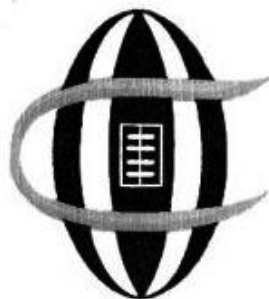


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RUGBY UNION  
FOOTBALL CLUB**

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## 2001 Trophy Winners

<b>Club Captain;</b>	Justin Crawford
<b>Team Captains;</b>	
Sutherland Cup/Halligan Cup;	Jeremy Nesbitt
Judd Cup;	Richard Hodgkinson
Whiddon Cup;	Will Coker
Burke Cup;	Richard Byrne
Kentwell Cup;	Christian Denny/Peter Ryan
<b>Team Coaches</b>	
Sutherland Cup/Halligan Cup;	Michael O'Sullivan, Jon Irwin
Judd Cup;	Sean Corbett, Michael Boyd
Whiddon Cup;	Todd Ferguson
Burke Cup;	Andrew Campbell
Kentwell Cup;	Michael Doyle, Nigel Davis, Geoff Fenwicke
Club;	Michael Doyle
<b>Best &amp; Fairest</b>	
Halligan Cup,	Andrew Roberts
Sutherland Cup;	Lachlan Benson
Judd Cup;	Tim Ash
Whiddon Cup;	Andrew Black
Burke Cup;	Paul Henningham
Kentwell Cup;	Mark Colless
Club;	Mark Colless
100 Games;	Will Coker, Jonathon Purbrick, Justin Crawford, Sam Sproats, Dennis Orrock, Michael Boyd, Paul Henningham.
The Pappas & General Award;	Will Foster
Team scoring the most tries;	Kentwell Cup
Leading Try Scorer ;	Peter Minocous
Leading Points scorer;	Tom McCardle
Most Improved Player;	Luke Kenniff
Oldest & Boldest;	Adrian Pritchard
Rookie of the Year;	Andrew Maxwell
Players Player;	Richard Byrne

The Colleagues Honor Cap 2001; John Ryan  
**John Anderson Trophy ; Justin Crawford**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our on field successes was a mixed bag this season, with Colleagues finished sixth in the club championship. Kentwell Cup though finishing in seventh place were competitive with most sides and with a bit of luck could have finished higher. Burke Cup ended the home and away in third position but could not find their good form in September to continue on the season past the first final. Whiddon Cup had to tough out the year and finished ninth. Judd Cup had a solid year that ended at the Preliminary final. Sutherland had a great year but unfortunately just missed out on getting through to the Grand Final. The squad that contributed all year in Halligan Cup were rewarded with winning in a first past the post race that was well deserved by the great numbers that contributed.

I would like to congratulate all of the players and coaches on the way they conducted themselves during the season. Mike Doyle as Club and Kentwell Coach was tireless in maintaining the enthusiasm of the club throughout the year. In Kentwell he was ably assisted by Nigel Davis and Geoff Fenwicke. Andy Campbell was a great advocate for Burkies with Tim Booth conducting the forwards. Todd Ferguson in Whiddo's did a mighty job of keeping a team together that did not have much luck through the season. The Juddies were again lead by Sean Corbett and Michael Boyd who proved that rugby can be fun after a night in some of the Eastern Suburbs more youth challenged night clubs. The Grandfinal win of the year went to Michael O'Sullivan and John Irwin's Halligan Cup with a solid year by Sutherland as well. I have always enjoyed the spirit that Colleagues have played the Halligan with players some times making it their third match of the day, this year was no exception with representatives of all grades playing in the team at some stage.

Efforts for the new clubhouse have seen Colleagues raise a significant amount of money this year. It has been pleasing to remake some of the contacts the club seemed to have lost over the years. The lunch at Tattersall's in June was particularly well received and we would like to make it an annual event. The club has used a considerable amount of its reserves to build the new clubhouse and this will need to be replenished for the long-term viability of the Club. Thanks to Tim Booth, Hugh Urquhart, Denis Orrock and Stuart Kingham for their organisational skills and to all those that donated on the day.

