearly the most successful in terms of number of games won. My thanks to all the players support over the year in making the coaching role a very enjoyable one.

Once again, Nick Derera shared the coaching. There is no doubt his efforts and experience played a major role in the success of the team. The time Nick spent involved in team selections and more specifically in coaching the backs was rewarded with the team scoring the most tries.

The team was a good blend of youth and experience. A number of new members to the club played very well and showed the ability to be playing at higher levels next year. Joe Cross, Rick Alcorn and Sean Graham are both young and big with the potential to play Kentwell for many years to come. Tony and John Ericson, late additions to the team, played very well and certainly have strong playing futures. When the younger players were combined with the more experienced players such as Graham Rush, Steve Roberts, Ivan Holyman, Tim Booth, Chris Mathews and Dave Taylor it is apparent why the team performed so well.

Dave Taylor as captain was a tower of strength in providing excellent support to Nick and myself. His leadership qualities and loyalty to the team was unquestioned and on numerous occasions ensured we won tight games. Dave committed himself fully to the season in playing virtually every game. It is this type of commitment that will be needed by all members next year.

Due to injuries we had a number of vice captains during the season. Dave Grundy and Tim Booth carried the role very well, with Steve Roberts being appointed for the finals.

Congratulations on Peter Taylor winning the Best and Fairest award. His play over the year was such no opposition back line could afford to relax as his constant pressure on them resulted in many opportunities for us. A player with exceptional speed, Peter certainly deserved to win the award.

Two players who played in the team all year deserve recognition. Dave Grundy and Gary Lane, both new members to the club, played consistently well all year and proved to be the ever reliable base all successful teams need. Gary as goal kicker proved to be a very valuable asset in relieving the pressures from the experienced Graham Rush.

To John Lee, Spider Mathews, Tim Cassidy, Andrew Chubb, Andrew Drapper, Rick Fitzgerald, Ian Sinclair and Chris Rowston many thanks for your support during the year. The records show that over forty different players represented Burke proving that a successful team needs a lot of depth.

Through losing the Grand Final this will ensure that there will be strong challenge all teams need for 1987 — regain the title we own.

JOHN ANDERSON — Coach

WHIDDON CUP

The high point of the season was a 46-4 win over St. Ives in the first round. The low point was the last game of the season loss to St. Ives. The team suffered not through its own lack of commitment but was affected by "happenings" in the higher teams. On paper we had the players and the ability and it was disheartening for those close to Whiddon Cup to see our position on the table slip away during the second half of the season.

Whiddon Cup received trojan service from its captain (and the clubs joint best and fairest player) Tim Cassidy; other players of note were Will Corkhill and Rick Fitzgerald from last year, and the five new players to the club, in no particular order they were Dave Metcalf, Jed Nicholl, Tim McNickle, Andrew (I want to score a try) Purtle and Matt Delahunty.

For the end of the season special thanks are to Sandy Ross, Mark Bailey and Stu Glasson for their help in completing a difficult second round.

ANDREW WILLIAMS

JUDD CUP REPORT 1986

The season of 1986 was not one of outstanding success as far as results were concerned. However I believe that there were some memorable games and occasions, and for many players the "spirit" of rugby was enjoyed to the fullest. Whilst many will say that "winning is not everything it is the only thing", there has to be those that do not win. If however the attitude and commitment are there, one should at least take pride in trying and making himself available for selection.

As is usual in a fourth grade side there was an enormous turnover in the players of the team. In fact, no same team took to the paddock twice. This made it extremely difficult to achieve any basis around which to build. I believe that a lot of this pressure could be alleviated by older players not retiring from the game once they no longer have the time or commitment to play Kentwell or Burke but can lend their experience to the lower grade players.

The season for me was one of learning and frustration, especially towards the latter part of the season when it was in fact a major effort just to field a side.

On the games during the season, three stand out to me as being very memorable. The first of these was the first round game against the Blue Mountains at Lapstone, where, if Dave Metcalf's boot had been as good as the rest of the season, we may have beaten the team that won the grand final. Never the less a game that was of very good Judd standard and a pleasure to watch. Second was the game against Newport at Porter Reserve on the Sunday. Starting the game with eleven men and a few minutes to go Sandy Ross and Derek Polyblank welded together by prop and captain Sandy Ross and had one of our few wins of the season. Third was the last game of the season, a deferred game on Sunday against St. Ives at Hassel Park. After playing on the Saturday and having trouble fielding a side, we were helped out by fifth grade led by Tony Glynn plus a gentle sprinkling of

Kentwell players led by Andrew Chubb. Although we were beaten, there was more team and club spirit in the game than has been shown for some time which I feel was carried through to the Kentwell game of the day in one of their best displays of the season.

