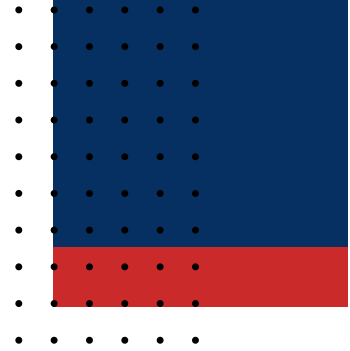




ESDRUFRC 67TH ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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

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 SEVENTH EVENT 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 2ND DECEMBER 2025 AT 6.30PM

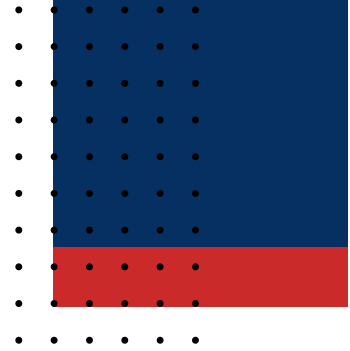
AGENDA

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 2025.
4. Election of Office Bearers for the ensuring year.
5. Nomination of Honorary Life Member

The Directors, having received the nomination of Mark Finnane and John McKay 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, 28th November 2025 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: Kate Carulli

Director: Alex King

Director: Alex Toone

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	
* HW Snell	* B Williamson	* DM Emanuel	
* GA Black	SMK Goddard	MH Doyle	

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

*Denotes Deceased

OBITUARY 2025

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:

Billy McCarthy

Anthony “Smacka” McCarthy

Peter Funnell

Gary Avis

Craig “Moose” Moore

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.

Campbell	Aitken	Women	Christopher	James	1st Colts
Shaun	Allsopp	Women	Robert	Jamieson	S&C
Craig	Baker	Volunteer	Rob	Johnston	3rd Grade
Ross	Barry	5th Grade	Alex	King	4th Grade
Ben	Batger	1st Grade	John	Malone	2nd Grade
Guy	Beever	4th Grade	Mark	Maunder	Volunteer
Graham	Boyle	1st Colts	Jack	McCathie	2nd Colts
Georgie	Brady	Medical	Brian	Melrose	1st Grade
Graeme	Bookallil	Volunteer	Ross	Messiter	Medical
Timothy	Buchanan	2nd Grade	Daniel	Mowen	S&C
Rob	Cheval	Women	James	Parrelli	5th Grade
Karin	Christie	Women	Alexander	Rapajic-Leaver	1st Grade
Ian	Cohen	1st Grade	Matt	Reade	Women
Rob	Critchlow	4th Grade	Max	Rush	3rd Grade
Marcus	Cullen	3rd Grade	Elisha	Shifroni	Medical
Mike	Doyle	Match Day Manager	Peter	Shipway	1st Colts
Adam	Elford	2nd Grade	Ben	Staunton	1st Colts
Daniel	England	1st Colts	Scott	Stevens	3rd Grade
Dafydd	Evans	Grade	Lachlan	Stewart	Medical
Jed	Gillespie	1st Grade	Adam	Stitcher	5th Grade
Jack	Gooding	2nd Colts	Oliver	Sumsky	1st Grade
Cohan	Guerra	3rd Grade	Peter	Sumsky	3rd Colts
Lucas	Guerrera	S&C	Michael	Tate	4th Grade
Nick	Harris	2nd Colts	Peter	Tate	2nd Grade
Laila	Harrity	Medical	Alex	Todd	Women
Blake	Henman	4th Grade	Ella	Turner	Medical
Robert	Hooper	Head Manager	Garry	Walsh	2nd Grade
Jordan	Jackson-Hope	3rd Grade	Masahiro	Watanabe	Medical
Ashleigh	James	S&C	Luke	Wilson	2nd Grade

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.

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ROBERT PLUMB



Switzer

McGrath
DOUBLE BAY



PEOPLE ONE



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	
* 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	*AS Martel	101	J Grant	104
FDM Curran	111	*JJ Maunsell	100		
G Debartolo	101	R McCormick	116		
*WA Douglas	102	M McGann	152		
B Dunn	101	R McMickan	100		
I Eskdale	144	*BJ Neowhouse	103		
LJ Fahy	141	*HRJ Newton	264		
MG Finnane	113	S O'Hara	100		
MJ Gerethy	115	SJ Payne	105		
RJ Gilbert	131	*JL Radovic	116		
*AH Good	135	*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

2025 REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Julian Heaven	Waratahs	Henry Paterson	Aussie 7s Captain	Arabella McKenzie	Waratahs, Wallaroos
Miles Amatosero	Waratahs	Nathaniel Tiitii	Australia U20s	Desiree Miller	Waratahs, Wallaroos
Fergus Lee-Warner	Waratahs	Edwin Langi	Australia U20s, NSW 19s	Georgina Friedrichs	Waratahs, Wallaroos
Rob Leota	Waratahs	Toby Brial	Australia U20s NSW 19s	Maya Stewart	Waratahs, Wallaroos
Jamie Adamson	Waratahs	Jacob Veriu	Australia U20s	Kaitlyn Leaney	Waratahs, Wallaroos
Charlie Gamble	Waratahs	Charlie O Kane	Australia U20s	Caitlyn Halse	Waratahs, Wallaroos
Jack Grant	Waratahs	Will Guilfoyle	Australia U20s	Annabelle Codey	Waratahs, Wallaroos
Teddy Wilson	Waratahs	Cooper Watters	Australia U20s	Martha Harvey	Waratahs
Jack Bowen	Waratahs	Flynn Clatworthy	NSW U19s	Rosie Ferguson	Waratahs
Darby Lancaster	Waratahs	Zach Fittler	NSW 19s	Jacinta Windsor	Waratahs
Otto Serfontein	Super Aus	Louis Fenwicke	NSW 19s	Tink Morgan	Waratahs
Leo Jacques	Super Aus	Arthur Greer	NSW 19s	Aroha Spillane	Waratahs
Sid Harvey	Super Aus, Aus 20s, Aussie 7s	Brooklyn Meehan	NSW 19s	Ella Ryan	Brumbies, Aus A 7's
Michael Icley	Aussie 7s	Jonty Fowler	Australia Under 18s	Ruby Colling	Sydney
Henry Palmer	Aussie 7s	Will Harris	Western Force	Armarni Bentley	Sydney
		Jeremy Williams	Western Force, Wallabies	Darcy Blades	Sydney
				Daphne Doumanis	Greece
				Rayna Ellis	Aus Combined Forces
				Tenniah Papa	Aus Combined Forces