Sponsorship has become an important part of the clubs finances. We are lucky to have such great supporters as David Crawford at B.Braun, The Four in Hand Hotel Paddington, John Ryan at Ryan's Bar Australia Square, Jan Logan Jewellery in Double Bay, Bob Hunt at Rose Bay Drive-In-Liquor, Soho, Carlton and United Breweries, Bell Potter Securities and Phillip's Foot Restaurant. Honk Kong tour sponsors were Paragon Project Management and Servcorp Smart Office and for the Mudgee 7's The New Beach Road Hotel.

My thanks to the committee who again worked hard throughout the year. Will Foster who organised a great trip to Hong Kong where Colleagues won the Bowl in the Hong Kong 10's, and Lauchie Benson for his efforts with the Mudgee 7's. Matt Bushby for his hard work on the bar and Hugh Urquhart who is so dedicated to the Colleagues. We started the year with Stuart Kingham as Treasurer and finished with James Dolton but throughout the accounts were kept in good order. Nigel Davis and Andy Campbell are stepping down from their coaching roles this year and I would like to recognise the great effort these two have put into the Colleagues over the years.

Congratulations to Justin Crawford who has had a tremendous four years as Club Captain and received the John Anderson trophy for his efforts. It has been an absolute privilege for me to work closely with Justin over that time. The Club Honour Cap this year went to Jon Ryan who has been holding up scrums down at Colleagues for 18 years. It is deserved recognition for some one who has been a great servant of the club.

Looking forward there are a few challenges for the Colleagues. The completion of the new Clubhouse is a top priority as well as the up grading of the playing surface. The club finances have been run solidly over the last ten or so years and we will now have to rebuild those reserves used for the clubhouse. On the competition level the payment of players by other clubs through many of the Subdistrict Divisions is becoming far more prevalent with administrators seemingly happy to let this situation continue believing that it will sort itself out. What that means for our club in future years is hard to determine but something we need to be prepared for. And finally Colleagues needs to develop a sustainable program for Colts into the future as they are worth as much as Whiddon in club championship points.

Looking forward to another year with the Blue Giants.

Richard McGrath  
President

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Reading back on my report from a year ago, my final sentence read 'put in 100% effort and make 2001 a GREAT year.'

Looking back over the year, I can say that 2001 was a great year for Colleagues. We again had 4 teams in the semis, and won our first premiership since 1996, along with an International Trophy being the Honk Kong 10's Bowl.

The results on the field, and the Premiership in Halligan Cup was largely attributed by the great atmosphere in the Club this year. We had an influx of new players who came with enthusiasm and energy, mixed with the current players made for a very enjoyable time at the Club.

The great atmosphere in the Club made for a great Social year. The Annual Ladies Days were again a highlight of the year for many young lasses of the Eastern Suburbs. The fact we managed to get a large crowd on a day when most other clubs were called off due to a week of rain is testament to the fact of what a great day it is.

Again Sproata and Chadders, assisted by Stevo and Ed entertained the crowd at the Annual Ball.

Yet again the coaches were the backbone to the Club. Mike Doyle, Geoff and Nige did a great job with the Kentwell side. The competition was stiff, however the boys were never far away from a victory. With the combinations together again this year, the Blue Giants could well be a dark horse. Nige has been coach of Kentwell for the last 3 years, and has done a fantastic job. He is stepping down for the time being, and I would like to thank Nige for all of his support and efforts over the years.

Andy again proved to be a great coach, leading Burkies to the semis. Andy like Nige is stepping down. Over the last 3 years, Andy has taken 2 sides to the semis. Congratulations Andy on your success and efforts.

Todd Ferguson and Doug Hayter entered coaching this year and enjoyed some successes. No doubt they have both learnt a lot and will be valuable coaches in the future. Sean and Micky again were fantastic. Judd Cup had a very successful season, which is mainly attributable to the efforts these two guys put in week in and week out. They certainly are great Colleagues and valuable members of the Club.

Sutherland and Halligan Cups this year were the highlights of the season. Week in week out, guys backed up to play in both grades to make up numbers. The enthusiasm, and spirit these guys had, generated largely by Mick O'Sullivan and Johnny Irwin were an inspiration for the rest of the Club. Congratulations to all the people involved with the success of Halligan, it was well deserved, and you all did Colleagues proud.