My thanks go to many people who helped during the year. To our captains John Bunce starting the season, Sandy Ross for the bulk of the season and David Fingret for the latter part of the season with some help from Ron Harriden. To our regulars Cliff Braun, Stewart Glasson, Mark Bailey, Tim Lee and the fifth graders who regularly helped out, the talented Peter Coombes, Duck Murray, David Oliver and Michael Doolan. Also to Mark Smith and his North Shore connections Rick Smith, Michael France and John Noice.

Finally I congratulate Cliff Braun on his winning of our best and fairest, an award certainly deserved.

I looked forward to a successful and enjoyable 1987 season.

BRUCE DIGGLE — Coach

SUTHERLAND CUP

Played 18	Lost 4	Drew 2
230 points for		85 points against

Dear Colleague,

As in the past years the 86' Fifts were a force to be reckoned with. Due to the structure of the competition being "first past the post" the luxury of semis and finals could not be afforded to us. As such with two crucial losses in the last few games, Waverley's lead was too hard to surpass.

The spirit and comradeship of the team both on and off the field made it an enjoyable season for all. With over 40 players running on during the year, it would be impossible to discuss all. Thanks must go to the guys who only played ½ a game. Brian Wood, Dave Callen and David Gooch (when he was'nt pulling his groin!) were the strengths up front. Dick Brown, Grant Beasley, John Van Vord, A.J. and Bruce Diggle ably assisted. In the backs Kanga, Peter Coombes (3 games a day is enough or cheaper by the weekend!), Steve Streeter, John Blankley and Dave Oliver all helped to score our 50 tries.

Following a long heated discussion between the Captain, Coach and selectors, Peter Coombes was selected as our best and fairest — our hearteous congratulations for a job well done. Believe it or not — GLYNN was the leading try scorer with a mamouth 10. A sad situation which probably reflects the clubs performance this year. My thanks and the thanks of the team are also extended to Des Hill, our manager for his efforts throughout the year. Congratulations to John Anderson and the Burke Cup Team for reaching the Grand Final. Well done lads and let's hope '87 will be the year of the colleagues once again.

Regards,
TONY GLYNN.

THE CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club had another succesful and enjoyable season in 1985/1986 and we were able to field some particularly strong sides. Stronger opposition, and a little less luck, resulted in 5 losses this season compared to 1 the year before, still a very sound record.

The best game of the season was our long awaited clash with Old Cranbrookians, always the highlight of a city and suburban season. Cranbrook, (able led by Ian Sinclair), batted first and we bowled with unusual concentration against a powerful batting side. Tim Booth led the attack with his best spell of the season to restrict our opponents to a modest score. Colleagues made a controlled start against a tight fielding side but the game nearly slipped away after a brief rain interruption. Wickets fell quickly, including Ambrose who suicided without scoring. Kerry O'Keefe then got us home in the last over, with a chanceless 40 in difficult conditions.

Less satisfactory matches included Knox Old Boys, who caught us on a damp track, and two losses to Waverly. On a few occasions the bowlers tried to bowl too quickly, dropped it short and were slashed around the field. This lack of control contributed to our downfall a couple of times after we had made a good score.

Graham Rush again led the bowling but found wickets harder to get on the much better Woollahra batting track. Peter Flaherty bowled very well towards the end of the season and was probably our most penetrative bowler, while John Lindsay often cleaned up the tail. Others to bowl well at times were Tim Booth, Mitchell Duggan, Stuart Jarvis and Richard Dunlop.

Hugh Taylor and Doug Ambrose were the best batsmen and both were deservedly selected in the representative side. Hugh was very dependable while Doug played some spectacular shots and always scattered the field. Stephen Abourd, Wynn Gray, Dave Taylor, Mal Sinclair and Richard Dunlop also batted well and we had a long and strong batting line by the end of the season.

This season we look to have an even tougher fixtures list including Westpac, current holder of the W.C. Ray trophy. Hopefully we can make a better start to the season and at least match last year's record.