ABN 80 000 277 538
EASTERN SUBURBS DISTRICT RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)



ESDRUFC 68TH ANNUAL REPORT 2026

NOTICE OF AGM

EASTERN SUBURBS DISTRICT RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB LTD
(ACN 000 277 538)
Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SIXTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS DISTRICT RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED (ABN: 80 000 277 538) WILL BE HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE, O'SULLIVAN ROAD, BELLEVUE HILL, ON TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2026 AT 6.45PM

AGENDA

1. Receive the President's Report.

2. Receive the Treasurer's Report.

3. To receive and consider the directors' report, financial report and auditor's report for the year ended 30 September 2026.

4. Election of Office Bearers for the ensuring year.

5. Nomination of Honorary Life Member

The Directors, having received the nomination of Michael Tate for Honorary Life Membership in accordance with Article 7 of the Club's constitution, propose that the members consider and vote on the recommendation of the Board to the members, that they be elected as Honorary Life Members of the Club.

6. General Business

NOTICE OF AGM

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members' who are unable to attend the AGM or who may prefer to register questions in advance are invited to do so. To allow time to collate questions and prepare answers, please submit any questions by 10:30am (Sydney time) Friday, 27th November 2026 by emailing fsteinberg@eastsrugby.com.au. Please note that individual responses will not be sent to members.

NOMINATIONS

Attention is drawn to the following articles of the Club's constitution:

Director Nominations – Article 20(a), which states:

20 (a) Nominations for election as Directors shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least eight days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting and shall be signed by two members of the Club who are eligible to vote and by the nominee. Nomination forms are available from the Club.

Honorary Life membership nominations – Article 7, which states:

7. (a) any member of the club who has rendered distinguished services to Rugby Union Football and to the Club may be elected at any annual general meeting as an honorary life member provided that such election is made with the consent of three-fourths of the voters present and voting.

7. (b) the following conditions shall be observed in the election of an honorary life member of the Club:-
(i) Notice of nomination signed by at least two members of the Club and also by the nominee consenting thereto shall be given to the secretary.
(ii) Such nomination shall be reported to the following Board meeting after receipt thereof and at the ensuing meeting the Board shall have resolved with the consent of three fourths of the voters present and voting to forward such nomination to the next annual general meeting for consideration.
(iii) All voting if demanded by one member shall be by ballot.

PATRON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MANAGEMENT & SUB-COMMITTEES

PATRON: James Tate

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Dr. David Allen
Vice President Rugby: Elliot Frawley
Vice President Sponsorship: Angus Esslemont
Vice President House: Patrick Ryan
Honorary Treasurer: Mike Wright
Director: Scott Bowen
Director: Alex King
Director:Lucy Billington
Director: Steve Morris

Company Secretary: Toby Duncan

Club Captain: James Behringer

MANAGEMENT

Licensee: Andrew McNamara
GM: Fleur Steinberg



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

* AD Henderson	* BPS Chiene	DP Jackson	BT Gavin
* Sir Charles Moses CBE	* K Smithers	* JC Comet	MD Hickman
* JG Blackwood	* G Williamson	PRA Falk OAM	* N Hardy
* IR Comrie-Thomson	DN Cohen OAM	MG Lakeman	JF Cox
* OC Curtin	* MJ Tate	P Shipway	JW Murray
* NB Green	* LA Martin	* G Pullen	R. McCormick
* JW Holdsworth	* JWT MacBride	* KL Brenac	PF Ryan
* EM Jessep	GM Henderson	*KM Speed	JJ Tate
* KP Miler	LJ Fahy	* RN Burke	P Sumsky
* HRJ Newton	* AW Bullen	* IT Tiley	V Parrelli
* EA O'Brien	MA Rowles	ID Cohen	J Chapple
* Judge AE Rainbow QC	* JF Rahilly	G Boyle	M.G. Finnane
* HW Snell	* B Williamson	* DM Emanuel	J.P. McKay
* GA Black	SMK Goddard	MH Doyle	

Foundation Members
* JD Brockhoff
*J Sherman
*PB Solomon
* W Schurr
*R Smee
*W Whitehair

*Denotes Deceased

OBITUARY 2026

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of past and present members who have passed away during the year and those who lost a loved one.

VALE:

Nico Antic

Peter Bavin

Peter Hawthorne

Brian Smith

FOOTBALL TEAM SUPPORT

The Board of directors and management would like to thank the following volunteers, ball boys, medical staff, coaches and managers who have contributed to the Club throughout the year.

First Grade		
Ben	Batger	Head Coach
Jed	Gillespie	Assistant Coach
Dan	England	Assistant Coach
Second Grade		
Adam	Elford	Head Coach
Ed	Brenac	Assistant Coach
Cohan	Guerra	Assistant Coach
Third Grade		
Rob	Johnston	Head Coach
Blake	Henman	Assistant Coach
Michael	Tate	Assistant Coach
Fourth Grade		
Guy	Beever	Head Coach
Luke	Wilson	Assistant Coach
James	Parrelli	Assistant Coach
Fifth Grade		
Chris	Groves	Head Coach
Ross	Barry	Assistant Coach

First Colts		
Gareth	Morton	Head Coach
Ben	Staunton	Assistant Coach
John	Malone	Assistant Coach
Second Colts		
Jack	McCathie	Head Coach
Nick	Harris	Assistant Coach
Carter	Langfield	Assistant Coach
Third Colts		
Peter	Sumsky	Head Coach
Hudson	Weir	Assistant Coach
Noah	Stuart	Assistant Coach
Womens		
Campbell	Aitken	Head Coach
Dale	Scott	Assistant Coach
Shaun	Allsopp	Assistant Coach

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MANAGERS & VOLUNTEERS		
Alex	Rapajic-Leaver	**1st Grade Player Welfare**
Oliver	Sumsky	**1st Grade Manager**
Ian	Cohen	**1st Grade Manager**
Bob	Hooper	**Head of Managers, 2nd Grade Manager**
Gary	Walsh	**2nd Grade Manager**
Peter	Tate	**Grade Assistant Coach**
Dom	Tate	**3rd Grade Manager**
Max	Tate	**3rd Grade Manager**
Alex	Bland	**3rd Grade Manager**
Alex	King	**4th Grade Manager**
Steve	Mayman	**4th Grade Manager**
Mark	Maunder	**4th Grade Manager**
Scott	Stevens	**3rd Grade Manager**
Marcus	Cullen	**3rd Grade Manager**
Graham	Boyle	**Colts Manager**
Alina	Goldie	**Womens Manager**
Micheal	Doyle	**Game Day Manager**
Graeme	Bookallil	**Game Day Assistant Manager**

Jim	Tate	**Set Up Crew**
Paul	Ryan	**Set Up Crew**
Micheal	Lakeman	**Set Up Crew**
John	Scanlan	**Set Up Crew**
John	Chapple	**Set Up Crew**
Rob	McCormick	**Set Up Crew**
John	Tierney	**Set Up Crew**
Peter	Shipway	**Set Up Crew**

MEDICAL / S&C		
Georgie	Brady	**Head of Medical**
Lachlan	Stewart	**Colts Physio**
Ross	Messiter	**Physio**
Ella	Turner	**Womens Physio**
Alex	Johnson	**Colts / Women Medical**
Elisha	Shifroni	**Colts / Grade Physio**
Daniel	Mowen	**Grade S&C**
Amy-Leigh	Williams	**Colts S&C**
Lucas	Guerrera	**Lower Grade S&C**
Rob	Jamieson	**Athletic Performance**

2026 SPONSORS

The Board of Easts and the Players of the Club would sincerely like to thank the Sponsors for their support during the year and encourage all of our members to support our sponsors.



WALLABIES AND WALLAROOS

* JW Maund	* AE Rainbow	* Dr FM Elliott	SJ Payne
* RL Baker	* WA Rigney	* SR Scotts	H Edmonds
*CE Murnin	* IR Comrie-Thomson	A Heath	S Ma'afu
* HH Messenger	* WN Ives	J Welborn	JAK Maddocks
* NE Row	* MH Rylance	DL Williams	R Leota
* M McArthur	* JS Lamb	TM Bowman	A McKenzie
* JD Campbell	* AM Smairl	DP Smith	ML Leonard
* HW George	* HW Snell	JS Little	L Morgan
* ASB Walker	* JB Egan	CP Strauss	KJ Leaney
* C Wallach	* GC Gordon	A Wallace-Harrison	M Stewart
* EA Cody	* Dr AW Ross	L Burgess	G Friedrichs
* F Thompson	* BA Grace	R Cross	DJ Miller
* EJ Fahey	* BC Egan	M Hodgson	DO Lancaster
* HW Baker	* AH Stone	M Toomua	C Halse
* R Marrott	* JE Turnbull	*NJD Storey	J Williams
* EW Carr	* LH Smith	JS Boyce	A Codey
* JW Holdsworth	* Dr PA Hardcastle	TR Stegman	E Ryan
* GC Walker	* JWT MacBride	SC Finnane	
* CE Thompson	* AJ Baxter	KS Besomo	
* JG Blackwood	* MJ Tate	G Richards	
* WA Douglass	* JC Carroll	BT Gavin	
* WJ Marrott	JM Bosler	AJ Daly	
* AJA Bowers	*DM Emanuel	MC Brial	

*Denotes Deceased

1ST GRADE GAMES

*RB Bailey	**108**	*JA Holdsworth	**102**	*AH Stone	**244**
MRC Bakewell	**116**	L Irwin	**103**	*NJD Storey	**112**
E Brenac	**109**	JD Isaac	**127**	*MJ Tate	**153**
MC Brial	**104**	P Jeff	**130**	AW Tyler	**147**
SR Callum	**116**	*JH Keen	**104**	S Van Houten	**105**
*JC Carroll	**143**	J Kubu	**114**	M Vlismas	**177**
*KT Coggan	**147**	*H Lavaka	**106**	*BG Webb	**110**
*I Comrie-Thomson	**110**	A LaVin	**137**	D Wiggin	**109**
JF Cox	**140**	P Loughhead	**104**		
FDM Curran	**111**	*AS Martel	**101**		
G Debartolo	**101**	*JJ Maunsell	**100**		
*WA Douglas	**102**	R McCormick	**116**		
B Dunn	**101**	M McGann	**152**		
I Eskdale	**144**	R McMickan	**100**		
LJ Fahy	**141**	*BJ Neowhouse	**103**		
MG Finnane	**113**	*HRJ Newton	**264**		
MJ Gerethy	**115**	S O'Hara	**100**		
RJ Gilbert	**131**	SJ Payne	**105**		
*AH Good	**135**	*JL Radovic	**116**		
J Grant	**104**	*S Rigby	**141**		
RA Grayson	**106**	*WA Rigney	**106**		
*WE Green	**159**	*J Russell	**104**		
*N Hardy	**108**	*AM Smairl	**109**		
A Heath	**100**	* CFL Smee	**112**		*Denotes Deceased

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS 2026

Rory O'Connor	**Super Rugby NXT Gen**
Sid Harvey	**Waratahs**
Teddy Wilson	**Waratahs, Wallabies**
Thomas Girle	**Waratahs Super Aus**
Thomas O'Hara	**NSW 19s, Super Rugby NXT Gen**
Toby Brial	**Waratahs Super Aus, Australia U20s**
Viliame Fine	**Colomiers**
Will Harris	**Western Force, Australia A**
Zach Fittler	**Australia U20s, Super Rugby NXT Gen**

Connor Tupai	**Samoa**
Angus Grover	**Waratahs Super Aus, Australia U20s**
Aston Weir	**NSW 19s**
Cody Clarke	**NSW Country Colts**
Cooper Watters	**Australia U20s, Super Rugby NXT Gen**
Darby Lancaster	**Western Force**
Divad Palu	**Western Force**
Edwin Langi	**Waratahs Super Aus, Australia U20s, Australia A**
Flynn Farrell	**Australia U18s, NSW U19s**
Freedom Vahaakolo	**Waratahs Super Aus**
Harry Wilson	**Aussie 7s**
Henry Paterson	**Aussie 7s Captain**
Jack Bowen	**Waratahs**
Jack Lawrence	**NSW 19s**
Jamie Adamson	**Waratahs**
Jeremy Williams	**Western Force, Wallabies**
Jonty Fowler	**Australia U20s, NSW U19s**
Justice Taumoepeau	**Waratahs Super Aus, Australia U18s**
Kemu Valentini	**Fiji Drua, Fiji**
Leo Jaques	**Waratahs, Australia U20s**
Louis Fenwicke	**Australia U20s**
Marley Chandra	**Fiji U20s**
Micheal Icely	**Aussie 7s**
Nate Tiitii	**Waratahs Super Aus**
Otto Serfontein	**Waratahs Super Aus**

Desiree Miller	**Waratahs, Wallaroos**
Georgina Freidrichs	**Waratahs, Wallaroos**
Maya Stewart	**Waratahs, Wallaroos**
Caitlyn Halse	**Waratahs, Wallaroos**
Kaitlyn Leaney	**Waratahs, Wallaroos**
Ella Ryan	**Brumbies, Wallaroos**
Tink Morgan	**Waratahs**
Martha Harvey	**Waratahs**
Rosie Ferguson	**Waratahs**
Annabelle Codey	**Waratahs**
Rayna Ellis	**Brumbies**
Tenniah Papa	**Brumbies**
Aroha Spillane	**QLD Reds**
Amrarni Bentley	**Sydney, Aus U19**
Elsa Firth	**Sydney**
Eliza O'Donnell	**Sydney**
Josie Persico	**Sydney**
Nissi Wehl	**Aus Combined Forces**
Sarah Mauger	**Aus Combined Forces**

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PREMIERSHIPS

Gregor George Cup	Jeff Sayle Trophy	Eric Splistead Trophy	ES Marks
Club Champions	Grade Club Champions	Colts Club Champions	Minor Premiers
1931	2024	2024	1969
1945	2025		1970
1953	2026		2000
1955			2024
1956			2025
1969			2026
1970			
1971*			
1984#			
2024			
2025			
2026			

1st Grade Premiers	Shute Shield Premiers
1903	1931
1913	1941
1921	1944
1931	1946
1941	1947
1944	1969
1946	2003#
1947	2024
1969	2026
1981#	
1984#	
2024	
2026	

David Brockhoff Medal
2020 Pauli Taumoepeau
2025 Ben Batger

* Denotes Shared Title #2nd Division Titles

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PREMIERSHIPS CONT.