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PREMIERSHIPS

Greg 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			2000
1955			2024
1956			2025
1969			
1970			
1971*			
1984#			
2024			
2025			

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

David Brockhoff Medal
Coach of The Year - Awarded by SRU

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		
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		



2025 SEASON PLAYER AWARDS

ESDRUFC Most Improved Grade Player 2025	Jack Tougher Wells
ESDRUFC Bruce Chiene Award for B&F Colt 2025	Josh Va'alotu
ESDRUFC Paddy Rahilly Shield for Most Improved Colt 2025	George Calligeros
ESDRUFC Matt Street Award 2025	Otto Serfontein
ESDRUFC HRJ "Perc" Newton Best Defensive player 2025	Georgie Gibson
ESDRUFC Ben Neowhouse Clubperson 2025	James Parrelli
ESDRUFC Women's Most Improved 2025	Hailey Blatchford

ESDRUFC Women's B&F XVs 2025	Aroha Spillane
ESDRUFC Women's Players Player 2025	Armarni Bentley
ESDRUFC Women's B&F Div2 2025	Seraphina Brown

ESDRUFC 1st Grade B&F 2025	Josh Bokser
ESDRUFC 2nd Grade B&F 2025	Oliver Nicolle
ESDRUFC 2nd Grade B&F 2025	Bryn Davies
ESDRUFC 3rd Grade B&F 2025	Joey Ryan
ESDRUFC 4th Grade B&F 2025	Tim Nicholls
ESDRUFC 5th Grade B&F 2025	Charlie Yole

ESDRUFC 1st Colts B&F 2025	Arthur Greer
ESDRUFC 1st Colts B&F 2025	Louis Fenwicke
ESDRUFC 2nd Colts B&F 2025	Ben Whyte
ESDRUFC 3rd Colts B&F 2025	Raff Rossi

2025 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our great club's 125th anniversary year will live long in our collective memory.

We followed up a breakout 2024 season by claiming yet more titles. From the triumphs of our 3rd and 4th Grade sides; the Australian Club Champions, the Sir Roden Cutler Shield, 1st Grade Minor Premiers, back-to-back grand final appearances for 1st Grade and for the first time since 1990/91, back-to-back grand final appearances for 1st Grade Colts, of course, back-to-back Club Championships for the first time since 1969/70. These victories are a testament to the grit, determination, and unyielding spirit of every player who donned the Easts jersey this season.

Our women's program is rebuilding well under Campbell Aitken, and we are excited to see the fruits of that work in the coming years. I commend each and every one of you for your tenacity, resilience, and never-say-die attitude.

Naturally, success on the field is only possible because of 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: your strategic acumen and leadership have been instrumental in driving our teams to success.
- To our Club GM, Fleur Steinberg: thank you for your can-do attitude, incredible work ethic, and passion for our club.
- To the age-defying Ross Messiter and his outstanding medical team: your dedication to keeping our players fit and ready is unparalleled.
- To our team managers: your devotion and behind-the-scenes efforts do not go unnoticed.
- To the parents and supporters: your loyalty and faith, during both lean years and triumphs, are the foundation of our club's spirit.
- And finally, to the club, foundation, and junior boards: your commitment and hard work are the backbone of our success.

2025 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A special mention must go to our generous sponsors, particularly Marco Rossi and Built. Your unwavering financial support and wise counsel have been invaluable. Your partnership has been a key pillar of our achievements, and we are deeply grateful.

Early next year, we will unveil new changerooms and medical facilities—a much-needed upgrade to our infrastructure. We also look forward to sharing with you our plans for a grandstand on the eastern side of the field.

To all members of the Easts family, thank you for making 2025 a year we will never forget. Let us carry this momentum into 2026 and beyond.

Dr. David Allen
President, Easts Rugby Club



2025 TRESURER'S REPORT

Dear Members

The club reported a net surplus of \$55,613 for the year ended 30 September 2025 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 trading result and comparing to prior year, I am providing some details of certain items that have been different in each of the years:

- In 2024 we received \$100k Foundation grant income and \$45k donation income towards setting up the gaming room which were not received in 2025.
- Bad debt expense in 2024 was \$27k but \$25k of this this was credited back to income in 2025 after the at risk debtors were recovered.
- In 2024 we expensed \$52k of changing room development costs with no income recognised. We have recognised \$52k of income in 2025 as we are now confident we have secured sufficient grants to cover all costs.
- In 2025, we incurred \$54k of lease costs relating to gaming machines which are now fully paid off.

In relation to underlying trading:

- The House had another good year with 17% increase on bar sales to \$2.8 million demonstrating the success of Andrew McNamara's drive to make Easts a go to destination – thank you Andrew for all your hard work.
- Sponsorship revenue increased \$144k to \$830k with contra income increasing from \$105k to \$141k. Thank you to all our sponsors for making it possible to run such a successful rugby campaign and thanks also to Gus, Fleur and Dom for successfully attracting and retaining sponsors.
- Grants received from the Foundation were only \$9k reflecting the strong cash position of the club which allowed us to leave all funds raised by the Foundation to be invested including the \$230k raised for changing room lockers.
- Game day and sponsorship costs increased significantly, in part due to orderly transition of General Manager during the year to enable Dom to handover to Fleur. There was also significant investment in promoting and improving the game day experience but it should be noted that \$50k of that cost was advertising contra so no 'real' cost to the club.

