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HONORARY AUDITOR: Michael Clifford

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Colleague,

1988 — Woollahra Colleagues the Premier Club.

Following two disappointing years the Colleagues are once again the proud owners of the Club Championship Shield. Our Burke Cup Team won the grand final, Judd Cup were runners up, Kentwell Cup were unluckily defeated in the final by Matraville — eventual premiers, Whiddon Cup missed the semis by two points and Sutherland Cup ran 4th only to be eliminated from the semis on a For/Against count back.

Congratulations on this superb year must firstly be extended to you, the players. Attendance at training this year was excellent — dedication and enthusiasm were the best I've seen for many years. All should be very proud of the results.

Two outstanding coaching performances heralded our return to the top. Graham Rush is his first year as coach, lead the Burke Cup team to a grand final win — we hope that this success will lead to bigger and better things in the near future.

John Anderson secondly did an outstanding job with the Kentwell Cup team. With the addition of some new outstanding rookies together with experienced players of the last few years, the team reached the finals. John has taken an overseas promotion and as such will be a great loss to the Colleagues. On behalf of myself, the committee and players, I thank John for his many years with Colleagues and wish him all the best in the future. Jeff Williams and Kevin Lane were also a big help to John. I would also like to thank David Gooch (Whiddon Cup) and Brian Wood (Sutherland Cup) for their fine efforts through out the year.

Financially the club had a successful year once again. Bar profits were down from 1987, mainly attributed to a number of "free kegs" following our many successes throughout the year. Tim Lee, our club house manager, is standing down after two very successful years. He is the quiet achiever of the club, and our thanks must be extended to him for a job well done. Thanks also must go to Emilia and Peta for feeding the hungry hoards on Thursdays and Saturdays. Dr John Vandervord's efforts were greatly appreciated with the medical kit.

Thanks must also be extended to our many sponsors. Without their assistance at the start of 1988, the club have been in an unsound financial position as about \$4,000.00 worth of football jumpers, footballs, socks etc had to be purchased. We hope that sponsorship will again be strong in 1989.

Congratulations to Des Hill on winning the Honour Cap. Des has been a Colleague for many years and after hanging up the boots, decided to lend a hand as manager. Des this year looked after all the teams. His dedication as a "true Colleague" should be an inspiration to us all.

Finally let me congratulate all the trophy winners for 1988 — a number of selections were very close and if you were disappointed at missing out, make 1989 your goal.

In conclusion let me wish all members and their families a happy Christmas and a prosperous 1989 and let's continue the good work for next year.

Regards,

ANTHONY GLYNN
President

TROPHY WINNERS LIST 1988

Club Captain: Tim Cullen

Kentwell Coach: John Anderson

Burke Coach: Graham Rush

Whiddon Coach: David Gooch

Judd Coach: Tony Glynn

Fives Coach: Brian Woods

Kentwell Captain: Hugh Taylor

Burke Captain: Ian Sinclair

Whiddon Captain: Tim Cullen

Judd Captain: Peter Jennings

Fives Captain: Martin Small

Club Best & Fairest: John Ericson

Kentwell Best & Fairest: John Ericson

Burke Best & Fairest: Tony Ericson

Whiddon Best & Fairest: Andrew Johnstone

Judd Best & Fairest: David Malcolm

Fives Best & Fairest: Tony Henry

Rookie of the Year: Dave Russell

Oldest & Boldest: John Hitchen

Team Scoring most Tries: Kentwell Cup

Leading Try Scorer: Rob Simmons

Leading Points Scorer: Rob Simmons

100 Games: Tim Cullen, Peter Jennings

200 Games: John Hitchen

In Appreciation Awards: John Vandervord, George Blackwood, Tim Lee

Honour Cap: Desi Hill

1988 Premiers: Burke Cup

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 1988 season has seen the re-emergence of Colleagues as a leading force in Subbies rugby. The major objective set out by the committee in 1988 was to win the The Club Championship for the twentieth time. Congratulations to all players, coaches and supporters in bringing home the Bruce Graham Shield after its four year stint in the wilderness.