2nd Grade Premiers	3rd Grade Premiers	4th Grade Premiers	Women's XV Premiers
1912	1932	1950	2023
1912	1937	1954	2025#
1914	1938	1960	
1942	1941	1963	
1945	1944	1971	
1947	1945	1995	
1949	1946	2010	
1953	1948	2011	
1955	1951	2024	
1956	1952	2025	
1957	1955	2026	
1968	1956		
1969	1969		
1970	1971		
1971	1978		
1975	1981#		
1979	1984#		
1981#	1990		
1997	1991		
2009	1997		
2018	2022*		
2022	2025		

* Denotes Shared Title #2nd Division Titles

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PREMIERSHIPS CONT.

1st Colts Premiers	2nd Colts Premiers	3rd Colts Premiers	U21 Colts Premiers
1970	1971	2013	2018
2022	1981	2018	2023
2024	1983	2019	
	2002	2022	
	2019	2024	
	2023		



2026 SEASON PLAYER AWARDS

ESDRUFC Most Improved Grade Player 2026	Angus Duff
ESDRUFC Bruce Chiene Award for B&F Colt 2026	Max Roche
ESDRUFC Paddy Rahilly Shield for Most Improved Colt 2026	Will Unterweger
ESDRUFC Matt Street Award 2026	Thomas Girle
ESDRUFC HRJ "Perc" Newton Best Defensive player 2026	Josh Bokser
ESDRUFC Ben Neowhouse Clubperson2026	James Behringer
EDSRUFC Women's Most Improved 2026	Josie Persico

ESDRUFC Women's B&F XVs 2026	Marion Ridgway
ESDRUFC Women's Players Player 2026	Armarni Bentley
ESDRUFC Women's B&F Div2 2026	Jessie Clark-Grant

ESDRUFC 1st Grade B&F 2026	Teddy Wilson
ESDRUFC 2nd Grade B&F 2026	Joey Ryan
ESDRUFC 3rd Grade B&F 2026	Connor Jones
ESDRUFC 4th Grade B&F 2026	Ben Daley
ESDRUFC 5th Grade B&F 2026	Zak Labuschagne

ESDRUFC 1st Colts B&F 2026	William Lloyd
ESDRUFC 2nd Colts B&F 2026	Andrew Cabot
ESDRUFC 3rd Colts B&F 2026	Harvey O'Kane

2026 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In my 2024 President's Report, I wrote that "one swallow does not a summer make", expressing my hope that our historic Shute Shield victory would mark the beginning of sustained excellence rather than a fleeting moment of glory. Three years on, I am delighted to report that our great club has emphatically delivered on that ambition.

For the third consecutive year, Easts claimed both the Club Championship (Gregor George Cup) and Grade Club Championship (Jeffrey Sayle Trophy), alongside a third successive ES Marks Minor Premiership and an extraordinary three-peat for our 4th Grade Premiers. These achievements are a testament to the grit, determination and unyielding spirit of our players, coaches and everyone who contributes to the success of the Beasties. Winning a title is difficult. Defending it is harder still. To sustain this level of excellence over three consecutive seasons is truly remarkable.

Off the field, 2026 was equally memorable. We officially opened our magnificent new changerooms, providing dedicated facilities for our women's teams and improved accessibility. This project would not have been possible without the extraordinary generosity of our locker sponsors, to whom we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude. We also celebrated a historic milestone in our women's program, with Phoebe Loughhead becoming the first female Beastie to reach 100 games.

Woollahra Oval continued to cement its reputation as one of the great homes of Australian club rugby. We had the privilege of hosting international sevens under lights, featuring Australia's women against New Zealand and Australia's men against Fiji. We also welcomed Anzac Day rugby back to Woollahra for the first time in over a decade and successfully revived the Bondi 10s, which we have ambitions to develop into Australia's premier rugby tens tournament. Looking ahead, we are delighted to have secured a grant to upgrade the lighting at Woollahra Oval, with works expected in early 2027. This represents another important step in our ambition to create one of the finest club rugby facilities in the country.

Naturally, none of this would be possible without the extraordinary efforts of the many individuals working tirelessly behind the scenes, both paid and unpaid. To our exceptional coaching staff, led by Ben Batger and Dan England: thank you for your leadership, dedication and relentless pursuit of excellence. To our Executive General Manager, Fleur Steinberg: your tireless work ethic, passion and can-do attitude continue to make an enormous difference.

I would like to call out Georgie Brady who is standing down as Head of Medical after many years of superb service to the club. She will soon be a qualified doctor. Congratulations Georgie!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT.

To our team managers, volunteers, parents and supporters: your loyalty and devotion are the foundation of our club's success. And to our club, foundation and junior boards: thank you for your continued commitment and wise counsel.

A special mention must go to our generous sponsors, particularly Marco Rossi and Built. In 2026, we enjoyed the largest sponsorship pool in our club's history, a testament to the extraordinary support of our longstanding partners and the growing number of businesses choosing to join the Easts family. Your generosity and belief in our club are deeply appreciated.

Three years ago, we dared to dream of sustained success. Today, that ambition has become reality. But as we have learned, success is never something to be taken for granted. We must continue to strive, innovate and build on the foundations we have established.

To all members of the Easts family, thank you for making 2026 another extraordinary chapter in our proud history. Here's to an even bigger and better 2027.

Dr. David Allen
President, Easts Rugby Club



2026 TRESURER'S REPORT

Dear Members

The club reported a net surplus of $77,297 for the year ended 30 September 2026 and the financial position of the club continues to be strong after another successful year on and off the field.

To assist in understanding the result and comparison to prior year, I am providing some details of certain non-trading items that have been different in each of the years:

- In 2026, we received $110k Easts Foundation grant income which was not received in 2025.
- In 2026, we recognised council grant income of $114k that was used to fund clubhouse improvements
- In 2025 we recognised $52k of changing room grant income relating to costs expensed in the previous year
- In 2025, we incurred $54k of lease costs relating to gaming machines which are now fully paid off.

In relation to underlying trading:

- Bar sales of $2.8 million were up 2% on prior year with December events heavily impacted by the Bondi terrorist attack. Another strong performance demonstrating the success of Andrew McNamara's drive to make Easts a go to destination – thank you Macca for all your hard work.
- Sponsorship revenue increased significantly from $830k to $978k with contra income increasing from $141k to $192k. Thank you to all our sponsors for making it possible to run such a successful rugby campaign and thanks also to Angus, Fleur for successfully attracting and retaining sponsors.
- Gaming has generated net income of circa $30k for the 2026 year (after $20k asset depreciation).
- Rugby costs increased significantly in 2026 with more details provided in note 11. Some of these costs are non-recurring.

Our balance sheet position is strong as at 30 September 2026:

- Cash of over $900k including interest bearing invested funds. This includes $135k sponsorship income for 2027 received in advance.
- All year end debtors now received apart from one write off that was provided for
- With the exception of final changing room builder payment due in March 2027, all year end trade creditors now paid.
- Changing room grant income received in excess of spend to date of $279k is held as deferred income. Grants continue to flow into the club and more details are provided in note 16 to the financial statements.

2026 TRESURER'S REPORT CONT.

In addition to the thank you's above, I want to note the great work Toni Hinchey does as our book-keeper without whom I would be struggling to do this role. This has been our first year with a new auditor Nestor Tindugan who replaced the long standing auditor Ken Wright. Thank you to Nestor and his team for bringing a fresh pair of eyes to our books and being professional and supportive throughout the audit process.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with the members how well supported we have been by the Federal Government, NSW Premier's Office, NSW Office of Sport, Woollahra Council and local MPs to enable us to build the first class changing rooms that were completed this year. Thank you to all those involved with securing and providing this support which is a game changer for our club.



Mike Wright
Treasurer
11 November 2026

EASTERN SUBURBS DISTRICT RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

ABN 80 000 277 538

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited
Directors' report
30 September 2026

The Directors present their report, together with the financial statements, of Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited (the "Company" or "Club") for the year ended 30 September 2026.

Directors
The following persons were directors of the company during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Name	*Role and Special Responsibility*	*Qualifications*
David Allen	Board Member / President	PHD, Financial Services and Leadership, Previous Player, Volunteer, Member
Patrick Ryan	Board member	Publican, Previous Player, Volunteer, Member
Angus Esslemont	Board member	Financial Services and Leadership, Previous Player, Volunteer, Member
Kate Brown- *Resigned December 2025*	Board member	Marketing and Events, Member
Alex Toone- *Resigned December 2025*	Board member	Juniors Board Member and Volunteer, Member
Alex King	Board member	Marketing, Previous Player, Volunteer, Member
Michael Wright	Board member / Treasurer	Financial Services and Leadership, Volunteer, Member, Previous Player
Elliot Frawley	Board member	Coach, Club Leadership, Previous Player, Volunteer, Member
Scott Bowen	Board member	Aussies, Previous Player, Volunteer, Member
Lucy Billington- *Appointed December 2025*	Board member	Juniors Board Member and Volunteer, Member
Steven Morris- *Appointed December 2025*	Board member	Juniors Board Member and Volunteer, Member

Directors have been in office throughout the entire year unless otherwise stated.

Objectives
The objectives of the Club are:

- to provide the best environment possible for the promotion of Rugby Union in the Eastern suburbs;
- to promote the use of all facilities at the Club; and
- to ensure that adequate finances are available to promote and conduct the Rugby activities.

Strategy for achieving the objectives

- The management of licensed club activities has been administered and monitored by the Board to achieve the best possible facilities for members.
- The employment of the best coaches and allied staff as possible so as to create the best environment for the procurement and development of players
- The engagement of the local community to maximise local resources and at the same time enable the Club to contribute to its community.

Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited
Directors' report
30 September 2026

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company during the year was the promotion and conduct of Rugby activities and a licenced club.

The net result of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2026 was a profit of $77,297 (2025: $55,613 profit). The Company is limited by guarantee and therefore prohibits the declaration of any dividend or the issuing of any shares or options.

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

Company secretary

The Company Secretary during the year is Toby Duncan.

Meetings of directors

The number of meetings of the company's Board of Directors ('the Board') held during the year ended 30 September 2026, and the number of meetings attended by each Director were:

Director	*Held*	*Attended*
David Allen	11	11
Patrick Ryan	11	10
Angus Esslemont	11	11
Kate Brown- *Resigned December 2025*	3	2
Alex Toone- *Resigned December 2025*	3	3
Alex King	11	8
Michael Wright	11	9
Elliot Frawley	11	10
Scott Bowen	11	6
Lucy Billington- *Appointed December 2025*	8	6
Steven Morris- *Appointed December 2025*	8	4

Held: represents the number of meetings held during the time the Director held office or was a member of the relevant committee.

Contributions on winding up

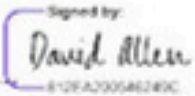
In the event of the Company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding $4.00 each.

As at 30 September 2026, the total amount that members of the Company are liable to contribute is $2,824 based on 706 current members.

Auditor's independence declaration

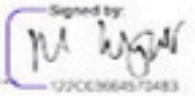
A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out immediately after this Directors' Report.

On behalf of the Directors



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David Allen
President



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Michael Wright
Treasurer

11 November 2026
Sydney

UNITED ADVISORY

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE DIRECTORS OF EASTERN SUBURBS DISTRICT RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 September 2026, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit;
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and
- no non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Signed by:
Nestor Tindugan
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NESTOR TINDUGAN
Principal Auditor

UNITED ADVISORY PTY LTD
Sydney

11 November 2026

Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited
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30 September 2026

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General information

The financial statements cover Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited's functional and presentation currency.

Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business are:

Registered office

Bellevue Hill
Sydney NSW 2023

Principal place of business

Bellevue Hill
Sydney NSW 2023

A description of the nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are included in the Directors' report, which is part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of Directors, on 11 November 2026.

Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 September 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Revenues			
Football and sponsorship	11	1,398,432	1,078,797
House operations income	12	2,831,948	2,768,837
Grants received for changing rooms	16	2,279,284	1,972,227
Other revenues	13	360,252	218,045
		6,869,916	6,037,906
Expenses			
Football and sponsorship	11	(1,611,706)	(1,270,939)
House operations expense	12	(2,518,992)	(2,472,578)
Construction of changing rooms	16	(2,279,284)	(1,919,788)
Other expenses	14	(382,637)	(318,988)
		(6,792,619)	(5,982,293)
Surplus before income tax expense		77,297	55,613
Income tax expense		-	-
Surplus after income tax expense for the year		77,297	55,613
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		77,297	55,613

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited
Statement of financial position
For the year ended 30 September 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	930,765	1,178,201
Trade and other receivables	5	101,641	255,603
Inventory	6	57,734	62,586
Total current assets		1,090,140	1,496,390
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	304,918	229,828
Total non-current assets		304,918	229,828
Total assets		1,395,058	1,726,218
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	328,771	537,355
Provisions and deferred income	9	257,171	412,044
Borrowings	10	-	45,000
Total current liabilities		585,942	994,399
Non-current liabilities			
Other liabilities		-	-
Total non-current liabilities		-	-
Total liabilities		585,942	994,399
Net assets		809,116	731,819
Equity			
Retained surplus		809,116	731,819
Total equity		809,116	731,819

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited
Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 September 2026

	Retained surplus $	Total equity $
Balance at 1 October 2024	676,206	676,206
Surplus after income tax expense for the year	55,613	55,613
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	55,613	55,613
Balance at 30 September 2025	731,819	731,819

	Retained surplus $	Total equity $
Balance at 1 October 2025	731,819	731,819
Surplus after income tax expense for the year	77,297	77,297
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	77,297	77,297
Balance at 30 September 2026	809,116	809,116

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited
Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 30 September 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		4,788,362	4,233,607
Payments to suppliers, tax and employees		(4,525,520)	(4,420,719)
		262,842	(187,112)
Government grants received		2,113,862	1,650,000
Net cash from operating activities	23	2,376,704	1,462,888
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for changing room development		(2,459,701)	(1,366,506)
Payments for new grandstand project		(6,850)	(41,828)
Payments for property, plant and equipment	6	(112,589)	(17,316)
Net cash used in investing activities		(2,579,140)	(1,425,650)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loans repaid to Directors		(45,000)	(30,000)
Net cash used in financing activities		(45,000)	(30,000)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents		(247,436)	7,238
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		1,178,201	1,170,963
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		930,765	1,178,201

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 September 2026

Note 1. Material accounting policy information

The accounting policies that are material to the Company are set out below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, unless otherwise stated.

New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted
The Company has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

Basis of preparation
These general purpose- simplified disclosures financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB'), the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Victorian legislation the Fundraising Act 1998 and associated regulations and the Corporations Act 2001, as appropriate for not-for-profit oriented entities. These financial statements also comply with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB').

Historical cost convention
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting estimates
The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 2.

Revenue recognition
The Company recognises revenue as follows:

Revenue from contracts with customers
Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the Company: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

Sales revenue
Events, bar sales, sponsorships and fundraising are recognised when received or receivable.

Donations
Donations are recognised at the time the pledge is made.

Grants
Grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the Company satisfies the performance obligations stated within the funding agreements.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the Company is eligible to retain the contribution, the grant will be recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until those conditions are satisfied.

Note 1. Material accounting policy information *(continued)*

Interest
Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Other revenue
Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Current and non-current classification
Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the Company's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the Company's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no right at the end of the reporting period to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Trade and other receivables
Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

Contract assets
Contract assets are recognised when the Company has transferred goods or services to the customer but where the company is yet to establish an unconditional right to consideration. Contract assets are treated as financial assets for impairment purposes.

Property, plant and equipment
Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Leasehold improvements	2.5 – 10%
Plant and equipment	10 – 25%
Furniture and fittings	7.5 – 10%

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the Company. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

Right-of-use assets
A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Note 1. Material accounting policy information *(continued)*

Other long-term employee benefits
The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Defined contribution superannuation expense
Contributions to defined contribution superannuation plans are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Fair value measurement
When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interests. For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use. Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes
Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

Note 2. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Estimation of useful lives of assets
The Company determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

Note 2. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

Employee benefits provision
As discussed in note 1, the liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

Note 3. Profit and loss items

	2026 $	2025 $
Profit for the year has been determined after charging the following items:		
Auditor remuneration	5,300	5,000
Depreciation	37,500	37,500
Provision for doubtful debts increase/(decrease)	10,000	(25,000)

Note 4. Cash and cash equivalents

	2026 $	2025 $
Cash at bank	340,943	1,039,581
Cash on hand	84,261	42,620
Cash on deposit	505,561	96,000
	930,765	1,178,201

Note 5. Trade and other receivables

	2026 $	2025 $
Accounts receivable	65,013	180,834
Prepayments	46,628	42,941
Grants and development	-	41,828
Provision for doubtful debts	(10,000)	(10,000)
	101,641	255,603

Note 6. Inventories

	2026 $	2025 $
Beverages at cost	57,734	62,586

Note 7. Property, plant and equipment

	2026 $	2025 $
Leasehold improvements - at cost	500,681	419,592
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(344,577)	(334,577)
	156,104	85,015
Plant and equipment - at cost	263,829	232,329
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(225,194)	(220,194)
	38,635	12,135
Furniture and fittings - at cost	182,802	182,802
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(164,203)	(161,703)
	18,599	21,099
Gaming - at cost	146,580	146,580
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(55,000)	(35,000)
	91,580	111,580
	304,918	229,828

Reconciliations
Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

	Leasehold improvements $	Plant and equipment $	Furniture and fittings $	Gaming $	Total $
Balance at 1 October 2024	95,134	6,815	16,482	131,580	250,011
Additions	-	10,320	7,117	-	17,437
Disposals	(120)	-		-	(120)
Depreciation expense	(10,000)	(5,000)	(2,500)	(20,000)	(37,500)
Balance at 30 September 2025	85,014	12,135	21,099	111,580	229,828
Additions	81,090	31,500	-	-	112,590
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(10,000)	(5,000)	(2,500)	(20,000)	(37,500)
Balance at 30 September 2026	156,104	38,635	18,599	91,580	304,918

Note 8. Trade and other payables

	2026 $	2025 $
Trade payables	220,587	398,108
Changing room development creditors	71,970	187,714
GST payable (paid)	12,646	(65,231)
PAYG payables	21,368	14,564
Security deposits	2,200	2,200
	328,771	537,355

Note 9. Provisions and Deferred Income

	2026 $	2025 $
Provisions	122,171	122,171
Deferred income	135,000	-
Changing room grant income deferred	-	278,773
Superannuation payable	-	11,100
	257,171	412,044

Deferred income represents sponsorship income received in advance for the year 2027.

Note 10. Borrowings

	2026 $	2025 $
Loans from Directors	-	45,000

Note 11. Football and Sponsorships

	2026 $	2025 $
Revenue		
Grants and foundation reimbursements	110,000	9,000
Player registration (including Juniors)	116,289	106,446
Match takings	120,803	109,980
Sponsorship – including contra $191,750 (2025: $141,309)	977,987	829,924
Fundraising functions (net)	50,853	23,447
TV broadcast revenue	22,500	-
	1,398,432	1,078,797

Grants from the East Foundation of $110,000 related to funding for specialist coaching including $10,000 for Easts Juniors which was funded via the Senior Club. The Easts Foundation ran a successful fundraising lunch during the year and has a strong balance sheet which will enable it to continue to support the Club's investment in Football. The East Foundation also raised over $250,000 in relation to named lockers for the new changing rooms. These funds are being held to fund future capital investment in the Club's facilities.

	2026 $	2025 $
Football Expenditures		
Coaching and Development	451,649	362,984
Equipment purchases, maintenance & Uniforms	167,802	110,158
Lease-football oval	86,290	61,630
Medical	115,186	83,147
Travel, Camps & Transport	106,005	10,402
Player insurance & Registration Fees	21,360	31,393
Players reimbursables	239,348	220,031
Video recordings & Photography	22,381	22,233
Other expenses	54,141	19,936
	1,264,162	921,914

Note 11. Football and Sponsorships (continued)

	2026 $	2025 $
Sponsorship & game day expenses		
Wages- sponsorship & administrative staff	170,240	194,939
Sponsorship expenses	43,771	43,910
Game day expenses	133,533	110,176
	347,544	349,025
	1,611,706	1,270,939

Football costs increased significantly in 2026, reflecting the following:

- $76,000 increase in uniform, medical and equipment costs, reflecting higher supply cost.
- $100,000 increase in coaching and consultant costs.
- $30,000 in travel costs for the Brisbane tour, which Rugby Australia funded in 2025.
- $20,000 in contra costs that did not apply in 2025.

Note 12. House Operations

	2026 $	2025 $
Revenue		
Bar Sales	2,831,948	2,768,837
Less: Direct costs		
Costs of bar sales	802,194	902,678
Cost of staff	1,532,221	1,425,100
Electricity, Gas and Water	84,183	80,032
Repairs & Maintenance	13,842	-
Security	38,183	19,854
Waste Disposal	30,000	30,000
Merchant fees	17,227	10,613
Sundry expenses	1,142	4,301
	2,518,992	2,472,578
	312,956	296,259

Note 13. Other Revenue

	2026 $	2025 $
Members subscriptions	53,325	55,606
Rent	93,213	87,879
Interest & Investment income	16,682	9,179
Gaming room	69,466	45,460
Sundry revenue	13,302	19,921
Government grants (excluding changing room)	114,264	-
	360,252	218,045

Note 14. Other expenses

Administration costs	2026 $	2025 $
Audit fees	5,300	5,000
Bad debt provision (release)/expense	10,000	(25,000)
Gaming expenses	17,010	73,964
Advertising	82,730	81,496
Other expenses	94,932	60,653
Depreciation & write-off	37,500	37,500
Insurance	42,189	40,514
Repairs and maintenance	56,675	3,227
Rates, property lease, license & fees	36,301	41,634
	382,637	318,988

Gaming expenses in 2025 included $54,000 non-recurring lease costs, Advertising expense includes $50,000 advertising contra (2025: $50,000)

Note 15. Financing arrangement

	2026 $	2025 $
Bank overdraft- Total Facilities	60,000	60,000
Used at Balance date	-	-
Unused at Balance Date	60,000	60,000

Note 16. Construction of changing rooms

	2026 $	2025 $
Grant income recognised in the period for the construction of changing rooms	2,279,284	1,972,227
Expenditure in the period for the construction of changing rooms (includes $48k grandstand planning)	2,279,284	1,919,788

The construction of the new changing rooms was completed in March 2026 for a total cost of approximately $4.2 million. This exceeded estimates last year, primarily due to decision to invest in extended deck and cost variations relating to underground work. The entire cost of the project including $48k spent on potential new grandstand planning were covered by grant income received from Federal and State governments and Woollahra Municipal Council. The changing rooms are the property of Woollahra Municipal Council and as such do not appear on the Statement of Financial Position of the Club. Funds raised by the Easts Foundation for locker naming rights will be used in 2027 for house capital expenditure.

Note 17. Financial instruments

Financial risk management objectives
The Company's activities do not expose it to many financial risks, with only liquidity risk being needed to be actively managed.

Market risk

Foreign currency risk
The Company is not exposed to any significant foreign currency risk.

Price risk
The Company is not exposed to any significant price risk.

Interest rate risk
The Company is not exposed to any significant interest rate risk.

Credit risk
The Company is not exposed to any significant credit risk.

Liquidity risk
Vigilant liquidity risk management requires the Company to maintain sufficient liquid assets (mainly cash and cash equivalents) to be able to pay debts as and when they become due and payable.

The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate cash reserves by continuously monitoring actual and forecast cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

Fair value of financial instruments
Unless otherwise stated, the carrying amounts of financial instruments reflect their fair value.

Note 18. Key management personnel disclosures

Compensation
The aggregate compensation made to Directors and other members of key management personnel of the company is set out below:

	2026 $	2025 $
Short-term employee benefits	157,000	175,990

Note 19. Contingent liabilities

The Company had no contingent liabilities as at 30 September 2026 and 30 September 2025.

Note 20. Commitments

The Company had no commitments for expenditure as at 30 September 2026.

As at 30 September 2025, the Company had contractual commitments relating to the changing room development that were covered by government grants.

Note 21. Related party transactions

Key management personnel
Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in Note 18.

Transactions with related parties
During the year, the Company received sponsorship revenue of $40,000 from Plato Global Alpha, a Company related to David Allen who is a Director of the Company. The sponsorship was provided on normal commercial terms and conditions.

Note 21. Related party transactions (continued)

Receivable from and payable to related parties
There were no trade receivables from or trade payables to related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

Loans to/from related parties
Loans owing to Directors were repaid during the year as disclosed in Note 10.

Note 22. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 September 2026 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Company's operations, the results of those operations, or the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Note 23. Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash from operating activities

	2026 $	2025 $
Profit after income tax expense for the year	77,297	55,613
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	37,500	37,500
Government grants received	2,113,862	1,650,000
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	115,820	(108,200)
(Increase) in prepayments	(3,687)	(5,382)
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	4,853	(28,908)
(Decrease) in trade and other payables	(92,841)	(139,459)
Increase in deferred income	135,000	-
(Decrease)/increase in provisions	(11,100)	1,724
Net cash from operating activities	2,376,704	1,462,888

Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited
Directors' declaration
30 September 2026

In the Directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, the Accounting Standards as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 September 2026 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors made pursuant to section 295(5)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the Directors

Signed by:
David Allen
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David Allen
President

Signed by:
.....
Michael Wright
Treasurer

11 November 2026
Sydney

UNITED ADVISORY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EASTERN SUBURBS DISTRICT RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a general purpose- simplified disclosure financial report of Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited (the "Company" or "Club"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2026, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements and the Directors' Declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

1. giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 September 2026 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and

2. complying with Australian Accounting Standards- Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the "Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information included in the Directors' report but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Directors for the financial report

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards- Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Act 2001*, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Principal Auditor

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11 November 2026

1ST GRADE REPORT



The objective for 2026 was simple: reclaim the Shute Shield title we had unfortunately lost in 2025. While the goal was clear, the challenge was considerably greater. The Shute Shield has become an increasingly competitive and evenly matched competition, and our success over recent seasons has resulted in significant player turnover, with a number of players progressing to higher honours.

With plenty of new faces in the squad, we entered Round 1 perhaps a little underdone. Nevertheless, we managed to get the job done, winning our opening seven matches. A standout result during this period was an impressive away victory against Randwick.