2025 TRESURER'S REPORT CONT.

Our balance sheet position is strong as at 30 September 2025:

- Cash of over \$1 million
- All year end debtors now received
- All year end trade creditors now paid. We made quarterly payments to Andrew throughout the 2025 year whereas in 2024, all balances owing for the year were paid after year end which explains the large reduction in operating cashflow in 2025.
- 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.

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 think I would be struggling to do this role. I would also like to acknowledge the decades of service that Ken Wright has provided as our auditor of the club. Ken is retiring this year and we will need to appoint a new auditor in due course. Ken's support for the board, especially during some of the leaner years for the club have been outstanding (even if he does support Randwick!) – thank you Ken.



Mike Wright
Treasurer
14 November 2025

Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club Limited
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
ABN 80 000 277 538

Sixty-seventh Annual Report
For the 12 months ended 30 September 2025

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 September 2025. The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

David Allen	Board member 6 years
Patrick Ryan	Board member 5 years
Angus Esslemont	Board member 5 years
Kate Brown	Board member 4 years
Michael Tate	Board member 3 years until December 2024
Alex Toone	Board member 4 years
Brendan McKibbin	Board member 3 years until December 2024
Alex King	Board member 2 years
Michael Wright	Board member 2 years
Elliot Frawley	Appointed December 2024
Scott Bowen	Appointed December 2024

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

The Principal activity of the Company during the year was the promotion and conduct of Rugby activities and a licenced club.
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.
- * to ensure that adequate finances are available to promote and conduct the Rugby activities.

To achieve these objectives the entity has adopted the following strategies:

- * The management of licenced 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.

The net result of the Company for the year ended 30th September 2025 was a profit of \$55,613 (2024:\$125,164 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.

Post Balance Day Events

There are no post balance day events to report.

Auditors Independence Declaration

The auditor's independence statement follows the audit report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



David Allen
President

Dated 14 November 2025



Michael Wright
Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 SEPT 2025**

	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenues			
Football & sponsorship	10	1,078,797	1,038,630
House	11	2,768,837	2,378,795
Changing Room Grants	16	1,972,227	-
Other	12	218,045	239,859
		<u>6,037,906</u>	<u>3,657,284</u>
Expenditures			
Football & sponsorship	10	1,270,939	1,132,230
House	11	2,472,578	2,118,773
Changing Room development	16	1,919,788	52,439
Other	13	318,988	228,678
		<u>5,982,293</u>	<u>3,532,120</u>
Net Surplus for the year		<u>55,613</u>	<u>125,164</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
Current Assets			
Cash on hand		18,000	23,000
Cash at Bank & Invested Funds		1,160,201	1,147,963
Receivables and other assets	3	255,602	100,192
Inventories	4	62,587	33,679
Total Current Assets		<u>1,496,390</u>	<u>1,304,834</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	5	<u>229,828</u>	<u>250,012</u>
Total Assets		<u>1,726,218</u>	<u>1,554,846</u>
Current Liabilities			
Bank overdraft	14	-	-
Accounts payable and other payables	6	537,355	487,661
Provisions & deferred income	7	412,044	315,979
Borrowings	8	<u>45,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>994,399</u>	<u>878,640</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>994,399</u>	<u>878,640</u>
Net Assets		<u>731,819</u>	<u>676,206</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

		2025 \$	2024 \$
Cashflows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from customers		4,233,607	4,083,344
Payments to suppliers, tax and employees		<u>(4,420,719)</u>	<u>(3,573,789)</u>
Net Cash from Operating Activities	9	<u>(187,112)</u>	<u>509,555</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments for changing room development (excluding GST)		(1,366,506)	(52,439)
Payments for new grandstand project		(41,828)	-
Payments for property, plant and equipment (net)		<u>(17,316)</u>	<u>(148,287)</u>
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		<u>(1,425,650)</u>	<u>(200,726)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Government grants received		1,650,000	276,906
Loans from/(repaid to) Directors		<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>75,000</u>
Net Cash from Financing Activities		<u>1,620,000</u>	<u>351,906</u>
Net increase in cash held		7,238	660,735
Cash at beginning of year		<u>1,170,963</u>	<u>510,228</u>
Cash at Bank & Invested Funds at end of year		<u>1,178,201</u>	<u>1,170,963</u>

Note: FY24 restated to move \$52,439 from operating cashflow to investing activity in relation to changing rooms expenses.

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Retained profits at beginning of year	676,206	551,042
Net profit	55,613	125,164
Retained profits at end of year	<u>731,819</u>	<u>676,206</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

These financial statements and notes represent those of the Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club. (referred to hereafter as The Club or the Company)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Act 2001.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 14 November 2025 by the Directors of the company.

Accounting Policies

Revenue

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Income tax

The company considers its operations relating to members to be exempt from income tax under Section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 in that the Club was established for the encouragement and promotion of the game of Rugby Union.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, Plant and Equipment are carried at cost. All assets, excluding freehold land, are depreciated over their useful lives to the company.

Depreciation rates used for each class of asset are:

	Depreciation Rate
Leasehold improvements	2.5 - 5%
Plant and equipment	10 - 15%
Furniture and fittings	7.5 - 10%

Leases

Lease payments to operating leases, which where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Employee Entitlements and Benefits

Employee entitlements are expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at their nominal amount. Contributions are made by the Club to the employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

Liability of Members

The liability of members is limited. Clause 6 of the Memorandum of the Association of the Club provides that every member of the Club undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Club in the event of the Club being wound up during the time that he or she is a member or within one year afterwards for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Club contracted before the time at which he or she ceases to be a member of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the Club for the adjustment of the rights of contributories amongst themselves such an amount as may be required not exceeding four dollars.

Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of expense.

Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the entity reviews the carrying values of assets to determine if those assets to have been impaired. If that has occurred, the recoverable amount of the asset is compared to the carrying value of the asset. Any excess of the asset carrying value is expensed on the Income Statement.