Rich McGrath took over Club President this year after 3 years as Club Secretary. Rich is very in touch with the Club, and has offered me great support over my years as Club Captain. The Club is in safe hands with Rich at the helm. The rest of the committee was supportive and helped ensure the Club ran smoothly.

Finally, I would like to thank Mike Doyle, Charlie Powell and James Bush for all their help they gave me this year. The trio from day 1 were at every training session, running water, carrying tackle bags, and attending to any minor detail. Mike's enthusiasm in the Club was infectious, he certainly made my job easier, and as a Club we are fortunate to have him back next year, and look forward to many successes. I have got a lot out of being Club Captain of Colleagues, and enjoyed every moment of it. I wish the next Club Captain the best of luck, and I look forward to being on the other side of the bar during speeches.

## SECRETARYS REPORT

Dear Members,

The 2001 season for Woollahra Colleagues has been a most satisfying one for all concerned. The club is well placed to go forward in 2002 and beyond.

The year started with the clubs first overseas tour for many a year to the Hong Kong Rugby Club Tens Tournament. This was well organised by Will Foster who put in a tremendous amount of work. The party then stayed for the Hong Kong sevens and a most enjoyable week was had by all.

This year Michael Doyle was appointed club and Kentwell cup coach. He put in a huge workload in his first year and was well supported by all other coaches and his two managers - Charles Powell and James Bush. We are most fortunate to have a man who loves Rugby as much and is so dedicated to any task that he takes on. His attitude towards Halligan was the same as that towards Kentwell.

The club made the semifinals in three grades but unfortunately we could not bring home the bacon. In the first past the post Halligan Cup, we had our first membership since 1996. This was a real club effort as many players were involved. Congratulations to Michael O'Sullivan and John Irwin for their hard work as coaches.

## CLUB COACH REPORT 2001

The club on the financial side had another good year. Matt Bushby is to be commended on his hard work in his first year as bar manager. Two successful Ladies days were held, and as usual it poured with rain on the first one. Having said this, a near record day was had. The club ball was held at Tattersals club and a successful night was had by all.

One of the major highlights this year was the old Colleagues lunch held at Tattersals club where nearly 240 people attended for one "hell of an afternoon". Peter Crittle was the guest speaker and "the ghost" gave a reply on behalf of the club, which will have people talking for years. Over one hundred thousand dollars was raised towards the new clubhouse, which will come into reality in 2002. Many thanks to Messers Tim Booth, Dennis Orrock, Fred Storch and Hans Lemens for there hard work with this function.

Finally to the committee especially our President, Richard McGrath, many thanks for your help in my first year as secretary. Many hours of hard work are put in to keep five teams on the paddock and the social side running. Also to Justin Crawford, congratulations on receiving the John Anderson Cup and your four years of hard work as club captain. This award was just recognition for your work and devotion to the job and in sometimes difficult periods.

To the players, Will Foster takes over from Justin in 2002, so please get behind him with one hundred per cent support.

Cheers in Rugby.  
Hugh Urquhart

It is with great pleasure that I submit this report to you for the Rugby season 2001 at Colleagues.

This was my first season coaching at the club and I would like to thank all of you who made me and my two managers (Charlie and Bushy) feel so welcome in your club.

The season of 2001 had a little bit of everything that could be handed out during a rugby season: -

We had the incredible performance of Michael O'Sullivan and his Halligan Cup squad who went through the season loosing one game, ending the season as Premiers and winning the Halligan Cup for 2001. This was certainly an extraordinary performance. Well done to all of you involved in this team.

(Footnote:- the highlight of the clubs season for me was provided by this team. It was in the first game of the year. I arrived at Hawksbury Ag College for my first day as Colleagues club coach feeling very nervous. As my family and I disembarked from our car my nerves were put to rest as I looked up to see a rampaging Sutherland cup side coming towards me. Woodsie received the ball 30 metres out from the line with the fullback to beat. He dummied and stepped the fullback, charged another 20 metres and crashed over carrying over three opposition players. I knew the season was in good hands.)