Round 8 brought our first major setback. Facing Sydney University, we produced our poorest performance of the season and were comprehensively beaten. With the bye immediately following, we had two weeks to reflect, regroup and channel some understandable frustration into preparing for the remainder of the season.

That response came in emphatic fashion against Souths. Bolstered by the return of several representative players, the team delivered a remarkable 101-point performance, sending a clear message to the competition. Over the following weeks, we produced some of our best rugby of the season, reaching a level of performance that made us extremely difficult to beat.

Round 14 saw us travel to Pittwater for a Grand Final rematch against Warringah. A hard-fought victory saw us move to the top of the competition ladder and provided a measure of revenge for the previous year's disappointment.

Unfortunately, the weeks following the Warringah match brought a significant challenge, with injuries and overseas playing opportunities resulting in the loss of eight established first-grade players. For most teams, losing that level of experience and quality would be difficult to overcome. However, our no-excuses mentality ensured that the next player stepped up whenever called upon. Time and time again, the depth of our squad was tested, and time and time again, players delivered.

A second loss to Sydney University was the only other blemish on an otherwise outstanding season as we powered our way to a third consecutive Minor Premiership and Club Championship. Both achievements are a phenomenal reflection of the consistency, depth and culture within our club.

1ST GRADE CONT.

The ultimate prize, however, was still to be won.

Three finals victories stood between us and the Shute Shield.

Eastwood were dispatched in the opening week of the finals, setting up a preliminary final showdown against the only team to have beaten us during the regular season, Sydney University. It was a cracking contest, with the team producing a tremendous performance to secure a seven-point victory. The result was particularly special, coming in the first-ever home semi-final in the club's history and securing our place in the Grand Final.

Standing between us and the title was the defending Premiers, Warringah.

While there was undoubtedly some desire for redemption, the bigger motivation was for this group to establish its own identity and be recognised as champions in its own right. We started slowly, but this team's resilience has been a defining characteristic throughout the season. We gradually found our rhythm, took control of the contest and delivered an excellent performance to secure a 31–15 victory.

Shute Shield Champions for the second time in three years!

Looking back, 2026 has been a truly fantastic season. The achievement is made even more special when you consider the challenges we faced along the way, the significant turnover in personnel and the number of players who stepped up when required. This group demonstrated resilience, belief and an unwavering commitment to one another.

None of this success happens in isolation. The support received by our First Grade team is exceptional and is undoubtedly one of the key reasons behind the club's recent success.

From the lower-grade players supporting us from the hill, our club captains and women's teams, to the incredible volunteers, medical team, strength and conditioning staff, Board and everyone working behind the scenes in the office, it is genuinely a collective effort. We are fortunate to have so many people working together towards a common goal, and this premiership belongs to all of them.

What a season. What a group. And what a time to be an Easts player, member or supporter.

Shute Shield Champions 2026.

Let's do it all again next year!

Ben Batger
Head Coach Grade

2ND GRADE REPORT



Season 2026 – Minor Premiers

What a great season. After finishing 3rd last season, we needed to improve.

We started on fire this year, winning our first seven games. Then came round eight against Uni. We played well enough but just did not capitalise on our opportunities and went down 19–34.

We then went on another run, winning five in a row. In round fourteen, we came up against Manly, who were too good on the day. Even though we were penalised out of the game, we only went down 26–31.

Rounds fifteen and sixteen were both wins, and in round seventeen, we had Uni for the second time. We played well, and we knew Uni were the benchmark of the competition. We went down by a penalty goal. University went on to win the comp.

We won round eighteen and finished on top of the ladder as Minor Premiers.

In the first round of finals, we had Norths. We put on a clinic. This was our best performance of the season, and we all thought the timing was perfect. We won 57–28.

In the preliminary final, we took on Randwick for a spot in the GF. We played an average, ill-disciplined game; our execution was nothing like the week before. We had a shock loss, and to say we were devastated is an understatement.

Overall, 2026 was a great season, finishing as Minor Premiers with only 3 losses all year.

We had our challenges throughout the season with player changes, as we averaged 6–8 changes a week, but we were able to push through it.

A massive congratulations to our number 9, Joey Ryan, who was named captain for a handful of games and won 2nd Grade Best Player of the Year.

2ND GRADE CONT.

Thank-yous for the season:

To my co-coaches, Ed Brennac and Cohan Guerra: thank you for one of the most enjoyable seasons I have had.

S&C: A big thank you to Lucas Guerra (no relation to Cohan). Our boys were always ready to go with all your preparation. Also, you still look 14 years old.

Managers: A massive thank you to Garry Walsh. Always there to help (unless he is on his annual European vacation). I have had Garry as a manager going back 20 years, and he is always there with a pack of snakes. Thanks, DG.

Lastly, none of this could happen without the great Bob Hooper. He is easily the best manager/organiser at the club, and we are blessed to have him. Every training session and game day is a breeze; everything is always done and ready to go. I never have to ask or worry, as Hoops has already done it.

Love you, Bob, and thanks for everything.

Adam Elford
2nd Grade Head Coach



3RD GRADE REPORT



2026 began with high expectations. Coming off the 2025 grand final victory and with many of that side returning, the squad set itself a clear goal from the outset, and the energy across the playing group through the preseason was outstanding. Having two of the club captains, James Behringer and Alex Rice, in the squad made it easy to keep engagement and enjoyment high.

The season opened in fine form, with strong performances across all the lower grades and contributions from many of the 2025 group. The early rounds brought convincing wins over Norths and a highlight of putting 50 points on Randwick at Coogee Oval. Our attack produced plenty of memorable moments, led by our Player of the Year, Conner Jones, and one of our most consistent attacking weapons, Dougal Payne.

The home game against Eastwood marked a milestone for Will Nicholls: 100 games, every one of them played with huge intensity. Will's love for the club and his teammates made it a special occasion, and a resounding win capped off a great day.

Off the field, the team culture grew week by week. Blake Henman hosted "5 Photos", in which each player talked the group through photos important to his background. It was a privilege to be part of, and it deepened an already strong bond across the squad.

At the start of May we travelled to Manly Oval with confidence high. Unfortunately, that game cost us Charlie Baker to a serious, season-ending leg injury. Charlie was a central figure in both the 2025 and 2026 sides and a much-loved member of the group, and "Bones" was missed for the rest of the year, not least by his brother Ben.

A bye followed, then two games against clubs without the depth to field a strong 3rd Grade side, and maintaining the momentum of the early rounds became a real challenge. That showed against Sydney Uni away, where we won 40–34 in our closest game to that point; the 34 points conceded were also the most we had allowed all year. A few weeks later we suffered our first loss, going down 36–33 to Randwick at Woollahra.

Through the middle of the season our defence was not holding scores the way it had early on, and many games went down to the wire. We edged Warringah by a point at Rat Park, holding on despite being down to 11 players at one stage, and drew with Manly the following week. Heading into Round 15, we needed to rediscover our early-season form.

3RD GRADE CONT.

We found it with a thumping 68–0 win over Parramatta away, scoring freely and, just as importantly, conceding nothing. A good home win over Sydney Uni and a very strong performance against Wests at Woollahra Oval followed, and we went into the finals confident and back to our best.

The first week of the finals brought a strong win over a quality Randwick side, and expectations were high that we could repeat the feats of 2025. Unfortunately, at Rat Park we met a Sydney Uni side playing a very strong brand of football. We could not find the combinations that had served us so well through the year and lost 40–35, a disappointing end to the season.

Despite the result, the style of play, the camaraderie within the group and the working relationship of the coaching team remained positive throughout. 2026 also brought a welcome contrast: older players rediscovering their youthful love of the game and their form, alongside younger players stepping up and maturing into prospective top-grade players. Ollie White, Angus Duff, Saxon Fenwicke and Dougal Payne all showed they have the talent and attitude to play as high as they want to go.

Our expectations were high, and while we did not achieve the goal we set ourselves, the way the group went about its training and playing was a credit to everyone involved. We were fortunate to have an incredibly strong culture, set by many returning players who made it clear what it means to be part of this team and this club.

Blake and I would like to thank all the staff who supported 3rd Grade, in particular Michael and Peter Tate, who played such a large role in supporting the team and brought the soul of the Beast to the lower grades group. Thanks also to the club's medical and football department staff, who support the lower grades so well throughout the year.

Finally, congratulations to 1st and 4th Grade on winning their respective competitions. We are proud to have played a small part in the club championship.

On to 2027!

Rob Johnston & Blake Henman
3rd Grade Coaches

4TH GRADE REPORT



No complacency from a team chasing rarefied air... a Henderson Cup three-peat.

After claiming 3rd and 4th Grade premierships in 2025, the players had an extended break over the summer, with the main group returning in mid-February. We trialled well and had plenty of cattle to choose from as we headed into the opening rounds of the competition.

We began our season in earnest, dispatching Norths relatively comfortably. A tough block approached, with away trips to Randwick, Manly and a resurging West Harbour. We didn't play our best against Randwick and were saved by some Andrew Blackburn heroics, coming off the bench to score twice in the final few minutes to steal victory from the jaws of defeat.

A grand final rematch beckoned, away at Manly Oval, with both teams heading into the contest unbeaten. It was us who left with our "0" intact, barely challenged in a 70-minute shutout.

Sitting pretty with 5 wins, 5 bonus points and 0 losses at the top of the table, we then went into what would become an awkward block. A couple of scheduled byes and 2 teams forfeiting to us meant that we played 1 game in 42 days... That 1 game was away at Uni. We went into that game underdone and came up against a side who were desperate to get their campaign underway. We struggled to get into our rhythm, managed to hit the lead with a couple of minutes left and conceded a penalty late. 5–1.

Suddenly, we were halfway through the season, having only played 6 games of footy. We bounced back soundly after our first loss with a comfortable away victory at Chatswood, followed by what's become a 4th Grade tradition: yum cha!

Old Boys' Day was next, an important day on the calendar. We welcomed the fast-paced attack of Randwick. Luckily, they could not defend, and we put on a 55–0 rout. I had old boys coming up to me in the coaches' box saying that was the best 4G performance they'd ever seen.

We had been blessed with naming a relatively unchanged line-up all season. We then went into a period of wholesale changes, with 50 players used in the next 4 games. Safe to say, we weren't at our best. We suffered a frustrating loss against Manly at home and lost a close one to Warringah at Rat Park, where good teams go to die, winning a couple of routine fixtures in between.

4TH GRADE CONT.

We finally started to get some cattle back, but our goal of building some momentum into finals was stifled as we shared the spoils against a white-hot Sydney University side. In the final game of the season, we beat West Harbour in biblical conditions, securing a bonus-point victory and sewing up second spot on the ladder with a 13–3–1 record.

Finals footy is funny. You can play a good game, not do a whole lot wrong and lose. This was the case in our week 1 fixture against Sydney Uni. Luckily for us, Warringah beat 6th-placed Norths, and we would get a second chance in a sudden-death encounter against the heavily favoured Rats at Rat Park. Underdog status? We'll take that!

Coming into a 1v2 semi-final, we were full of confidence and truly believed we were the best team in the comp. The game was tightly contested. We were gritty in defence and showed some serious class in attack through Jamie Bruce and Finn Campbell, coming away with a 7-point victory and stamping our ticket to Leichhardt! Old foes Sydney Uni had beaten Manly in the other semi-final. A team who seemingly had our number all year...

Our form against top opposition hadn't been great going into this match. Our form against Sydney Uni had been awful. It was, however, a grand final, and we were chasing a three-peat... throw the form guide out the window.

Sydney Uni's greatest strength was their cohesion. They had named a consistent team that defended stoically and could deal damage in attack. We started the first half fast, scoring off our first entry thanks to some Andrew Blackburn brilliance, putting his centre partner Beau White away. We then spent the rest of the half on the back foot, defending in our own half. It was us who defended stoically, and our line was breached on the stroke of half-time. Half-time score: 7–5 Beasties.

The half-time message was simple: we were winning the physical contest, and we were winning the moments. We just needed to start winning the territory. A memorable half-time speech from skipper Ben Daley had the boys fired up, and we scored soon after half-time. Ben also spotted an advantage in the backline and showed smart captaincy by opting for scrums when available. We then saw Beau White and Lachie Bradford cross untouched off the back of scrum plays. A late surge from Sydney Uni made the last 5 minutes interesting, but the third time's a charm, and we held on to win our 3rd consecutive premiership.

Shout-out to captain Ben Daley, Jack Ryan, Ed Ryan and Vinnie Riley, who have been a big part of all 3 of those premierships. Ben Daley also capped off what was a remarkable season by winning the team's best and fairest award.

This premiership wouldn't have been possible without the incredible coaches, James Parelli and Luke Wilson, as well as our game-day managers, Alex King, Steve Mayman and, of course, Maunds.

Bring on the 4th...

Guy Beever
4th Grade Coach

5TH GRADE REPORT



Season 2026 saw 5th Grade playing in Eastwood's 4th Grade slot in the Henderson Cup, so many an early Saturday on the backfield at 'sunny' TG Millner.

Our season highlight was definitely our close win over Norths in the rain on a Thursday.

Other bright spots of the year included wins over West Harbour, Two Blues & Southern Districts, as well as seeing several players who spent time in 5ths feature in 4th Grade's victorious finals campaign.

Having an age span of 17 to 47 play together for the team certainly brought generations of the club together.

Seeing the many club debuts we had was a special experience for the squad.

A big thanks to Dan England, Elliot Vesley, Georgie Brady, Elliot Frawley, Lucas & Ross Barry for all their efforts in getting us onto the park each week.

Congratulations to Beevs, Parelli & Finchy on your premiership, & thanks for working so well with the Fighting Fifths all year.

Captained admirably by Ed Ryan & Trent Nanckivell.