Cash

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and at call deposits with bank and financial institutions, and net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
2. Profit and loss items		
Profit for the year has been determined after charging the following items :		
Auditor remuneration	5,000	5,000
Depreciation	37,500	30,000
Provision for doubtful debts (decrease)/increase	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>26,800</u>
3. Current Receivables and other assets		
Accounts receivable	180,833	97,633
Prepayments	42,941	37,559
Grandstand development	41,828	-
Provision for doubtful debts	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>(35,000)</u>
	<u>255,602</u>	<u>100,192</u>
4. Inventories		
Beverages at cost	<u>62,587</u>	<u>33,679</u>
	<u>62,587</u>	<u>33,679</u>
5. Property, Plant & Equipment		
Leasehold improvements - at cost	419,592	419,712
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(334,577)</u>	<u>(324,577)</u>
	<u>85,015</u>	<u>95,135</u>
Plant and equipment - at cost	232,329	222,009
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(220,194)</u>	<u>(215,194)</u>
	<u>12,135</u>	<u>6,815</u>
Furniture and fittings - at cost	182,802	175,685
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(161,703)</u>	<u>(159,203)</u>
	<u>21,099</u>	<u>16,482</u>
Gaming - at cost	146,580	146,580
less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(35,000)</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>
	<u>111,580</u>	<u>131,580</u>
	<u>229,828</u>	<u>250,012</u>
Movements in net carrying amounts		
Balance at the beginning of the year	250,012	131,725
Additions	17,436	148,287
Disposals	(120)	-
Depreciation expense	<u>(37,500)</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>
Balance at the end of the year	<u>229,828</u>	<u>250,012</u>

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
6. Accounts Payable and other payables		
Accounts payable & other creditors	347,441	485,461
Changing room development creditors	187,714	-
Security Deposits	2,200	2,200
	<u>537,355</u>	<u>487,661</u>
7. Current Provisions & deferred income		
Provisions	122,171	122,171
Changing room development funding received in advance (see note 16)	278,773	184,432
Superannuation payable	11,100	9,376
	<u>412,044</u>	<u>315,979</u>
8. Borrowings		
Loans from Directors	45,000	75,000
	<u>45,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>
9. Cash Flow Information		
Reconciliation of net cash from operating activities and operating surplus		
Operating surplus for the year	55,613	125,164
Add/(Subtract)		
Non-Cash Flows in Operating Surplus:		
Depreciation	37,500	30,000
other	-	(4,999)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
Decrease/(Increase) in accounts receivable	(108,200)	150,517
Decrease/(Increase) in prepayments	(5,382)	(37,434)
Decrease/(Increase) in inventories	(28,908)	38,300
(Decrease)/Increase in accounts payable & other payables	(139,459)	207,206
(Decrease)/Increase current provisions	1,724	801
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating Activities	<u>(187,112)</u>	<u>509,555</u>

Note: negative operating cashflow in FY25 is predominantly due to timing of payments to The Field for hospitality services which are now paid quarterly where as all payments related to fy24 were made during fy25.

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
10. Football & Sponsorship		
Revenue		
Grants & Foundation Reimbursements	9,000	100,000
Player registration (including Juniors)	106,446	118,149
Match takings	109,980	98,890
Sponsorship - including Contra \$141,309 (2024:\$104,636)	829,924	686,109
Fundraising Functions (net)	<u>23,447</u>	<u>35,482</u>
	<u>1,078,797</u>	<u>1,038,630</u>
Football Expenditures		
Coaching & Development	362,983	305,721
Equipment purchases, maintenance & Uniforms	110,158	105,716
Lease-football oval	61,630	57,301
Medical	83,147	92,170
Travel, Camps & Transport	10,402	40,774
Player insurance & Registration Fees	31,393	25,836
Players reimbursables	220,031	213,829
Video recordings & Photography	22,233	17,864
Other	<u>19,937</u>	<u>26,566</u>
	<u>921,914</u>	<u>885,776</u>
Sponsorship & Game Day Expenses		
Wages- Sponsorship & Administrative Staff	194,940	142,815
Sponsorship Expenses	43,910	44,243
Game Day Expense	<u>110,175</u>	<u>59,395</u>
	<u>349,025</u>	<u>246,453</u>
Total Football & Sponsorship Expenses	<u>1,270,939</u>	<u>1,132,230</u>
Note: Game day expense in 2025 includes \$50k advertising contra		
11. House		
Revenue		
Bar sales	2,768,837	2,371,647
Government Grants (excluding changing rooms)	<u>-</u>	<u>7,148</u>
	<u>2,768,837</u>	<u>2,378,795</u>
Less Direct Costs		
Costs of bar sales	902,679	658,866
Cost of staff	1,425,100	1,334,608
Cleaning	183	-
Electricity, Gas and Water	80,031	51,432
Repairs & Maintenance	-	18,336
Security	19,854	1,843
Waste Disposal	30,000	30,000
Sundry expenses	<u>14,731</u>	<u>23,689</u>
	<u>2,472,578</u>	<u>2,118,773</u>
House contribution	<u>296,259</u>	<u>260,022</u>

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
12. Other Revenues		
Members subscriptions	55,606	47,242
Rent	87,879	112,633
Interest & Investment income	9,179	7,515
Gaming room	45,460	4,633
Sundry Revenue	19,921	22,381
Gaming room donation	-	45,455
	<u>218,045</u>	<u>239,859</u>
13. Other Costs		
<i>Administration costs</i>		
Audit fees	5,000	5,000
Bad Debt provision (release)/expense	(25,000)	26,800
Gaming expenses	73,964	-
Other	<u>142,149</u>	<u>35,605</u>
	<u>196,113</u>	<u>67,405</u>
Note: Gaming expenses include \$54,000 non-recurring lease costs		
<i>Property costs</i>		
Depreciation & write-off	37,500	30,000
Insurance	40,514	28,904
Repairs & Maintenance	3,227	41,963
Rates, Property Lease, license & fees	41,634	41,443
Capital Works - expensed (excluding changing rooms)	-	18,963
	<u>122,875</u>	<u>161,273</u>
Total Other Costs	<u>318,988</u>	<u>228,678</u>
14. Financing Arrangement		
Total Facilities		
Bank overdraft	60,000	60,000
Used at Balance date		
Bank overdraft	0	0
Unused at Balance Date		
Bank overdraft	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>

15. Related Party Transactions

Loans owing to Directors at year end totalled \$45,000 (2024:\$75,000).