The departure of John Anderson abroad will be a great loss to the club. The success and improvement in 1988, can be attributed to his hard work and dedication. It was a pity that the Kentwell Cup could not quite achieve the best farewell present of them all.

1988 saw the return of the Burke (Colleagues) Cup, which has been won by the "Blue Giants" six out of the last eight years. A great performance by Grahame Rush and his players, who were also Minor Premiers.

It is a pleasing thought, that Colleagues have an award for outstanding service to club, and there has never been a more deserving winner of the Honour Cap than Desi Hill.

Thanks to Amelia and Peta for their service to club members, both in and out of the kitchen.

No one who worked harder for the club in 1988 than Tony Glynn, and I thank him and the committee for their support and effort. Due to work commitments, I will not be standing for club captain in 1989.

On behalf of the committee, I wish all Colleagues and their families a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous 1989.

Tim Cullen

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 1988 season was a continuance of the rebuilding process for Colleagues. It was very pleasing to see that we had taken heed of the events of 1987 and come out in 1988 playing the true Colleagues game.

Once again the trading figures for Colleagues have improved thanks to the retiring Club House Manager, Tim Lee and to the members of the committee.

Congratulations must go to the Burke Cup Premiership winning side for once again showing the opposition that Colleagues will remain a club that will not throw in the towel when down. Congratulations must also go to the rest of the club for the excellent Rugby that they displayed.

My thanks to President Tony Glynn and the committee for their support and help during 1988.

All the best for 1989.

Boyd Marina

KENTWELL CUP



The objective for the Kentwell Cup team for 1988 was to reestablish the team as a winning side and one the rest of the club would look up too. After the shaky start to the season there is no doubt that the Kentwell Cup team developed into a strong side playing exciting open rugby and capable of beating every team in the competition.

One of the first priorities was to rebuild a new team that would provide the basis for future successful years. To do this we had to start from scratch resulting in very inconsistent results during the first round. However, with a pattern of play established, nucleus of key players in place, we proved how good we were by winning nine of the last ten competition games. My thanks to Kevin Kevin Lane and Jeff Williams who played major roles in the success of the team. The time and effort they put in, both in supporting me, offering advice and more importantly imparting their knowledge and skills of the backs.

The tireless efforts and support of Ron Harriden were very much appreciated by the total team and in particular myself. He was always available to help and ensured the first aid kit was fully stocked (even for Joe Cross and Tarps) and the team sheets signed. Many thanks Ron for a big effort and your support.

On the field the team gradually gained in confidence and ability as the season progressed. This was due to the leadership supplied by numerous players. With injuries to key players we had three different captains all of whom did a great job. To Steve Roberts who played in every game and captained the team on numerous occasions, it was a great comeback which should ensure a even better 1989. To Doug who unfortunately suffered a

bad injury when playing at this peak, he also captained the side well and proved what a valuable player he is. In Hugh Taylor we had a captain whose total commitment both to the game and the team provided the respect and leadership every team needs. A season interrupted by injury but nevertheless a great job done.

In Robert Simmons the team had a match winner who, with his wing partner Craig Parfitt and fullback Craig Smith, provided some spectacular open running rugby — especially against the Blue Mountains and St. Pats. Congratulations to Robert on being not only the leading point scorer for the club but also for the Kentwell Cup competition.

In Adam Adair and Fitzy we have the basis of one of the best inside back combinations for years to come. Both new in the position they were tremendous. The support play and devastating defence of Al McDonald complemented a very talented backline.

In the forwards the solid play of Max, Joe Cross, Hugh Warden and big Col provided a steady base which paved the way for many successes. The contribution of Pine was such that every game he come up with something different both on or off the field.

Undoubtedly the player of the team was John Ericson. His consistency was such he was always amongst the best players if we won or loss. John developed into a great breakaway using his speed, fitness and counter attacking to great effect. My congratulations to him on being the best and fairest player for the year. In partnership with Craig Tarplett, Dave Russell and Reg Walker, it was without doubt the best backrow in the competition.