Player of the year, Zak Labuschange.

Cheers for the season

Chris Groves
5th Grade Coach

GRADE PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	TOTAL	PREV.	CAREER	1ST xv	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
ABRAHAMS, Nathan					12	12	0	12		2				10
ADAMS, Ben			2	1		3	16	19						0
ADAMSON, Jamie	6					6	24	30	30	8				40
ALLEN, Jed			2	4	8	14	0	14		1				5
ALLT-GRAHAM, Matthew					2	2	0	2						0
AMIN, Karim				8	3	11	22	33		2				10
ANAE-ROBERTS, Brycen		2	12			14	0	14		12				60
ANDERSON, Shaun		7	1			8	0	8		4				20
ANNOUS, Christopher					3	3	0	3						0
ANTHONY, Jonah					1	1	0	1						0
ARNOTT, Angus		17	2			19	27	46		1				5
ARNOTT, Ed			12			12	37	49	4	2				10
ARUNDELL, Edward					1	1	0	1						0
BAKER, Ben		1	15			16	73	89	5	14				70
BAKER, Charlie			2	2		4	70	74	2	3				15
BARBER, George		2	14			16	33	49		8				40
BARLOW, Will				5	3	8	6	14		2				10
BASSINGTHWAIGHTE, Leo		17	1			18	23	41	1	7				35
BEHRINGER, James			12			12	76	88	3	2				10
BELL, Christopher	8	5				13	35	48	42	1	18			41
BISSESSAR, Mark		11	2			13	0	13		2				10
BLACKBURN, Andrew			2	16		18	23	41		7	6			47
BOKSER, Josh	20					20	55	75	75	2				10
BOWEN, Jack	9					9	43	52	52	5	53	1		134
BRIAL, Sam			1	2		3	0	3		1				5
BRIAL, Toby		1				1	0	1						0
BRADFORD, Lachie				8		8	83	91	8	3	23	2		67
BROWN, Angus			1	7		8	30	38						0
BRUCE, Jamie			3	14		17	7	24		15				75
CALLIGEROS, George				1		1	0	1						0
CAMBAY, Vince				3	7	10	0	10						0
CAMPBELL, Finlay				16		16	17	33	1	11	1	1		60
COBB, Charlie			3	16		19	12	31		1				5
COBB, Rob	21					21	22	43	43	7				35
COBCROFT, Jasper		2	18			20	0	20		15				75
CODORNIU, Matias					3	3	0	3						0
COHEN, Isaac					6	6	0	6			1			2
CORNISH, Liam			7	1		8	12	20		2				10
CROSS, Nick	16	1				17	20	37	34	3				15
CURTIS, Josh						0	10	10						0
DALEY, Ben			5	12		17	33	50		3				15
DALRYMPLE, Louis			9			9	36	45		3				15
DAVIES, Bryn	6	15				21	32	53	6	11				55
DAWKINS, Ollie	20					20	0	20	20	18				90
DENNIS, Charlie		2	18			20	36	56		4				20
DIMMOCK, Sean				4	8	12	0	12			3			6
DODD, Angus			2			2	20	22						0
DOMBKINS, Carter		13	5			18	48	66	1	1				5
DOMBKINS, Maclean		7	6			13	28	41	2	4				20
DUFF, Angus		2	14			16	21	37		8				40
DULIEU, Wilson	2	14	1			17	8	25	2	8				40

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Player	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	TOTAL	PREV.	CAREER	1ST xv	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
FALCON, Jayden				5	6	11	0	11		1	16	6		55
FEMIA, Jonah					2	2	0	2						0
FENWICKE, Louis	1	1				2	0	2	1	2				10
FENWICKE, Saxon		14	4			18	18	36		6				30
FERGUSON, Leo		5				5	43	48	1	6				30
FINE, Viliami	2					2	0	2	2	3				15
FITTLER, Zach		1				1	0	1						0
FOXTON, Will		7	8	6		21	104	125	3	5				25
GAVIN, Archie	9	2				11	109	120	81	11				55
GIBSON, George	17					17	41	58	56	3				15
GILBERT, Harry					5	5	0	5						0
GIRLE, Tom	13	6				19	0	19	13	2				10
GLOVER, Will						0	6	6						0
GRIGG, Nick	11					11	0	11	11	2				10
GROGAN, Aaron				1	8	9	0	9		1				5
GROVER, Angus	5	1				6	0	6	5					0
GUILFOYLE, William	5	11				16	1	17	5					0
GUNNING, Nathan					3	3	0	3			1			2
HALL-MUIR, Heath				1	11	12	13	25		12				60
HARRIS, Will	9					9	19	28	28	1				5
HARVEY, Sid	11					11	4	15	15	3	31	3		86
HAYMAN, Hugo	4	8	1			13	57	70	17	3				15
HINRICHSEN, Hugh					1	1	0	1						0
HOFFMAN, Josh					3	3	0	3						0
HOKAFONU, Jimmy	17					17	0	17	17	4				20
ICELY, Michael	7	3				10	8	18	15	2				10
JOHNSTON, Hugh					12	12	0	12		4				20
JONES, Connor			15			15	9	24		6				30
JONES, Matt					5	5	0	5						0
JONES, Ted			2	14	4	20	0	20		2				10
JORGENSEN, Jake			2	12		14	13	27		10	11			72
KILBY, Flyn			2	10		12	60	72		3				15
LABUSCHAGNE, Zak					11	11	0	11						0
LANGI, Edwin	6					6	2	8	8					0
LEMOS, Ben			2	3		5	0	5		1				5
LEVY, Calvin			3	6		9	0	9		4				20
LLOYD, Finn			1			1	0	1						0
LLOYD, Owen		3	2			5	0	5						0
LLOYD-LEVY, Noah-Dan					8	8	0	8						0
LOWERY, Reon	19					19	65	84	78	9				45
MACFARLANE, Maxwell					3	3	0	3						0
MARSHALL-BAKER, Santana			1			1	0	1						0
MCCORD, Sam					2	2	0	2						0
MCGREGOR, Harvey		1	13	2		16	41	57	4	8				40
MCLACHLAN, Sam	7	11				18	0	18	7	3				15
MCLAREN, Charlie				3	1	4	0	4						0
MCMULLEN, Connor		13	6			19	38	57		2	68	3		155
MOIR, Sebastien					12	12	21	33		1				5
MOSSMAN, Jack		16				16	47	63	10	9				45
MUNDAY, Tobias			1			1	0	1						0
NANCEKIVELL, Trent					14	14	0	14		3				15
NELSON-MURRAY, Jack	7					7	0	7	7	2				10
NICHOLLS, Will		5	9			14	97	111	13	3				15

GRADE PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	TOTAL	PREV.	CAREER	1ST xv	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
O'BRIEN, Lachie				14	1	15	0	15		1				5
O'CONNOR, Rory		1				1	0	1						0
O'CONNOR, Will				1	11	12	0	12		1	4			13
OEDING, Callan					1	1	15	16		1				5
O'KANE, Charlie	10	9				19	0	19	10	7				35
PALMER, Henry	5					5	19	24	20	2				10
PALU, Divad	2					2	2	4	2					0
PAPUNI, Irie		5				5	9	14	4	4				20
PATERSON, Will				2		2	118	120	55					0
PATTERSON, Hugo	16	1				17	22	39	25	6				30
PATTERSON, Max		3	12			15	84	99	11	5				25
PAYNE, Dougal			18			18	21	39		19	7			109
REILLY, Vinnie				17	2	19	58	77						0
RICE, Alex			14			14	20	34		3				15
RONALD, Toben					9	9	8	17						0
RUSH, Max				3	5	8	0	8		2				10
RYAN, Ed				5	9	14	51	65		2				10
RYAN, Hunter			2	13		15	0	15		2				10
RYAN, Jack (Back)				13		13	0	13		3	2			19
RYAN, Jack (Forward)			3	13		16	45	61		3	1			17
RYAN, Joey		20				20	36	56		11				55
SAVALA, Xavier				15	1	16	0	16		5	6			37
SCOTT, Dale				1	10	11	0	11						0
SERFONTEIN, Otto	20					20	23	43	42	3				15
SHEMINANT, Tom		8				8	18	26	18					0
SMALL, Matt				1	9	10	0	10		2				10
SMALL, Tom					7	7	0	7		1				5
SMITH, Andrew	10					10	0	10	10	3				15
SMITH, Benedict		17		2		19	20	39	2	5				25
SMITH, Jack				2	8	10	0	10		3				15
SPERLING, Thomas				1	12	13	0	13		2	20	4		62
STOWERS, Henry	4	10	1			15	0	15	4	1				5
SWAIN, Nick				10	4	14	0	14		5				25
SYBEN, Madison					5	5	8	13						0
TAUMOEPEAU, Justice	4					4	0	4	4	1				5
TIITII, Nathaniel	9	10				19	2	21	9	3				15
TOONE, Freddie			6	9		15	0	15		12				60
TOUGHER WELLS, Jack	10					10	45	55	29					0
TOUGHER WELLS, Sam				4		4	31	35		2				10
TREISMAN, Jared					5	5	0	5						0
TUPAI, Connor	12					12	0	12	12	5				25
UIESE, PJ	2	16				18	0	18	2	9				45
ULUTUI, Talalelei					2	2	0	2						0
VAALOTU, Josh	10	9				19	8	27	17	9				45
VAHAAKOLO, Freedom	14					14	0	14	14	5				25
VAIHU, David	1					1	16	17	16	1				5
VAKAPUNA, Afu					2	2	0	2						0
VALETINI, Kemu	7					7	0	7	7	1	9			23
VAN DER KNAAP, Evan					8	8	0	8						0

GRADE PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	TOTAL	PREV.	CAREER	1ST xv	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
VAN DER VELDE, Jonny	1					1	39	40	29					0
VATUINARUKU, Hansel Nacanieli				1	13	14	6	20		1				5
VEIRU, Jacob		15				15	1	16	1	3				15
WALKER, Sam	8	12				20	0	20	8	11	19	1		96
WALLACE, Ben			2	12		14	38	52		2				10
WATTERS, Cooper		2				2	0	2		2				10
WAVUTOTO, Iliesa					4	4	13	17						0
WAYLAND, James	17	1				18	20	38	35					0
WHITE, Beau				11	1	12	0	12		7				35
WHITE, Oliver		1	13	2		16	13	29		4	77	3		183
WHITESIDE, Cooper	4	1				5	41	46	45		6			12
WICKS, Sam				9	8	17	0	17		3				15
WILSON, Harry	1					1	19	20	20					0
WILSON, Teddy	12					12	41	53	53	8				40
WINCH, Luca		1	1	15		17	33	50		6				30
YOLE, Charlie				1	11	12	89	101		1				5
														0
PENALTY TRY 1G														0
PENALTY TRY 2G														0
PENALTY TRY 3G														0
PENALTY TRY 4G														0
3G Bye v. Wildfires										4	4			28
4G Forfeit Rd 7 WSTB										4	4			28
4G Forfeit Rd 9 Souths										4	4			28
4G Bye v. Wildfires										4	4			28
4G Bye v. West Harbour														0
5G Forfeit Rd14 WSTB										4	4			28
														0
														0
	437	369	316	360	316	1798	2886	4684	1232					3668

WOMEN'S REPORT



The 2026 season was undoubtedly a challenging one for the Eastern Suburbs Women's Rugby Program, but also an important rebuilding year that will provide the foundations for future success.

The season was severely disrupted by the decision to move the Super W competition into the middle of the club rugby season. This significantly impacted our ability to access our representative players, placing considerable pressure on squad depth and continuity. Combined with a lack of recruitment during the off-season, we faced challenges in maintaining the competitiveness we have come to expect from the program.

While we ultimately finished at the bottom of the ladder without recording a victory, the results do not tell the full story. Our players remained competitive throughout the season, demonstrating tremendous resilience, commitment and determination despite the challenges they faced.

One significant positive was the introduction of a Division 2 team for the first time in the club's history, reflecting the growing popularity of women's rugby at Easts and providing opportunities for more women to participate in our program.

We are immensely proud of all our players who achieved representative honours across the Wallaroos, Super W and Sydney representative programs. Particular congratulations go to Ella Ryan, who made her Wallaroos debut in 2026, a tremendous achievement.

We also celebrated two significant club milestones. Phoebe Loughhead became the first woman in Eastern Suburbs history to reach 100 club appearances, an outstanding achievement and testament to her loyalty and contribution. Congratulations also to Ellie Games on reaching 50 appearances for the club.

Although 2026 was a difficult season, it was a necessary period of rebuilding. Our focus now turns to strengthening recruitment, developing our emerging players and restoring Easts to a competitive force in women's rugby in 2027.