	2025 \$	2024 \$
16. Changing Rooms		
Grant income recognised in the period	1,972,227	-
Costs expensed in the period	1,919,788	52,439

Building of the new changing rooms commenced during the year and are due to be completed in March 2026 for a total cost of approximately \$3.8 million. Grants for the development have been received from Federal and State governments and Woolahra Council in addition to \$230,000 raised by the Easts Foundation for lockers. It is anticipated that the grants committed will be sufficient to cover the total spend on the changing rooms. The changing rooms will be the property of Woolahra Council and as such will not appear on the balance sheet of the club. All costs incurred to date have been expensed including \$365,568 of costs incurred prior to 30 September 2023 which had been deferred. Grant income has been recognised equal to the total cumulative amounts expensed. \$278,773 (2024:184,432) of grant income received in excess of expenditure to date is held as deferred income (see note 7).

18. Additional disclosures under Schedule 2 of the Registered Clubs Regulation 2015 - Accountability Code

Additional information as required under the Registered Clubs Act can be provided on enquiry with the Club's secretary.

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors have determined that the Company is not a reporting entity. The directors have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

1. This financial statement and notes:
 - a. comply with Accounting Standards as detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Corporations Act 2001: and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 September 2025 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors



David Allen
President



Michael Wright
Treasurer

Dated 14 November 2025

2025 AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club, (the club), which comprised the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2025, the statement of comprehensive Income, statement of changes in equity, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notices comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the club's financial position as at 30 September 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements 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 Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the club in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of The Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (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 confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

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Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the club's annual report for the year ended 30 September 2025, 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, 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 the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the club are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the club'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 the directors either intend to liquidate the club or to cease operations, or have 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 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the club's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the club's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report

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to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the club to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.


Ken Wright

14th November 2025

Date

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2025 AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

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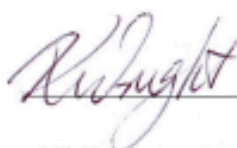
UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE DIRECTORS OF EASTEN SUBURBS DISTRICT RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL
CLUB ABN: 80 000 277 538

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 September 2025 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Meagher Howard & Wright

K J Wright
Partner
Date



14th November 2025

1ST GRADE REPORT



2025 will go down as one of the best seasons for a 1st Grade side in Easts' long and proud history.

We took home nearly every trophy possible, including:

- Australian Club Championship
- Club Champions
- Grade Champions
- Minor Premiers
- Sir Roden Cutler Shield
- All Interclub Trophies

However, one prize eluded us – the Shute Shield Championship, the biggest of them all – and it still hurts to write that.

The Challenge of Defending Champions

Coming into 2025 as defending champions, we knew the target was on our backs. Every club was gunning for us, but we embraced the challenge. The group worked incredibly hard through the off-season and came out firing, starting the year by winning the Club Championship in Brisbane against a very strong Brothers side.

We then embarked on a long and demanding Shute Shield campaign with a team that looked very different from the previous year. In many ways, we were starting from scratch – blending:

- Young talent like Otto Serfotein, Billy Dickins, and Josh Va'alotu graduating from Colts
- Emerging players such as Jack Tougher Wells stepping up from the lower grades
- Outstanding recruits including Rob Cobb and David Vaihu, among others

A Season to Remember

The squad gelled quickly and produced an outstanding regular season, finishing with a 16-2 record and no defeats at home – something the entire team was immensely proud of. That consistency secured back-to-back Minor Premierships.

1ST GRADE CONT.

Finals footy brought some unforgettable moments:

- A blockbuster semi-final against arch-rivals Randwick at Woollahra, where we produced one of our best performances of the season.
- A clinical win over Eastwood in the next round to book our ticket to the Grand Final.

Unfortunately, on the biggest day of the year, we were beaten by a better team. It was a devastating way to end what had been a brilliant campaign.

Reflection and Gratitude

While the pain of losing a Grand Final will linger, reflection reminds us that it was a fantastic season full of achievement, growth, and memories.

The support from our lower grades, Colts, Women, and loyal Easts supporters has been nothing short of amazing. We can't thank you enough for being part of the journey.

Now it's time for a well-earned break — but rest assured, we'll be back, bigger and better in 2026!

Ben Batger - Head Coach



2ND GRADE REPORT



Our season started off well with winning the first 5 rounds which included beating Randwick at Coogee and last season premiers in Manly.

In rounds 6 and 7 we suffered a couple of losses against Sydney Uni by 5 and Wests. The West loss really hurt us and showed the inexperience of a really young team.

Rounds 8 and 9 we bounced back with wins including a great win against the Rats.

Round 10 we went to Eastwood and came away with a close loss.

Round 11 we flogged Norths and again showed how we can be Rocks or Diamonds.

Round 12 was the return match against Randwick. This was a great game to watch and we had our chances to get the chocolates. However our comeback ran out of time and we lost 43-40.

Round 13 we travelled down to Souths and came home with a big win.

Round 14 we faced Manly at their place. At this time in the competition Manly had only lost 1 game and that was against us in round 5 so we knew they would come out hard. In the end we again did not fire and lost 32-24.

Now with 4 games until finals we ramped up all aspects of our weekly routines and all had a focus on finishing well.

Round 15 we faced the Two Blues at home. We went into this game with a real purpose and came away with the win 80-19.

Round 16 we faced the Rats at their place. This is one of the hardest road trips to take on each season. Happy to say we won in a close one 34-31 and this was one of the highlights of our regular season.