My thanks to Graham Rush who never once complained about the many team changes he had to make in support of Kentwell. His advise and support was great. Congratulations to him on winning the Burke Cup as it was fully deserved and a great start to what should be a successful coaching career. Congratulations also to all the Burke Cup players — in particular Boyd, Sean Graham and Wally who helped out the Kentwell side on numerous occasions. Well done also to the Judd Cup on making the Grand Final.

In summary the season was a great success for the Kentwell team as evidenced by beating every team, finishing second in the minor premiership and beating the Premiers twice. Perhaps one major success was the contribution we made forward winning the Club Championship which cannot be done without a successful Kentwell team. The only way we looked at the start of the season was experience. We gained that during the finals and now have the base for a great 1989. Good luck to the club and every success for the future.

John Anderson

BURKE CUP



Tradition has been restored, we regained the trophy that has been referred to as "ours". The team had an extremely successful year winning the Minor Premiership and Grand Final, after losing only 3 competition games, one of those being an unconcluded game against St. Pats old boys where we were behind 14-7 with still 17 minutes to go. Whilst lacking the experience and weight in the tight five that other successful Burke Cup teams have had in the past, this team ground out its' success with a combination of mobility, commitment, desire and above all a will to win.

A special mention has to be name of Tony "Rag" Kent who after 8 seasons with Colleagues decided he would like to firstly play Burke Cup, and secondly win a Grand Final. Luckily for all associated with the team his desire never waned during the season, his tremendous team spirit and encouragement of the younger members of the team went a long way to establishing overall team harmony. He received the ultimate reward of captaining the team on Grand Final Day after Ian Sinclairs knee unfortunately said "no more".

The fullback position was shared by Craig Smith in the first half of the season and the colourful Peter Sofianos in the later stages, two players of contrasting styles, Craig with good speed and anticipation and Peter with a good catch and return game, who played strongly in the Grand Final. Wingers were abundant and luckily we had players of the calibre of John Cary, John Salmon, Roger Garner and Dan Storch to call on, with John Salmon and Dan Storch ultimately playing for the Cup, after the in form John Cary's hamstring trouble ruled him out.

Centre along with prop were perhaps the two most difficult positions in the team to fill, at one stage after 8 games we had used 7 different inside centres and had still not settled on any combination. However, the emergence

of Sean Corbett early in the second round as a quality No. 12 coupled with his efficient goal kicking solved a big problem for us. I see Sean as being Kentwell Cup material after his strong performances in the finals series and have no doubt once his passing game improves he will serve Colleagues well in this position. The other centre was Braun is a proven big match player combine good positioning play and rugged defence with surprising speed. We were very happy to have Val in the team as he looked lost to Kentwell in the latter stages.

That young veteran Ian Sinclair led the team admirably all season from 5/8 displaying a very good rugby brain coupled with an intelligent and varied kicking game (right foot field goals Ian?) and it was a tragedy when we lost him for the final against St. Ives and then the Grand Final against Matraville, however this blow was softened by the role that Dave Taylor served in these games, marshalling the backline and turning in a strong effort in defence in the big one. On the front of tackle in particular on his opposite number really shock the rafters. David has great pride in himself and his team and I'm sure this inspired his teammates to higher levels in the decides. Halfback Tony Erickson was solid all year and turned in one of the best individual performances of any player during the season in the second round game against Lindfield and it was justice to see Tony avenge a previous Burke Cup grand final loss. Lock Tony Kent has already been praised earlier and combined well with Pete Taylor, Hayden Smith and Peter Hart as his breakways with Hayden and Pete Taylor playing the grand final. Peter repeated his 1985 effort against Newport by being best on the field in the grand final while Hayden who missed the semi final against the Matraville, certainly took his toll with same tough unrelenting play, his ability to fight possession and overall mauling technique was the best of the forwards. The second row combination of Sean Graham, Walter McCallum and Richard Edwards proved to be effective. Walter and Richard started the seasons as 18, 20 years old respectively and often conceded weight and strength to the opposition, but as games wore on their mobility and stamina often let the opposition looking second rate. Wally has the potential to be a very good lineout jumper if he concentrates on the difficult aspect of the two handed tackle not the lay tag back. Richards defence in the middle of the ruck and speed to the breakdown were winning factors for us. Sean, often a not too happy flirtation with the front row, gave his all for both Burke and Kentwell in whatever position he was picked.