Campbell Aitken
Women's Head Coach

WOMENS PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	W15 Div 1	W15 Div 2	TOTAL	PREV.	CAREER	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
BENTLEY, Armarni	8		8	13	21	4				20
BLADES, Darcy	5	3	8	45	53	2				10
BLATCHFORD, Hailey		3	3	29	32					0
BRIDGE, Alicia		1	1	0	1					0
BROWN, Seraphina	1	2	3	7	10					0
BRUCE, Abbe	5		5	6	11	1				5
BUTTERFIELD, Coral	13		13	0	13					0
CARROLL, Stephanie	7		7	0	7	1				5
CINQUE, Marta		1	1	0	1					0
CLARK-GRANT, Jessie	1	4	5	10	15					0
COLLING, Ruby	12		12	64	76	2				10
CRAIG, Emily	5	1	6	0	6	1				5
DARLING, Daimhlinn	4	5	9	13	22					0
DAVIS, Hannah	6	1	7	0	7	2				10
DAVIS, Jade		1	1	6	7					0
DOUMANIS, Daphne		5	5	10	15					0
FAUPULA, Seni	3		3	0	3					0
FERGUSON, Rosie	3		3	20	23	1				5
FIRTH, Elsa	11	1	12	16	28					0
HARVEY, Martha	5		5	30	35	1				5
HIPPI-LAURIE, Taleyah	8		8	9	17					0
JACOB, Angel		1	1	10	11					0
JEFFERSON, Alex	4	4	8	0	8					0
LOUGHHEAD, Phoebe	11		11	93	104	4	7			34
MCGOUGH, Sarah	4		4	0	4					0
MCKEOWN, Amelia	1		1	0	1					0
MCQUEEN, Zoe	5	3	8	0	8					0
MELEISEA, Jaelynne	1	3	4	0	4					0
MITCHELL, Sophie	4		4	1	5					0
MUIR, Chloe		1	1	14	15					0
MURAKAMI, Miuki	3	4	7	0	7					0
O'DONNELL, Eliza	12		12	2	14	3	2			19
PERSICO, Josephine	5	4	9	0	9	1				5
PINO, Paula Cortes-Monroy		2	2	0	2					0
POMA, Iris		3	3	0	3					0
PURKIS, Lauren	5	1	6	16	22					0
RAMSAY, Diane	11		11	27	38					0
REITER, Ellie	8		8	42	50					0
RICCARDI, Kenzie	4		4	0	4					0
RIDGWAY, Marion	13		13	0	13	2				10
ROBERTS, Ella	7		7	0	7					0
ROCHE, Shannon		4	4	0	4					0
SMITH-GANDER, Maddy		4	4	0	4					0
STRONG, Sophie		2	2	0	2					0
TAYLOR, Georgia	7		7	0	7					0
TE HIRA, Shalise	5	5	10	33	43					0
TOWART, Gwen	9	2	11	0	11	2				10
TUMMON, Grainne	11	2	13	13	26	1				5
VAUGHAN, Amelia	3	5	8	20	28		2			4
WEHL, Nissi	2	5	7	0	7					0
YONG, Demi		2	2	0	2					0
Missing Round 2 points			0		0	2	1			12
	232	**85**								**174**

1ST COLTS REPORT



Season 2026 still feels like a season that got away. Although, the more I look back on it, the more it feels like we were constantly searching for that next gear, which we didn't reach, and we probably finished where we deserved to.

Any year where you miss pivotal players for large chunks of the season is always going to be hard. 2026 was particularly challenging with so many of our boys involved in the Aus 20s (Toby Brial, Cooper Watters, Zac Fitler, Jonty Fowler, Leo Jaques, Angus Grovner and Edwin Langi). Only 2 of these players played Colts when they returned from the World Cup. Add to that the injury list that saw us lose Justice Taumoepea, Elliot Rainford and Jack Sopoeno for a large chunk of the year.

When I reflect on the season, there were certainly some pleasing moments; these were not always victories. One in particular was our 14–13 away defeat to Randwick, where we played with 13 players for 20 minutes and were missing 6 regular Colts players.

We suffered 5 defeats throughout the year. The highest margin was 6 points; all others were by 3 points or less. These defeats emphasised some deficiencies we struggled with throughout the season, namely lapses of concentration and, at times, our defensive structures/roles.

Our set piece was strong in parts of the season, especially considering the size disadvantage we faced most weeks. We played some really good attacking football at times. I think we generally showed moments of what could have been this year, but, as with most facets of the game, we struggled to show consistency, which was evident at the pointy end of the year.

There was some really pleasing growth in players throughout the year, particularly Flynn Farrell, Will Unteweger and Tom O'Hara, as they adapted to Colts rugby.

I would like to thank Amy, Graham, Lachie, Elisha, Ben and Johnny for all their efforts this year; it has been a pleasure to work with you all.

Gareth Morton
Colts 1s Head Coach

2ND COLTS REPORT



Season 2026 was a good one for the Easts 2nd Colts, and no game summed it up better than round 16 against Sydney Uni.

We went in sitting 7th. Uni were 2nd on the ladder and had just beaten Warringah, the best team in the comp, by 20 points. We had also just watched Hunter Wildfires lose, which meant finals were possible if we could get the job done. We knew it was going to be tough, but we'd had a great week of training and the boys knew what was asked of them. Hamish McCathie came in before the game and fired the boys up, and that set the tone.

It was back and forth the whole way. With 20 seconds to go, we made a break down the sideline and got tackled out. All Uni had to do was get the ball off the lineout and kick it out. Instead, our forwards stole the lineout and we ground our way to a penalty. Will Johnson slotted it, and we had the win that put us into finals.

We were only in that position because of how this group handled the middle of the year. Jack McCathie and my biggest challenge came when injuries started to pile up and players headed off on holidays, and it wasn't long before that showed on the table.

Last year I wrote that our depth gave us a real foundation for 2026, and this group backed that up. Players were asked to react to change and they did, pushing each other to be better along the way. Every player who took on what the team needed deserves credit for where we finished.

Our season ended in the quarter-final against the team that went on to win the comp. It wasn't the finish we wanted, but making finals from 7th was one of the best parts of our year.

Player development was the highlight of my season. Andrew Cabot really stepped up as captain, and I watched his ability to problem-solve on the move grow throughout the year. That growth is exactly what you want to see in a Colts program.

2ND GRADE CONT.

Congratulations to Forward of the Year Jordan Dunn-Ruepena, who built on last year's Most Improved award, and to Back of the Year Tom Marchant, who earned his place at the top of a competitive backline group.

Lastly, I'd like to thank our Director of Rugby, Daniel England, for all he has done this season to support the Colts program, Jack and me. I'd also like to thank our manager, Carter Langfield, along with our medical staff, volunteers, sponsors, families and the Easts community for your support all season.

Go the Beasts.

Nick Harris
2nd Colts Coach



3RD COLTS REPORT



It was a great season for Thirds Colts despite not winning the title. We charged to an 8–0 start before meeting genuine contenders Gordon, where we had chances to win but fell short. We then entered our annual “Europe” period, when we lose many players, which was also compounded by losses to the Aussie Under 20s (congrats, boys). Even so, we drew with Randwick in a crucial three-point game and managed a win and two close losses to Manly and the Rats during that run, which I was really happy with and knew we could build on. From there, to cut a long story short, we reached the prelim. We trailed by about 20 points at half-time and stormed home, but fell short 41–38 after missing a couple of chances at the death. Gordon won the title undefeated a week later – a very good side, so congratulations to them.

We had a big contingent of first-year boys this season, and the “Europe” period also brought about our first look at some of the schoolboys who will join us next year. There is some real talent there, so very positive.

Anyway, a lot of these guys will be back next season, and our improvement at the back end of the season is a good launch pad into the 2026 season. Congrats to Harvey O’Kane, who won our best and fairest and was tough every week, both on the field and on the training track. Massive congrats to Max Roche, who won Colt of the Year after my inspired decision to move him to 10. Big thanks to Dan England, Gareth Morton, Ben Staunton, Chris Groves, and Noodle and Jack McCathie in 2nds. Huge thanks to my assistants, Hudson Weir (B1) and Noah Stuart (B2) – nearly pulled it off, boys, and I am in awe of how many drills you guys have up your sleeves.

Thanks to all the usual suspects who help each year: Graham Boyle (Greybeard), Peter Shipway (Shippo), Amy, Elisha, Lachie and the field setup crew, whose efforts are always hugely appreciated. Thank you to Hamish McCathie for the excellent commentary and scoreboard operation (inspiring to watch).

Also, a big thank you to Ollie White, who was my main captain for the last two years. It was a real shame we didn’t win a title together. A quality, thoughtful young man with a lot waiting for him in life.

We had a lot of fun this year and played some pretty decent football, so let’s see what 2027 brings.

Peter Sumsky
3rd Colts Coach

COLTS PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	1G	2G	1C	2C	3C	TOTAL	PREV.	CAREER	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
ARUNDELL, Edward					3	3	0	3					0
BAR HAIM, Lior					1	1	0	1					0
BINNIE, Jack			3	14	2	19	0	19	4				20
BLACKBURN, Rory					15	15	9	24	4				20
BOON, Xavier					1	1	0	1					0
BOURKE, Charlie					2	2	0	2					0
BRIAL, Toby		1	6			6	9	15	5				25
BROWN, Harrison				14	5	19	0	19	1				5
CABOT, Andrew			2	17		19	0	19	6				30
CABOT, Dominic					12	12	10	22	2				10
CARMONT, Oliver					4	4	0	4					0
CHANDRA, Marley				2		2	0	2					0
CLARKE, Cody				7	3	10	0	10	5				25
CLATWORTHY, Flynn			20			20	20	40	1				5
COHEN, Isaac				1	5	6	0	6					0
CONNOLLY, Lachlan				2	1	3	0	3	1				5
COSTELLO, Aedel					2	2	0	2					0
COTTERILL, Jesse			6	4		10	20	30	3				15
CRONAN, Cruz				2		2	0	2					0
DEMPSEY, Conor				2	1	3	0	3					0
DOBLE, Lachlan				1	3	4	0	4					0
DULHUNTY, John					11	11	0	11					0
DUNN-REUPENA, Jordan			2	15		17	20	37	4				20
FALCONER, Stewart				4	3	7	0	7	1				5
FARRAR, Xavier				3	6	9	0	9	3				15
FARRELL, Flynn			19			19	0	19	9	3			51
FEMIA, Jonah					5	5	0	5		2			4
FENWICKE, Louis	1	1	11			11	19	30	6				30
FILIPEK, Tex			3	12		15	8	23	2				10
FITTLER, Zac		1	4			4	20	24					0
FOWLER, Jonty			8			8	19	27	1	27	1		62
GERBER, Otto					1	1	0	1					0
GHATTAS, Charles				3		3	0	3					0
GIUFFRIDA, Matteo				6	7	13	7	20	7				35
GRANT, Lewis				4	10	14	0	14	5	26			77
GRAVES, Dan				4	3	7	0	7					0
GREEN, Edward					2	2	0	2					0
GREER, Arthur			15			15	18	33	7				35
GROVER, Angus	5					0	0	0					0
GUERIN, Cooper				3		3	0	3					0
HARNETT, Thomas					5	5	0	5					0
HARRINGTON, Harry					3	3	0	3	3				15
HAYES, Brandon					7	7	0	7					0
HINRICHSEN, Hugh					13	13	0	13	1				5
HARNETT, Thomas				1	3	4	0	4					0
HOWLETT, Lee						0	14	14					0
HUGHES, Geoffrey					8	8	9	17	2				10
JACOBS, Joel				3	12	15	14	29					0
JOHNSON, Will			14	6		20	0	20	4	46	3		121
JOYCE, Jack					8	8	0	8	1				5
KABLE, Hugo				1		1	16	17			2		6
LAHOOD, Jayden				3	11	14	0	14	5				25

COLTS PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	1G	2G	1C	2C	3C	TOTAL	PREV.	CAREER	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
LANGI, Edwin	4					0	27	27					0
LAWRENCE, Jack			12	1		13	0	13	6				30
LEEMING, Samuel					4	4	0	4					0
LEFEBVRE, Archie				1	9	10	0	10	1				5
LENEHAN, Charlie				13	1	14	0	14	1				5
LLOYD, Finn					15	15	0	15	3				15
LLOYD, William			18			18	4	22	9				45
LLOYD-LEVY, Noah-Dan					1	1	0	1					0
LUA, Sione-Nau				2	6	8	0	8	3				15
LYONS, Edward				13		13	2	15	10				50
MARCHANT, Tom			1	17		18	0	18	9	17			79
MASTRO, Marcus			8	2		10	0	10	2				10
MCCARNEY, Ned				8	9	17	16	33	1				5
MCINERNEY, Apollo			4	12		16	0	16	3				15
MCKENZIE, Angus				5	8	13	0	13	2				10
MCKINNON, Jaykob			14	1		15	0	15	8	11			62
MEEHAN, Brooklyn			6	1		7	14	21					0
MERRION, Henry					1	1	0	1					0
MERRION, Noah					4	4	0	4					0
NEWMAN, Angus			13			13	14	27	9				45
NEWSOME, Rory					9	9	5	14	3	2			19
NIKAS, Mark			2	15		17	11	28	10				50
NORGARD,Tom			7	8		15	18	33	8				40
O'CONNOR, Rory		1	18			18	0	18	7	3			41
O'HARA, Tom			16	1		17	0	17	14				70
O'KANE, Harvey				6	12	18	0	18	5				25
PATTERSON, Max				10	8	18	17	35	5				25
PINN, Jack					12	12	0	12					0
POND, Finnian				5	8	13	11	24					0
RAINFORD, Elliot			13	1		14	19	33	4				20
RATLEDGE, Oscar				4	1	5	0	5		4			8
ROCHE, Max				4	8	12	0	12	15	26	2		133
SEIGMEIER, Henry			2	15	2	19	0	19	3				15
SIEMSEN, Ned					1	1	0	1					0
SLATE, Tylah				1		1	0	1					0
SMITH, Ewan			2	9	4	15	0	15	3				15
SMITH, Patrick					1	1	0	1	1				5
SOEPONO, Max			6	1		7	15	22	3				15
STUCKEY, Cameron			4	4		8	0	8	3				15
TATE, Will					2	2	0	2					0
TAUMOEPEAU, Justice	3		8			8	0	8	1				5
TOOTELL, Tommy				6	2	8	0	8	2				10
TREMAIN, Angus			11	2		13	6	19	2				10
TRUSKETT-JONES, Tyler				1	6	7	0	7					0
TUIFUA, Elijah				4		4	0	4	1				5
TUPOU, Solo				2	4	6	0	6	2				10
UNTERWEGER, Will			6	10	1	17	0	17	5	1			27
VANSTONE, Jack					12	12	0	12	6	1			32
VIVIEAERE-BATES, Zac			10	4		14	16	30					0
WALKER, Edward					4	4	0	4					0
WALKER. Walter				4	7	11	16	27	4				20

COLTS PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	1G	2G	1C	2C	3C	TOTAL	PREV.	CAREER	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
WATKINS, Liam					1	1	0	1					0
WATTERS, Cooper		2	1			1	7	8					0
WEIR, Aston			19			19	0	19	23				115
WHITE, Oliver				2	12	14	36	50	2				10
WHYTE, Ben						0	36	36					0
						0							0
Penalty Try C1						0			1	1			7
Penalty Try C2						0							0
Penalty Try C3						0			1	1			7
2nd Bye Colts 3's						0							0
Forfeit Colts 2's Rd 15						0							0
Colts 3's Bye v. Wildfires						0			4	4			28
Colts 3's Forfiet Rd16 v. Eastwood									4	4			28
						0							0
	13	6	314	329	353	996	522	1518					1892

DIRECTOR OF RUGBY



Following the success of 2024 and 2025, we knew the bar had been set high and continuing that momentum would be a challenge. However, after a strong preseason and some restructuring across our programs, we were confident we had the right people and structures in place to hit the ground running. What followed was another exceptional year for Eastern Suburbs, highlighted by early-season consistency, representative selections, premiership success and, most importantly, our third consecutive Club Championship, equalling the achievements of the great Eastern Suburbs sides of 1969–1971.