We then had the very notable performances of the Andrew Cambell coached Burke Cup team and the Sean Corbett coached and Michael Boyd captain/ coached Judd Cup team. Both these teams made the semi finals playoff and performed very well only to be pipped at the post. Well done to all the people involved in these teams.

We then had the average, but through no lack of effort, seasons of Kentwell and Whiddon Cup sides. These two sides, despite some fine performances during the year, finished in the middle of the table for their efforts. I would like to thank Todd Ferguson, not only for his coaching performance but for his all round support of the club and myself during the year. Thanks Toddy.

We then had the disappointment of not been able to field a colts side. This is a matter of great concern, which must be addressed immediately. If any of you have any ideas or our willing to throw your hat into help organise the colts please contact me asap.

All in all, a satisfactory club season without been exceptional. With a little more effort we can turn a satisfactory season into something special for Colleagues Rugby.

I would like to thank the club President, Richard McGrath and his committee for their loyal support and work during the year. I would also like to thank and congratulate all the coaches for the 2001 season, you were all very supportive and also very committed to your jobs. I look forward to working with you in the 2002 season.

A special mention to two individuals who I believe our calling it quits in their respective jobs:

## KENTWELL CUP

The first is the Burke cup coach Andrew Campell. Andrew did a tremendous job with this team throughout the year. Andrew and I worked very closely during the year and I enjoyed his company a great deal and his thoughts on the Kentwell Cup side during the season. Well done and thank you, Andrew (I hope you can be talked into some roll during the forthcoming season)

The second is my forwards coach of the Kentwell cup side Nigel Davis. Nigel was one of the first people to make me feel very welcome in my roll as coach at Colleagues. His commitment to the team and to the club is to be commended. Although we had a fairly hard season in the Kentwell cup his enthusiasm and encouragement was always there week in and week out. (even through the birth of his first baby!!!)

Nige, thank you not only for your efforts as a coach but for your friendship and support throughout the year. As with Andrew I hope you will not be to far away in 2002.

The biggest "Thank you" of the year must go to the retiring Cub captain Justin Crawford. "Crawf" is Colleagues and Colleagues survives on people like Justin. His performance, from the first committee meeting, to the final tackle in his semi final was done at 120%, he was a tower of strength for everyone to follow. If you could do half of what this guy does for the club you would of put in a great performance for the club. Thank you for all your efforts in my initial year. You made me a "Colleague" from the first day I meet you and I will be one for a very long time because of your inspiration and work ethic. A great reign as Colleagues Club captain, **"Here's to Crawf, He is a true Blue Giant."**

Thank you to everyone for the season and I am looking forward to working with you all in the forthcoming season.

Yours in Rugby,

Mike Doyle

The arrival of a new coach and two new managers from outside the "Colleagues fraternity" and the tour to the Hong Kong Sevens was always going to make the beginning of the season an interesting affair.

This certainly was the case. Despite great enthusiasm from all the players we could not seem to get the combination right and this lead to us only winning two first round games. This certainly put us out of semi final contention.

During the second round the combinations began to fall into place and the team showed what it could do on the paddock. The improvement in the team throughout a difficult season was a testimate to the spirit of the players who played Kentwell and Burke cup during the year.

To name individual players would not be fair on the team as during the season I felt the whole unit of players improved as the season progressed. Thank you to all of you for your support and enthusiasm and I look forward very much to taking up the challenge where we left off at the end of the 2001 season.

Special thanks must be given to the wonderful group of people who assisted me during the year: -

- Nigel Davis and Geoff Fenwicke (co-coaches) thank you both for guiding me through my first season at Colleagues and for your expertise, loyalty and sense of humour which was certainly needed at stages during the year.
- James Bush and Charlie Powell (Kentwell Cup Managers) Once again you guys were superb!!!

I could not ask for more from two individuals. On behalf of the team I would like to thank you both for your hardwork and discipline in keeping the management side of the operation on track. I look forward to continuing our association and friendship as the years roll on.