2ND GRADE CONT.

Round 17 we had Uni at home. Always a really tough game and you always come away being bruised and battered. We lost in a close one 17-22.

After round 17 we were in 5th place on the table and were actually a chance to run 6th.

Final round we had Gordon away and even though they couldn't make finals we knew they wanted to ruin the party for us. We came away with the win 24-19 in one of the wettest games I have been involved in. This win guaranteed us a finals birth and with some extremely strange results in the final round we ended up finishing 3rd on the table.

First round of finals we faced Eastwood who had won there last 9 from 10 Games and were the form team in the competition. We were down the whole game until we scored with 3 to go and hit the lead. Eastwood kicked off, caught the ball and scored on the bell to win the game. Eastwood went on to win the comp. Was a hard loss and our fate was now in the other teams hands who played on Sunday to see if we survived to the next week of finals.

The first game Manly won which meant it came down to Randwick V Uni. We needed Uni to win for us to go through. Uni was down the whole game and received a penalty just off centre after the bell to win the game. They missed. I have been coaching for over 25 years and This was easily the strangest way to go out of a competition.

I can honestly say this was one of the most enjoyable seasons to be involved in. I could not thank all our players, managers and coaches enough.

Coaches- Tim Buchanan- Forwards/Breakdown. One of the greats, thanks for all you did this year. Boys loved it all

Johnny Malone- Attack. Thanks for all you did this year. The time that you put in was incredible.

Bob Hooper- The best manager at the club. What ever the players or coaches asked for Bob delivered. Endless Thanks Hoops.

Adam Elford

3RD GRADE REPORT



Season 2025 what a year!

2025 was the year we make amends from years of missing out on premiership glory and from day 1 that was our focus.

Coming into round 1 with thousands of club game experience we knew this team was something special. It took the first quarter of the season for old combos to get settled and new combos to flourish. We saw ex players come out of hibernation from the likes of Alex Rice and Dylan Woods who became keys for the teams success.

Our first challenge of the year came in round 5 against Manly, a team in form and looking for our heads, beaten by the better team that day. We came together post game as a great lower grade side does and bonded over a few ice colds.

Throughout the year on occasions it wasn't out of the ordinary to see multiple brother/cousin combinations on the field at the same time. This was the case in round 7 with a total of 8 out of the starting 15 being related. X.Ryan, J.Ryan, B.Baker, C.Baker, D.Woods, W.Nicholls, T.Nicholls, C.Nicholls. This I'm sure would be the first in the club's long history.

Congratulations to Will Foxton who became a new member to the 100 grade games club, an achievement which was made sweeter with a tight win against Sydney Uni at home

As winter came, training became a battle with half the club exploring the bars and beaches in Europe. This left lower grades scratching around to fill teams each week. Thank you to all the men that answered those calls. This really saved our year from turning upside down.

As the boys returned with a nice European glow, just in time for the pointy end of the season, we sat down and made a game plan for the home stretch to keep our momentum going strong.

With the regular season wrapping up, the mighty 3rds finished second place on the ladder meaning we'd face Warringah the team firing on all cylinders and a team who beat us convincingly only 3 weeks early. We knew this was going to be a test and boy did the boys deliver come Saturday. The game was all but sealed by Try of the year contender Harvey McGregor, this secured week 2 of finals. With Gordon upsetting undefeated Manly in the other match this means we play Manly week 2, another test and our season on the line.

3RD GRADE CONT.

Rain that week meant our game would move from Rat Park back to Beasties HQ. The boys were ready, we could all tell from the energy in the change room to the calmness of the warm up. Manly was the benchmark of the competition all year.

Thankfully, we put our best 70 minute performance together in that game. Lead by Will Nicholls, who played his best game of the year, we secured a grand final week with a 31-10 win.

Grand Final week against Sydney Uni, the old foe. The boys prepared well and knew it wasn't going to be handed to them. We started the day watching 4th grade bring home the silverware which gave the boys confidence we could do the same.

The quality of the game was up there with some of the best I've seen in 3rd grade. Our first try came on the stroke of half time as skipper Max Patterson threw a long ball out to Flynn Kilby having a rest on the wing who then crossed in the corner.

Killer again went over early in the second half after a little dart from Joey Ryan. The Fossil Dylan Woods scored soon after a glorious tip pass from Alex Rice. The game finished 22-21 and some say a few of the boys are still celebrating.

Congratulations to Joey Ryan winning player of the year! A season where he truly came of age and played well above his weight week in week out.

Lastly I'd like to thank Rob Johnston, Jordan Jackson-Hope, Max Rush, Scott Stevens, Marcus Cullen and anyone else involved in the year you made it truly one to remember.

Go the Beasts

Cohan Guerra

4TH GRADE REPORT



The 2025 season for 4th Grade ended in the ultimate success, winning the Grand Final at Leichardt and delivering Beasties a back-to-back 4th Grade premiership!

Although we got the trophy in the end, we certainly had to earn it, and the season wasn't exactly smooth sailing throughout. On paper we had a talented squad with lots of depth, but as always with Lower Grades this was challenged with Euro trips, injuries, university and work commitments, and a Lions tour thrown in too for good measure.

Tough at times, we developed resilience and got on with it week to week, and had a core group of boys who worked hard for each other without complaint. It was a testament to the depth of the lower grade group that nearly 70 players took the field for 4th Grade this year, all playing a role in the eventual success.

One of the most pleasing things to see was how close the group was, not only the long term mates enjoying their rugby together but the new friendships that formed throughout the season. We had a diverse playing group that included ex professionals and first graders, future first graders, boys from the bush, the Nation's Capital, and from all corners of the globe who found themselves a home at Woollahra Oval.

Most importantly, there was a large group of boys who have all come through Colts, that love the club and playing footy together and who will drive it forward for years to come.

On the field, with so many changes week to week it took some time to find our rhythm. Our good was a pleasure to watch and we were unstoppable when we wanted to be, but our bad was... bad. We developed a habit of 'winning ugly', which although frustrating for the coaching group, ultimately went a long way in setting us up for success come the backend.