To achieve something the club hadn't done in 55 years was incredibly special and a reflection of the work put in by everyone involved across our rugby program.

The season started with fantastic numbers, with 285 registered players across Grade, Colts and Women's rugby. Our Grade program couldn't have asked for a better start, with all four sides (1st–4th Grade) winning their opening eight matches, giving us an incredible 32 consecutive wins to begin the season. It was a great reward for the work put in over preseason and set us up well for the months ahead.

One of the early highlights within our Colts program was having eight players selected in the Australian Under 20 squad, a fantastic achievement for both the players and our development pathway. A particularly pleasing story was Zach Fittler, who initially missed selection but responded with outstanding performances in Rounds 1 and 2 to earn a call-up to travel to South Africa with the squad. It was a great example of a young player taking his opportunity and being rewarded for his performances.

Heading into the June long weekend break, all four Grade teams were sitting either first or second on their respective ladders, while all three Colts sides were inside the top six. Our Women's program also continued to develop throughout the season, with several narrow losses that could easily have gone the other way. The improvement and competitiveness shown by the group were encouraging, and continuing to grow this program remains a key focus for the club.

We also celebrated some fantastic individual milestones throughout the year. Congratulations to Charlie Yole and Will Nicholls on reaching 100 games for Easts, along with Phoebe Loughhead, who became the first female player in the club's history to reach the 100-game milestone. Three outstanding achievements and a great reflection of their commitment to the club.

DIRECTOR OF RUGBY CONT.

Despite our strong start, the Club Championship was far from straightforward. A huge Round 13 clash against Warringah proved important in the race for top spot, before a disappointing return of points against Manly the following week brought the competition right back together. From there, it became a closely fought battle between ourselves and Warringah all the way through to the final round. Thankfully, we were able to wrap up the title by the conclusion of Third Grade in Round 18, securing our third consecutive Club Championship and Grade Club Championship. To match the feats of the 1969–1971 sides is an achievement everyone associated with Eastern Suburbs should be extremely proud of. Club Championships are a genuine reflection of the strength of an entire rugby program, and winning three in a row shows the consistency and depth we've been able to build across the club.

The season finished in the best possible fashion at Leichhardt Oval, on a Grand Final day that will be hard to forget. Our Fourth Grade side got things underway by claiming their third consecutive Henderson Cup, an outstanding achievement from a group that continues to deliver year after year. A massive congratulations to Guy Beever and his coaching staff for the work they've put into the program. Beau White crossed for two tries in the Grand Final to help lead the side to another well-deserved premiership. As the afternoon built towards the 3pm Shute Shield Grand Final, it was fantastic to see the enormous wave of red, white and blue supporters taking over the Leichhardt Oval hill. Seeing Luca Winch, Alex Rice and James Behringer leading the drums and chants amongst our supporters was one of the great sights of the day and really showed the connection between our playing groups and the wider club.

Our First Grade side then capped off an incredible season by winning the 2026 Shute Shield Premiership, our second title in three years. An immense achievement for everyone involved and another special moment in the club's history. One of the most pleasing aspects of the Grand Final side was seeing six players who had come through our First Colts premiership team, alongside two 18-year-olds. For me, this was one of the real highlights of the season. It's fantastic to win premierships, but to do so while bringing young players through our pathway and giving them opportunities at First Grade level is something we should take enormous satisfaction from. It shows that the work being done across our Colts and Grade programs is paying off.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our incredible volunteer base, coaching groups, medical and physiotherapy teams, and strength and conditioning and performance staff. The amount of work that goes on behind the scenes throughout a season is enormous, and the success we've enjoyed wouldn't be possible without their time, commitment and effort. To all our players across Grade, Colts and Women's rugby, thank you for the way you've represented Eastern Suburbs throughout 2026. The commitment to your teammates and the club has been outstanding, and everyone has played a part in what we've achieved this year.

While there is plenty to celebrate, the challenge now is to continue building on what we've created. Three consecutive Club Championships, three consecutive Henderson Cups and two Shute Shield Premierships in three years is a remarkable period for the club. The focus moving forward is to keep developing our players, strengthening our pathways and ensuring we're putting ourselves in a position to compete for success year after year.

The Year of the Beast returned to Woollahra Oval in 2026.

Dan England
Director of Rugby

2026 MEMBERS

Anthony	**Aboud**	Luke	**Bould**	Wayne	**Daniels**
Russell	**Aboud**	Scott	**Bowen**	Tony	**Davis**
Nick	**Adair**	Richard	**Bowman**	Leigh	**Davison**
Mark	**Adams**	Tim	**Boydell**	Roslyn	**Diesner**
Nick	**Aiken**	Graham	**Boyle**	Hugh	**Dive**
Campbell	**Aitken**	Drew	**Bradford**	Michael	**Dixon**
Angus	**Aitken**	Guy	**Brady**	John	**Donald**
George	**Alexiou**	Michael	**Bray**	Hannah	**Donaldson**
Peter	**Allen**	Emily	**Brial**	Steve	**Dooley**
Saxon	**Allen**	Michael	**Brial**	Jake	**Dowse**
David	**Allen**	Michael	**Brial**	Michael	**Doyle**
Simon	**Allsopp**	Lesley	**Brown**	Howard	**Dredge**
William	**Anderson**	Jordan	**Brown**	Toby	**Duncan**
Simon	**Anderson**	Riley	**Brown**	Elia	**Economou**
Kent	**Anderson**	Terri	**Burrell**	James	**Erskine**
Peter	**Anderson**	Michael	**Burrell**	Jacquie	**Erskine**
Tania	**Anderson**	Tim	**Burroughs**	Allan	**Eskdale**
Michael	**Anker**	Jessica	**Burrow**	Angus	**Esslemont**
James	**Arnott**	James	**Bush**	Laurence	**Fahy**
Kris	**Arnott**	Elizabeth	**Buttrose**	Peter	**Falk**
Kate	**Arnott**	Trevor	**Byles**	Andrew	**Falk**
Danii	**Ashton**	Jamie	**Cairns**	Scott	**Fay**
Christine	**Atkinson**	Ian	**Calcraft**	William	**Fay**
Frank	**Austin**	Peter	**Calligeros**	Sam	**Fay**
Gabrielle	**Avery**	Sacha	**Calligeros**	Ruben James	**Fella**
Stuart	**Avery**	Scott	**Cam**	David	**Fenwicke**
William	**Barber**	Chris	**Camm**	Mark	**Finnane**
Matthew	**Barlow**	Sally	**Chapman**	Guy	**Firth**
Robyn	**Barrett**	Will	**Chapman**	Mark	**Flitcroft**
Joe	**Barry**	John	**Chapple**	Oliver	**Flitcroft**
Andrew	**Bartop**	Karin	**Christie**	Steven	**Fornasaro**
Stephen	**Bartrop**	Angus	**Clunies-Ross**	Andrew	**Foxton**
Robert	**Bartrop**	Michael	**Cochran**	Kristane	**Foxton**
Clive	**Baskin**	Brad	**Cogan**	Elliot	**Frawley**
Ian	**Bate**	David	**Cohen**	Oliver	**Freer**
Kim	**Batger**	Ian	**Cohen**	Erich	**Friedl**
Trevor	**Batger**	Simon	**Colwell**	David	**Gabriel**
Peter	**Bavin**	John	**Cooper**	David	**Gallagher**
David	**Beale**	James	**Cooper**	Roger	**Gamble**
Anthony	**Beaumont**	Michael	**Coppola**	Darren	**Gardner**
Benjamin	**Bell**	Rebecca	**Cossalter**	James	**Garnsey**
Samantha	**Beresford**	Paul	**Cowper**	Timothy	**Gavin**
Harriet	**Beynon**	John	**Cox**	Archie	**Gavin**
Lucy	**Billington**	Laurence	**Coy**	Peter	**George**
Simon	**Birrell**	Bruce	**Creecy**	Michael	**Gerethy**
Nathan	**Blair**	Brad	**Crompton**	Nicholas	**Ghattas**
Wren	**Bligh**	George	**Crowley**	Jeremy	**Gibb**
John	**Blondin**	Micheal	**Cunningham**	Andrew	**Gillespie**
Ian	**Bobrow**	Elise	**Daly**	Paul	**Gillian**
Steven	**Bock**	Nathan	**Daly**	Paul	**Gillian**

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Angus	**Girle**	Michael	**Lakeman**	Arthur	**Mitchell**
Daniel	**Giuffrida**	Mark	**Lampson**	John	**Mitchell**
Stephen	**Goddard**	Sam	**Laverty**	Stafford	**Moore**
Jamie	**Gordon**	Toby	**Lawson**	Asher	**Morris**
Bill	**Graves**	Andrew	**Lawson**	Steve	**Morris**
Barry	**Green**	John	**Leahy**	James	**Morrison**
Martin	**Greenberg**	David	**Lennon**	Jim	**Morrow**
Jon	**Greer**	Anthony	**Lewis**	Peter	**Moses**
Sarah	**Greer**	Grant	**Lodge**	Tim	**Moses**
Rebecca	**Guilfoyle**	Jenny	**Lorkin**	Anthony	**Mossman**
David	**Guilfoyle**	Nathan	**Lowe**	Mathew	**Muggeridge**
Ivan	**Haege**	Sarah	**Luff**	John	**Murray**
Tom	**Haigh**	Peter	**Lumley**	Michael	**Muston**
Mick	**Halliday**	Jason	**Mabee**	Warwick	**Negus**
Tom	**Halliwell**	Steve	**Mack**	Taleah	**Neowhouse**
Richard	**Handley**	Melissa	**MacLeod-Marcells**	Brett	**Newman**
Nicholas	**Harriman**	James	**MacPherson**	Justine	**Nicholls**
Stuart	**Harris**	Bronwyn	**Maddocks**	David	**Nolan**
Scot	**Hayman**	Will	**Maddocks**	Nicholas	**Norman**
James	**Henderson**	Peter	**Maddocks**	Michael	**O'Brien**
Geoffrey	**Henderson**	Tim	**Mahony**	Patrick	**O'connor**
Michael	**Hickman**	Kim	**Maloney**	David	**O'Halloran**
Tom	**Hillyard**	Kevin	**Maloufs**	Michael	**O'Leary**
Peter	**Hinchey**	Arthur	**Mansour**	Rodney	**O'Neil**
Sam	**Hindmarsh**	George	**Marcells**	Dominic	**O'Neil**
Chris	**Hirst**	Andrew	**Marchant**	Patrick	**O'Neil**
Laura	**Holdsworth**	Scott	**Marchant**	Tim	**O'Neill**
Stuart	**Hudson**	Scott	**Martel**	John	**O'Neill**
Greg	**Hughes**	Mark	**Matsock**	Cormac	**OKelly**
Mike	**Huls**	Mark	**Maunder**	Michael	**Palmer**
Ethan	**Hunt**	Jim	**Maxwell**	Vincent	**Parrelli**
Simon	**Hunter**	Robbie	**Mayer**	James	**Patterson**
John	**Hutchin**	Ben	**Mayo**	SAM	**Payne**
Douglas	**Isles**	Fraser	**Mcausland**	Edwina	**Payne**
David	**Jackson**	John	**McCarroll**	Harry	**Pepper**
Graham	**Jackson**	Max	**McCathie**	Brian	**Pereira**
William	**Jamieson**	Hamish	**McCathie**	Andrew	**Petrie**
Oscar	**Jimenez**	Jack	**McCathie**	Amber	**Piggin**
Kaz	**Johnson**	Madeleine	**McCathie**	Ron	**Porter**
Damian	**Johnston**	Robert	**McCormick**	Joseph	**Porteus**
Gregory	**Jones**	Duncan	**McDonald**	Warwick	**Poulden**
Matthew	**Juracich**	Don	**McDougall**	Bill	**Pulver**
Tom	**Keady**	Lionel	**McFadyen**	Richie	**Purseglove**
Steve	**Kerlander**	Matt	**McGann**	Sean	**Rahilly**
Peter	**King**	Zoe	**McInerney**	Andrew	**Ratcliffe**
Peter	**King**	John	**McKay**	Phillip	**Reed**
Kerry	**King**	Phil	**McMahon**	Dominic	**Remond**
Ross	**King**	Neasa	**Mellett**	John	**Richardson**
Paul	**King**	Deb	**Melrose**	Judy	**Richardson**
Simon	**Kurts**	Judy	**Michael**	Paul	**Rigby**