- To the support of Andrew Cambell and the lower grade coaches. A tremendous job was done by you all and I hope that you will continue to be involved in some way or form for the forthcoming year.
- A special thank you to our Physio, Jerry, for all his hard work keeping the team in one piece.

I would also like to thank all the other people who it takes to put the side on each week.

I am looking forward to the forthcoming season with great enthusiasm and I hope that we can continue to improve throughout the season.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!!!!!!

Cheers, Mike Doyle

## BURKE CUP

The 2001 season was an extremely successful season for all those involved in the Colleagues Burke Cup. The level of commitment both at training and on the field on Saturday was outstanding. Unfortunately despite showing much promise the team was unable to bring the Burke Cup back to its rightful home at Colleagues.

The season finished in wet and muddy conditions when a surprisingly strong St Ives team in the minor semi-final defeated the side. The conditions obviously did not suit the expansive and entertaining open style of rugby the team had been playing all year.

The team was blessed with a strong & consistent front row led by Mickey, Cam Ireland, and Paul Henningham who always got on top of their opposition laying a platform for the rest of the team. The perfect foil for the front row was a fast and mobile back row including Stanners, Crawf and Uppers. A special mention must go to Johnny Sharer for his defensive work and strong jumping at number two in the line-out. Tonks snapping at their heels from half-back kept the pack in line. His enthusiasm was a secret to the team's success.

Many of the team's tries were scored out wide and this was due to good control and distribution by Ben Chadwick although he did manage to score a handful of tries himself through strong attacking running. Speaking of strong running, Steve Bourne again showed outstanding and consistent form in 2001.

The back three of Mark Lewis, Marty Kayzer and Brownie, as previously mentioned, scored a bagful of tries between them providing excitement & entertainment for the spectators and, Kayzer only got run down by a prop on one occasion.

The highlight of the year was definitely the game at home in the second round against St Patrick's. Following bad losses to Old Ignations and Drummoyne, the side was down at half time and its form looked to be petering out close to the semi-finals. Lifted by strong forward running by "best & fairest" Paul Henningham, the Colleagues side smashed St Patricks in the second half to run away with a very satisfying victory.

The loss to Drummoyne was to cost us a top two finish, despite the team being neck and neck with Old Ignations at the top of the table for the majority of the season. The team narrowly finished third by 1 point, regrettably setting us up for the shock loss to St Ives.

Personally, I would like to thank all the players for an extremely enjoyable year. A special thanks must go to Byrno for his strong leadership as Captain. The other Coota boy Andrew Caldwell showed great skill every time he ran on the field for Burke Cup and will undoubtedly be an outstanding Blue Giant over the next few years. Thanks also to Michael Doyle the club coach for all his support and advice throughout the year.

Everyone is young enough to go around again this year, with the exception of the coach. I wish all Colleagues every success in 2002.

## WHIDDON CUP

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Report – Colleagues

The start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade season was exemplified by a large contingent of eager British Lions tourists hitting the ranks (Timmy Averill, David Wyles etc..). This, combined with a good mix of more aged and experienced players (Purbs, Will Coker, Quinny, Blacky, Sinkers etc..) and the younger, new breed of Colleague (Davey Ross, Angus Wright etc..).

The combination of these 3 groups meant the making of a good season ahead. We also had a wealth of footballing knowledge in the assistant coach - Doug Hayter providing some good guidance to the backs. Some of the moves put together by Doug were always innovative, if not always successful.

The season started off a bit slowly with an average loss to Hawkesbury in the early game, however, the team over the coming weeks was able to gain some momentum & start to work together as a team effectively. The highlight was a mid season away win against St Pats. The make up of the team was very solid with a few potential first graders like 'Coota' Caldwell and Davey Ross proving themselves and some of the older guys showing they still have what it takes.

Unfortunately, at this point we lost a majority of our 'poms' who went off to watch their beloved Lions. This meant numbers were a bit short in the mid part of the season & it was difficult to put together really solid team momentum from this point. However there was some inspiring play in parts of games, with a narrow loss to Drummoyne being a highlight, with outstanding forward play from Mizrati and Mitchell. The underdogs nearly got up on a day that had the odds firmly stacked against them.