As a group, the boys refused to lose and learnt to love the scrap and finding a way to stay in games and win. Some highlights of this was holding Randwick up over the line after fulltime to win in Round 12, holding the ball for two minutes to close the game out against Rats away in Round 16, and then going 20+ phases and 80m down the field in a monsoon and mud pit against Gordon to score 3 minutes after full time and win in the last round of the season. By the time finals hit we knew how to win, showing courage again first week to hang on against a strong Randwick team, before finally clicking into gear and putting 57 points on Uni in the prelim to book a spot in the big dance.

4TH GRADE CONT.

We faced a very strong Manly team in the Grand Final, who had only lost one game all year and not since Round 5, and had comfortably beaten us late in the season when we last played. We knew they were good, but knew they hadn't been challenged, we embraced the underdog tag and knew that scrapping all season and winning ugly had built us ready for Grand Final footy.

This couldn't have been more fitting, as we had to overcome a lot of injuries during the game, but testament to our depth the next man stepped up off the bench and brought us home. We defended relentlessly all game and won like we had done all season, by scrapping and wanting to win for each other. No doubt being such a close group got us over the line in the end.

There were too many legends involved to single out individuals, but our captain Tim Nicholls lead from the front fearlessly all season and was our deserved Best and Fairest winner. It was also a pleasure to be a part of Bill Yole, Steve Mayman and Will Foxton's 100th Grade Games for Easts, all magnificent Easts men who have contributed so much on and off the field.

I'd like to make special mention and thanks to Luke Wilson, Max Tate and Alex Bland, Bob Hooper and Ian Cohan for all your game day help and support throughout the season, and Rushy for all your unbelievable efforts week to week.

To the other coaches in the Lower Grade group, Cohan Guerra, Jordan Jackson-Hope, Rob Johnston, Ross Barry, James Parelli, it was a pleasure sharing the weeks together and thanks for making it so enjoyable. Special thanks also to Daffyd Evans for all your help this season, and of course Elliot Frawley as VP for your constant encouragement and support. A special thanks also to Jed Gillespie, it meant a lot having you so invested in the success of the lower grades, always willing to help where you could and often coming to training to help.

Finally, to the great men of Easts Michael Tate, Guy Beever and Alex King who I got to do it with, thank you. Tatey, as a first year Head Coach having someone with your experience, dedication and love for Easts backing me meant I learnt so much and always felt supported. Beevs, my codey brother what an absolute pleasure, you are the wizard of lineouts and a true lord of LGs, I loved doing code with you. You worked so hard for the boys and ensured we had the best lineout in the competition. Kingy, my other codey brother, when you are barking orders at Beasties everything just feels right. Meant a lot to me and the group having you there.

Footy with your mates and winning premierships with the Beasties are some of life's greatest pleasures, what a year and bring on 2026.

Blake Henman

5TH GRADE REPORT



A first season in the Henderson Cup for the East's 5th grade side began in all honesty in mid January with players returning and joining from all corners of the globe and starting to get to know each other in pre-season training as preparations began for a maiden voyage in the Henderson Cup during the club's 125th year.

The season kicked off with two Friday night light fixtures on back to back weekends, the first of which against a strong Randwick side quickly alerted the squad as to the standards that would be required as the season progressed. Seven days later however against another big South's team, the squad rallied well with some herculean defense to hold on for bonus point win against the odds, proving that we could leave a mark on the competition for the year ahead. The club song belted out (by those who knew it) and the bar fully packed out after a Friday night fixture certainly whet the appetite for what was to come.

Wins and losses would follow, with some long journeys for early morning kick offs thrown in for good measure however there are a number of moments that the writer would be remiss to leave out.

An incredibly brave performance away to Manly in Rd. 7 showed what the squad would be capable of even with only 13 players for most of the game the team combined the piano shifter and piano player approach in running both through and around their opponents for 50 minutes before eventually running out of gas. Heads bowed the team rallied well to dominate off the post match festivities soaking up all, and by all I mean every bar, that Manly had to offer before returning to the East, defeated but very very proud.

Another special evening was to come with the playing of the first ever "Elliot Frawley Shield" doubling up as the round 10 fixture as the 5ths pitched up to play the 4th Grade team in a league game for the first time ever. We would have to make do with a win at the coin toss pre match and the boat race post match in what was a special night for the club and a credit to all involved.

In a tough away fixture against Wests in round 12, somehow the 3rd away to trip to Wests in one season, the team again showed their true colours. Early on adopting a you score we score approach, we found ourselves 6 points behind and camped on our five metre line. What followed was nothing short of miraculous, as the team held the ball for 5 minutes advancing the length of the field, with every member of the 15 on the field touching the ball at least once, before grabbing a winner under the sticks. Value for money for all lucky enough to witness it; and all before 10am!

5TH GRADE CONT.

What remained of the season was a mix of the good, the bad and the ugly, with the team putting in more excellent performances on and off the field. A special mention must go to the fantastic team performance against Gordon in round 13 showing exactly what the team were capable of.

None of this little piece of history would have been possible without the efforts of all the players so on behalf of the author a huge thanks to those who donned a jersey throughout the year. And on behalf of the author and the players I would like to record our gratitude to those who made it possible, including but not limited to, the medical and physio team, the Exec & the all those who gave up their time to ensure we could get on with playing.

A unique season all in all, writing a little bit of something different into the 125 year history of the club.

Here's to the next one!