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David	**Ritchie**	Andrew	**Tyler**
Steve	**Roach**	Hugh	**Urquhart**
Rory	**Robertson**	Tim	**Usasz**
Kasaan	**Rogan**	John	**Vicars**
Michael	**Rowles**	Will	**Vicars**
Adam	**Rubner**	Tuainafua (Fua)	**Vieru**
Graham	**Russell**	Matt	**Wacher**
Caroline	**Ryan**	Gary	**Walls**
John	**Ryan**	Mark	**Walsh**
Patrick	**Ryan**	Garry	**Walsh**
Paul	**Ryan**	Greg	**Walsh**
Peter	**Ryan**	Sean	**Walsh**
Frank	**Scanlan**	Sandy	**Warburton**
John	**Scanlan**	John	**Warton**
Karl	**Schuetza**	Bryan	**Waters**
Peter	**Sciberras**	Simone	**Wayland**
David	**Scribner**	Andrew	**Wayland**
Penny	**Serfontein**	Simon	**Weaver**
Rob	**Shaw**	Aaron	**Weir**
Peter	**Shipway**	Kate	**White**
Leal	**Shorney**	Mark	**White**
John	**Simos**	Edward	**White**
David	**Simpson**	Andrew	**Whitten**
Craig	**Smith**	Andrew	**Whitton**
Newton	**Smith**	Alan	**Williamson**
Ben	**Smith**	Geoffrey	**Willmott**
Tony	**Squires**	Brett	**Wilson**
Kenneth	**Stanton**	Bob	**Wilson**
Captain	**Starwars**	John	**Winning**
Lucy	**Stead**	Giles	**Woodgate**
Jonathon	**Stead**	Michael	**Wright**
Lindsay	**Stevens**	Neville	**Wyatt**
Ross	**Strang**	Gillian	**Yole**
Tom	**Sullivan**	Phil	**Zylstra**
Peter	**Sumsky**	David	**Zylstra**
Fiona	**Swain**	John	**Zylstra**
Anthony	**Swain**		
Abigail	**Sweep**		
John	**Szangolies**		
Peter	**Tate**		
James	**Tate**		
Michael	**Tate**		
Clinton	**Taylor**		
Justin	**Taylor**		
John	**Tierney**		
Lauren	**Tischendorf**		
Peter	**Tonkin**		
Alex	**Toone**		
Bianca	**Tootell**		
Shane	**Traynor**		

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EASTERN SUBURBS DISTRICT RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED
(A.C.N. 000 277 538)
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
2 December 2025

The meeting was held at the Clubhouse, O'Sullivan Road Rose Bay on Tuesday 2 December 2025 at 6:30pm

1. Present

Refer to attachment ESDRUFC AGM 2025 Attendance.

2. Open

Dr. David Allen (**the President**) declared that there was a quorum present and declared the AGM open at 6:45pm

3. Apologies

Mr. Steve Goddard, Mr. John Murray, Mr. Bob Wilson, Mr. Peter Tate, Mr. Andy Tyler, Mr. Michale Doyle, Mr. Scott Bowen and Mr. Peter Falk.

4. Vale

A minute's silence was held to remember Members and former players who had passed away – Mr. William "Billy" McCarthy, Mr. Anthony "Smacka" McCarthy, Mr. Peter Funnell, Mr. Gary Avis and Mr. Craig "Moose" Moore.

5. Presidents Report

The President opened his address by introducing all the Directors present, acknowledging their roles in the club's success and thanking them for their contribution. Special mention was made of Mr. Alex Toone and Mrs. Kate Brown who were stepping down from the Board and other were mentioned for their contribution to the club. The President thanked the following individuals:

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- Mr. Alex Toone for driving the connection and cohesiveness between the senior and junior arms of the club.
- Mrs. Kate Brown on her instrumental role of driving the high standards of event presentation at the club, most notably game day, presentation nights and the 125-year anniversary ball.
- Ms. Fleur Steinberg in her first year as General Manager and the outstanding quality of her work over the course of the season.
- The President extended heartfelt thanks to Mr. Ken Wright, who was stepping down as auditor after twenty-five (25) years of service to the club.

The President spoke to the on-field performance of the club and celebrated the 125th anniversary, acknowledging the high standards set in 2024 were always going to be challenging to replicate in 2025, however the year remained a significant success and noted the following highlights:

- Repeating as Club Champions
- Holders of the Sir Roden Cutler Shield
- 1st Grade Head Coach Mr. Ben Batger named 2025 Coach of the Year
- 1st Grade as Australian Club Champions, Minor Premiers and defeated Grand Finalists
- Premierships won by 3rd Grade, 4th Grade and Women's 2nd division
- The positive direction of the Women's rugby program
- 1st Colts back to back Grand Finalists

The President thanked all those who played a role in the on-field performance of the club, including all coaching staff, Ms. Fleur Steinberg, Mr. Rob Messiter and all team managers. Special mention was also made of parents, supporters, the Foundation Board and the Juniors.

Looking ahead to 2026, there was a lot to be excited about, in particular, the opening of the new changerooms with Federal, State and Council support and thanks were extended to all donors in the room. Future plans include exploring the possibility of an eastern side grandstand, currently at a conceptual stage. The ambition to be able to host more games of rugby and noting the consistent hosting overflow made possible due to our synthetic pitch.

The President directed the Members to his written report in the Annual Report and concluded his remarks by thanking the Members for their support.

6. Treasurers Report

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The Treasurer directed the Members to his report in the Annual Report, shared highlights of the year and encouraged any questions from those present:

- Strong financial performance of the club and associated cashflow
- Thanked Ken Wright for his work over many years
- Noted several one-offs with detailed provided in the Annual Report
    - Accounting treatment for the changerooms
    - Not owned by the club (change from advice last year)
    - Fully funded through various grants
- Strong bar trading of circa $2.8m
- Strong sponsorship numbers and positive retention of the sponsorship portfolio.

There were no questions from the floor:

7. Financial Reports

The Financial Reports, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 September 2025 having been previously distributed via email, available on the club website and hard copies made available, were tabled at the meeting. On enquiry by The President, there were no questions.

8. Nomination of Honorary Life Members

The President noted this agenda item as the most prestigious item of the AGM. The meeting was reminded of the constitutional requirements of a 75% majority support for each motion. The Board and Patron had developed guidelines to be used when considering any nomination and these have been endorsed by the Board.

The Directors received five (5) nominations for Honorary Life Membership. In accordance with Article 7 of the Club's Constitution, the Directors ask the meeting to consider and vote on the recommendation of the Board for the following two (2) nominations:

i. **Mr. John McKay**

Mr. Michael Rowles as proposer and Mr. Jim Tate seconder.

Mr. Rowles spoke in favour of Mr. McKay's nomination and his significant contribution as both a player and administrator. Following his time at the club, Mr. McKay went onto serve both NSWRU and ARU. Given his contribution across club, state and country, Mr. McKay was very deserving of this honour.

Mr. John McKay was unanimously elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Club. The President and the meeting congratulated Mr. McKay on his election.

ii. **Mr. Mark Finnane**

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Mr. John Chapple as proposer and Mr. Michael Rowles as seconder.

Mr. Chapple spoke to Mr. Finnane's involvement with the club, commencing at Bays U5s through to his time at the senior club, extensively detailing his playing achievements both at the club (including 113 1st Grade games, 149 grade games in total, 2 grade premierships, tours to NZ in 1977 and SA/Canada in 1980) and at representative level. Mr. Finnane went on to serve as a Board Director between 1989-1992.

Mr. Finnane was unanimously elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Club. The President and the meeting congratulated Mr. Finnane on his election.

9. Election of Office Bearers

i. Patron

The President called for nominations for the role of Patron. Mr. Peter Shipway nominated Mr. Jim Tate for re-election, seconded by Mr. Ian Cohen. The appointment was unanimously endorsed by the Meeting and the President congratulated Mr. Tate on his re-election.

The Board vacated their role, and the Patron took the Chair of the Meeting.

ii. Board Elections

The Patron noted the Directors standing for re-election. There were no questions from the meeting on the candidates.

In accordance with Article 20(c), the Patron conducted the following Director elections in order, with an individual resolution for each.

OFFICE	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
PRESIDENT	Dr. David Allen	Mr. Hamish McCathie	Mr. Michael Lakeman
VICE PRESIDENT (RUGBY)	Mr. Elliot Frawley	Mr. Oliver Sumsky	Mr. Ian Cohen
VICE PRESIDENT (HOUSE)	Mr. Patrick Ryan	Mr. Hamish McCathie	Mr. Sean Rahilly
VICE PRESIDENT (SPONSORSHIP)	Mr. Angus Esslemont	Mr. Peter Shipway	Mr. Michael Tate
HONORARY TREASURER	Mr. Michael Wright	Mr. Simon Allsopp	Mr. Michael Tate

The Patron noted two (2) vacant Director positions and the proposal by the Board for the election of two (2) excellent candidates in Ms. Lucy Billington and Mr. Steven Morris.

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Ms. Billington spoke to her family connection with her son playing at Bays and her husband a previous player and current coach at the club. A member of the Bays Board, Ms. Billington is looking forward to continuing to strengthen the connection and communication between the junior and senior clubs.

Mr. Morris spoke to his association with the club beginning as a grade coach in 2004 and more recently eight (8) years with juniors. Mr. Morris spoke to his commercial background, work with the juniors' board on sponsorship and his excitement to contribute to the club.

The Patron thanked Mr. Toone and Ms. Brown for their significant contributions, again highlighting Ms. Brown's work in revolutionising the game day experience at Easts and congratulated her on the legacy she leaves behind. Both positions were unopposed, and the nominated positions were declared duly elected.

The Patron advised that Mr. Scott Bowen and Mr. Alex King were standing for re-election. Both positions were unopposed and the nominated positions were declared duly elected.

The Patron handed back Chair of the Meeting to the President.

The President further noted that Mr. Graham Jackson, President of Easts Juniors, has a standing invitation to Board meetings to ensure continued communication, transparency and alignment between the senior and junior boards.

10. General Business

i. **Kate Brenac Award**
   a. The President was supportive of further consideration towards a memorial/perpetual style award to recognise Kate's legacy.
   b. The award would look to recognise contribution across juniors, colts and grade, as well as personal qualities embodied by Kate.
   c. It was agreed to consider this further.

ii. **Mr. Michael Rowles to the President – Honorary Life Membership (HLM)**
   a. Mr. Rowles submitted three (3) nominations as proposer and two (2) were unsuccessful.
   b. Mr. Rowles expressed his dissatisfaction with the Board's approach to HLM; being the basis upon which to limit two (2) per year and the manner by which the guidelines were introduced.
   c. Mr. Rowles acknowledged the rights and role of the Board but felt the guidelines were overreach, and a matter that should have been tabled at an AGM.

d. The President thanked Mr. Rowles for the question, taking his points but respectfully disagreed. The President confirmed there was no change to the Constitution, and they were specifically guidelines to aid decision making and preserve the prestige of the HLM honour. It was noted that significant time and consultation occurred in the development of the guidelines and whilst Mr. Rowles disappointment was understood, the Board's ultimate loyalty was to the club.
e. Mr. Rowles disagreed with the President's view.

iii. **Mr. John Chapple to the President – HLM**
   a. Mr. Chapple seconded Mr. Rowles comments and referred to Article 7 of the Constitution.
   b. Further, Mr. Chapple noted the four (4) nominations elected in 2018 and queried who the President would have denied election.
   c. The President again emphasised the guidelines were not a change to the Constitution. They were specifically designed to protect the honour and prestige of HLM, not to detract from it. As guidelines, they can be changed.

iv. **Mr. Peter Shipway to Mr. Elliot Frawley (VP of Rugby)**
   a. Mr. Shipway asked Mr. Frawley about player turnover and the rugby program's plans to address this.
      i. Mr. Frawley provided a general recap of recent player movement as well as succession planning through the grades into colts. Additional information was provided as to the scouting ambitions and positions of need the coaches were addressing, as well as movements in staffing including Dan England promoted to Director of Rugby, to address this.
   b. Mr. Shipway asked a further question of Mr. Frawley regarding SRU changes to the points cap.
      i. Mr. Frawley provided an overview of the system, then spoke further regarding the 2027 season structure and teams' overview.

v. **Mr. Michael Lakeman to the President**
      i. Mr. Lakeman asked if the new changerooms would assist the club's chances of hosting Finals matches.
      ii. The President responded that it would, however seating capacity remains a significant issue, hence the Board's proposal to address.
      iii. The President explained additional seating is current borrowed from Scots, whilst our recent Finals crowd was double that of North Sydney Oval's finals fixture, demonstrating the desirability of Woollahra Oval as a host ground.
   b. **Mr. Hamish McCathie**
      i. Mr. McCathie acknowledged his role as Chair of the Easts Foundation and thanked the Patron, Ms. Steinberg and the Board for their

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tireless efforts that have contributed towards the success of the club, on and off field.

ii. Express mention was made of Mr. Angus Esslemont and Mr. Patrick Ryan in their respective roles and their outstanding contributions have had an incredible impact on the club.

iii. Mr. McCathie asserted that the club remains in a better position than any other Shute Shield club and that after some extremely challenging years, the club is financially sustainable and has the Board to thank for this.

iv. The President thanked Mr. McCathie for his kind words and support.

The meeting closed at 7:36pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

DAVID ALLEN
CHAIRMAN



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