In the latter part of the season, Sinkers, leading the forwards and Blacky, leading the backs continued to keep the troopers heads up against what proved to be some excellent competition.

Although we didn't make the finals, it was a solid year for 3's against some strong opposition 3<sup>rd</sup> grade sides & next year, with some good young players coming through & no Lions Tour, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade should be able to have a successful year.

Andrew Black was the well-deserved winner of the Best & Fairest Award, playing some top rugby throughout the season.

All up, an enjoyable year, with a good mix of good of guys, some good results, a mid year team party to remember & a lot of fun.

## JUDD CUP

2001 saw Fourth Grade finally make it through to the right side of the table for the end of year play offs. As with every year there are a lot of the thankyou's to be handed out from Sean and myself.

Thanks to all the players who trained and played in the team through out the season, obviously the combined effort got us to the final against Pats. A big thanks goes to coaches and players of the 5 & 6s who put up with the regular call ups and droppings many of them last minute and who always performed as required.

A special thanks to the boys who weren't given a choice but played out of position and copped it on the chin week after week. Our success this year had a lot to do with the depth and commitment of all those involved in the lower grades.

A 12 noon kick off allowed the Judd Cup boys to watch and join in the other grades as the day progressed. Our celebration and disappointment for them was based on their great efforts on the field. Thanks to all those coaches and players.

Our season was always solid on the field. We never copped a flogging nor though did we hand many out. I am sure loosing to Pats in the final was as frustrating to you as it was to me when we looked at the regular season results with them. If that loss was a low light then for me the highlight would be the games against St Ives where in the first round we stood up to them and won it in the mud in the last minutes as well the last round win out at St Ives. What team wears Canary yellow any way?

A special thanks to Doylo, Bushy and Charlie in their first year down at the club. Your efforts on and off the field Mike were greatly appreciated (the girlfriend still talks about you and her at the ball) as were your's around the ground Bushy and Charlie. Last of all thanks to the usual suspects who kept it going all year:

Corbett for being there for nearly all the games, even if you were too drunk to remember.

The Kid for all his work and commitment to the cause.

The Roc for caring and expressing himself with love.

Rich McGrath and the committee for steering the ship.

To all the guys that served me beer and food, looked after the boys (Hamish & Fergus) and generally made my life enjoyable down at Blue Giant Park.

See you all very soon

Mick Boyd

## SUTHERLAND CUP

Another successful year for the Blue Giants. The 2001 Sutherland Cup campaign began with a flourish – just ask Woodsy! All the boys were fired up and it showed in the results for the first 5 rounds – 5 and 0. Iggies stole a tight one in the mud of Blue Giant Stadium #2 and heading into the final game of the first round out at Hudson Park, premiership hopes were high. The events of that particular game are not worth repeating - the effect of the loss was significant. The Lions tour provided further disruption and momentum was lost as we struggled to get 15 on the park and some opportunities in the second round went astray.

Again our premiership hopes were finally dashed in the elimination semi this year by St Pats who showed slightly more experience in tight finals football. Hopefully with this experience we've learnt a little more that will take us that extra distance next season.

From a Club perspective, again Sutherland provided excellent service to the higher grades, all making an impact for the Club when called upon to play in Judd, Whiddon Burke and this year Kentwell.

Highlights of the season were:

- Woodsy's try and dummy (of course).
- Second half against Iggies in the rain – I know we lost but it was great footy!; and
- Finding a converted try from nowhere deep in injury-time to steal a draw against Hunters Hill with 3 forwards manning the backline.

Strong performances were displayed all year round by Lachie Bensen (B&F), Tommy McCardell, Jeremy Nesbitt, Dave Roche, Tim Russell, James Dolton, Andrew Roberts and Lawrie Campbell. The regulars – Irwin, Kable, Ryan, Breeze, Pearson, Foster, Garland and Wright who continue to support the Club so strongly also deserve mention.

My thanks go firstly to those mentioned above, who make it a memorable experience to be involved with Club and secondly to Jeremy Nesbitt for leading from the front and John Irwin who showed this season that his real talent is with a clipboard on the sideline.

Hoping for greater success in Season 2002.

Michael O'Sullivan