The front row of Scott Saddinton, Rick Fitzgerald, Tim Lee and Boyd Marina were a solid Platform, with Boyd taking 3 tightheads in the grand final including one 5 yards out from our line, well done Boydie! Rick Fitzgerald gave credence to those who say he is the best lineout sweeper in the club and a lot of his tight work was invaluable for us.

Scott Saddington performed well in his first year as prop, a naturally strong man he proved in the final against St. Ives that he does have ability in this position and should approach next season with a deal of confidence in himself. Tim Lee played quite a number of games in the Burke Cup and although not in the starting lineup on grand final day, can feel pleased with his

improvement this year. To the other players that sat on the bench and trained with us during the finals thank you as it epitomised the team feeling that existed. We look forward to defending the Cup next year. Congratulations to John Anderson and Tony Glynn for the efforts on reaching the finals.

Yours in Rugby,
Graham Rush

WHIDDON CUP REPORT 1988



When asked by the Club President to 'review the season' for the Annual Report, my first thoughts were of the players that went around each Saturday. The team list for the '88 season reveals no less than 76 different players in Whiddon Cup. Can anything be drawn from this by the Coach or future Coaches?

The Grand Final was contested by Hunters Hill, who we drew with twice, 0-0 and 3-3. The Cup was won by St. Patricks, who we beat in the first round 24-4 and just lost to in the last game of the season 7-9. Our year and the results from many games like these were so close yet so far.

The Whiddon Cup players are of course very proud to have been part of this year's Club Championship win and my thanks go to the Committee, the other Coaches and Des Hill for a great season.

David Gooch
WHIDDON COACH '88

JUDD CUP 1988



PLAYED 18 WON 10 LOST 4 DREW 4 FOR 162 AGAINST 88

Our Bicentenary Judd Cup Team was the most successful team since our Grand Final winning team of 1984.

The season started disastrously with Colleagues losing the first three games and so running last in the competition. The boys then had had enough—they decided to become winners and win they did—13 games without a loss—a superb effort. After finishing third behind Waverley and Blue Mountains, we met Newport in a sudden death minor semi. Victorious in the mud at Sydney University, our next clash was against Blue Mountains, who had beaten us in the second last round. Most spectators said that our 20-0 victory was one of the finest performances of a Judd Cup side that they had seen for many years.

Grand Final day arrived versus Waverley. Either nerves got the better of the players or the build up prior to our Blue Mountains game peaked us a game too early. Every player gave their best, however we were beaten by a better team on the day.

My congratulations and thanks are numerous. Firstly, Peter Jennings who led the team for the majority of the season, was an inspiration to all—he was ably supported by a few “old” heads—Brian Wood, Dick Blundel, John Hitchen and John Ryan. Chris Long also was a good strength up front. Bill Andreas and Brett Cardamatis—two new recruits gave their all in the second row. With Poly and Oscar on the side the pack was a force to be reckoned with. Tim Rumble and Marty Small—our two scrum halves set our pacy backline in motion. Marty in particular played one of the finest 5/8 games versus Blue Mountains in the final, that I have seen at this level for many years.

Simon Campbell, his devastating defence and Dave Curran's attacking ability gave both our wingers, George Blackwood and Bruce Gomme ample room to move. This strong pack and reliable backline were topped off by Dave Malcolm at fullback, whose ability under the high ball and attacking flare earned him our best and fairest award—our heartiest congratulations. Thanks are also extended to all other players that helped our in Judd this year.

Many thanks are extended to Des Hill, our manager who in fact assisted all grades. Congratulations finally to Graham Rush and his Burke Cup Team for winning the Grand Final.

Finally I hope that all Judd players return for 1989 and I am sure that many of them will appear in higher grades.

Kind Regards,
Anthony Glynn
COACH

SUTHERLAND CUP — 5TH GRADE



KENTWELL CUP	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PTS
Waverley	18	13	2	3	361	120	29
Colleagues	18	13	5	—			
Matrville	18	11	6	1	266	193	23
Newport	18	11	6	1	259	267	23
St. Ives	18	11	7	—	208	195	22
St. Pats	18	9	9	—	213	204	18
Lindfield	18	7	11	—	204	244	14
Hunters Hill	18	5	12	1	151	200	11
Blue Mountains	18	5	13	—	192	308	10
Briars	18	2	16	—	139	490	4

BURKE CUP	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PTS
Colleagues	18	14	3	1	256	109	29
Matrville	18	14	3	1	265	117	29
St. Ives	18	1	5	1	235	157	25
Newport	18	12	6	—	253	120	24
Waverley	18	10	7	1	165	123	21
Lindfield	18	9	9	—	201	200	18
Blue Mountains	18	7	11	—	146	254	14
St. Pats	18	6	11	1	201	198	13
Hunters Hill	18	3	14	1	125	187	7
Briars	18	1	17	—	51	449	2

WHIDDON CUP	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PTS
Newport	18	13	3	2	196	58	28
St. Pats	18	13	4	1	251	100	27
Lindfield	18	11	5	2	214	88	24
Hunters Hill	18	11	5	2	199	86	24
Colleagues	18	8	6	4	185	84	20
Waverley	18	6	9	3	147	121	15
Blue Mountains	18	7	10	1	132	216	15
St. Ives	18	4	12	2	70	209	10
Matrville	18	5	13	—	102	265	10
Briars	18	3	14	—	51	318	6

JUDD CUP	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PTS
Waverley	18	15	2	1	280	46	31
Blue Mountains	18	12	5	1	209	145	25
Colleagues	18	10	4	4	162	88	24
Newport	18	11	6	1	158	105	23
Hunters Hill	18	9	8	1	172	90	19
Matrville	18	9	8	1	173	143	19
St. Pats	18	8	10	—	109	148	16
Lindfield	18	6	12	—	113	178	12
Briars	18	5	12	1	91	193	11
St. Ives	18	—	18	—	48	354	0

SUTHERLAND CUP	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PTS
Lindfield	18	14	3	1	250	61	29
Waverley B	18	14	4	—	213	64	28
Waverley A	18	10	5	3	143	76	23
Matrville	18	11	6	1	144	89	23
Colleagues	18	11	6	1	152	115	23
Waverley C	18	9	9	—	186	82	18
Hunters Hill	18	5	12	1	58	242	11
Blue Mountains	18	4	14	—	80	246	8
Forest	18	3	14	1	73	238	7

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Colleagues	750
Waverley	725
Newport	691
Matrville	655
St. Ives	540
St. Pats	492
Lindfield	482
Hunters Hill	419
Blue Mountains	366
Briars	126

CRICKET REPORT

Our most successful season yet culminating in the annexing of the W.C. Ray Trophy. With 1 defeat out of 16 games the team was obviously a strong one. This was emphasised by the selection of 4 members in the combined sub-urban team Doug Ambrose, Graham Rush, Hugh Taylor and Mike Suttro.

The batting was lead by Doug Ambrose, Mike Suttro and Hugh Taylor who all scored consistently throughout the year. Doug's 129 against Briars was sheer batting brutality and I was registered of less than 60 deliveries, on the other hand Andrew Fitzgerald score of 129 against the Hudson XI was classical in its compilation. The bowling was again headed by Graham Rush with able support from Rob Walton and Mitchel Duggan, Graham's first ball dismissal of old Cranbrookians.

State second XI Mark Patterson together with two other Waverley first graders gave Colleagues a victory over a "stacked" Cranbrook XI. The team was captained by Hugh Taylor and regular contributors included Andrew Dunlop, Sean Swift, Dave Taylor, Bill Curry, Steve Aboud and Mike Helliwell.

The Secretary