Ross Barry

GRADE PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	TOTAL	PREV.	CAREER	1ST xv	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
ADAMS, Ben			3	13		16	0	16		2				10
ADAMSOM, Jamie	3					3	21	24	24	1				5
ALLSOPP, Shaun				2	2	4	8	12		1				5
AMATOSERO, Miles	2					2	4	6	6	1				5
AMIN, Karim				3		3	19	22						0
ANDRIANOS, Nick				1	6	7	0	7						0
ANTHONY, Callum			1	6		7	0	7		2				10
ARNOTT, Angus		1	18			19	8	27		1				5
ARNOTT, Ed		18				18	19	37	4	3				15
BAKER, Ben			18	1		19	54	73	5	10				50
BAKER, Charlie		2	14			16	54	70	2	9				45
BARBER, George		14				14	19	33		6				30
BARLOW, Will				1	5	6	0	6						0
BASSINGTHWAIGHTE, Leo	1	18				19	4	23	1	7				35
BEHRINGER, James		1	19			20	56	76	3	9				45
BELL, Christopher	18					18	17	35	34	1	1			7
BLACKBURN, Andrew				4	2	6	17	23		1	2			9
BLADES, Ben					5	5	0	5		2				10
BOKSER, Josh	19					19	36	55	55	1				5
BOOTH, Ciaran	20					20	0	20	20	5				25
BOWEN, Jack	4					4	39	43	43		4			8
BOYLE, Aidan			1	8	1	10	0	10		5				25
BRADFORD, Lachie			3	11		14	69	83	8	4	40	6		118
BROWN, Angus			11	3		14	16	30		3				15
BRUCE, Jamie			4	3		7	0	7		7				35
BYRNE, Conor					4	4	0	4		1				5
CAMPBELL, Finlay	1	1	3	11		16	1	17	1	7	6			47
CLATWORTHY, Flynn		2				2	0	2						0
COBB, Charlie				2	10	12	0	12		3				15
COBB, Joel	8					8	14	22	21	6				30
COBB, Rob	22					22	0	22	22	5				25
COPPOLA, James				1	4	5	15	20			6	2		18
CORIAS, George				2	8	10	32	42		4				20
CORNISH, Liam			2	10		12	0	12		3				15
CRANFIELD, Max				1	4	5	43	48		2				10
CROSS, Jordan				6	2	8	0	8		1				5
CROSS, Nick	18	2				20	0	20	18	2				10
CURTIS, Josh			2	5	3	10	0	10		4				20
D'AGOSTINO, Max				2	1	3	21	24		1				5
DACRES, Nile		13				13	0	13						0
DALEY, Ben				11		11	22	33		2				10
DALRYMPLE, Louis		12				12	24	36		1				5
DALY, Colin				1	15	16	0	16		2	1			12
DAVIES, Bryn		11	2			13	19	32		7				35
DENNIS, Charlie		7	14			21	15	36		8				40
DICKENS, Billy	2	17				19	1	20	2	10				50
DIGBY, Jack		6				6	51	57	40	3				15
DODD, Angus					13	13	7	20						0
DOMBKINS, Carter		17				17	31	48	1					0
DOMBKINS, Maclean	2	12				14	14	28	2	4				20
DUFF, Angus			2	13	1	16	5	21		5				25
DUFORT Y ALVAREZ, Juan Ignacio				1	6	7	0	7		3	7			29
DYE, Harry					7	7	0	7		1				5
EELTINK, Roderick				1	3	4	0	4						0
EDMONDSON, Tom					9	9	0	9						0
EVANS, Dafydd					4	4	0	4						0
FABAR, Samuel				1		1	0	1		1				5

GRADE PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	TOTAL	PREV.	CAREER	1ST xv	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
FALLA, Ben					2	2	9	11						0
FENLON, Hugh					2	2	0	2						0
FENWICKE, Saxon		18				18	0	18		4				20
FERGUSON, Leo		12				12	31	43	1	6				30
FERREIRA, Edmundo				2	3	5	0	5						0
FIFITA, Vunipola	5	1				6	59	65	64	1				5
FINLAY, Lewis	1	8				9	0	9	1	2				10
FOXTON, Will		2	11	8		21	83	104	3	3				15
GAMBLE, Charlie	1					1	35	36	36					0
GAVIN, Archie	13	1				14	95	109	72	5				25
GIBSON, George	20					20	21	41	39	2				10
GILLESPIE, Josh		2	4	4		10	0	10		5				25
GINEY, Jules					5	5	0	5						0
GLOVER, Will			5	1		6	0	6		1				5
GODBY, Josh				2	7	9	0	9		3				15
GOGGIN, Dan	6	3				9	0	9	6	2				10
GOLDSMITH, Lawson		4	15			19	28	47		2				10
GRANT, Jack	11					11	111	122	103	1				5
GREER, Arthur		1				1	0	1						0
GUERRA, Cohan			2			2	103	105	24					0
GUILFOYLE, William		1				1	0	1						0
GUILLEMOT, Tristan					2	2	0	2						0
HALL-MUIR, Heath				2	11	13	0	13						0
HARDIE, Josh				5	1	6	34	40				2		4
HARVEY, Sid	3					3	1	4	4	1				5
HAYMAN, Hugo	4	4				8	49	57	13					0
HEAVEN, Julian	9					9	35	44	37	5				25
HOWELLS, Barnaby				5	6	11	0	11		1				5
HYDE, Henry			5	13		18	17	35		7	9	1		56
ICELY, Michael	8					8	0	8	8	1				5
JONES, Connor			1	8		9	0	9		3				15
JORGENSEN, Jake				13		13	0	13		7	16			67
KAVANAGH, Sebastian					7	7	0	7						0
KILBY, Flynn		5	6			11	49	60		4				20
KING, Alex				1		1	111	112	1					0
LANCASTER, Darby	11					11	6	17	17	12				60
LARSEN, Bronson				3		3	10	13		2				10
LATTO, Olly			1	8		9	0	9		1				5
LAWLER, Harvey				2	8	10	0	10		1				5
LEE-WARNER, Fergus	3					3	64	67	64					0
LIEVREMONT, Clement					1	1	10	11						0
LIMMEN, Daily			4	2		6	12	18		1				5
LOPILATO, Andre				12	1	13	0	13		2				10
LOWERY, Reon	22					22	43	65	59	12				60
MACKENZIE, Ollie			1			1	0	1		1				5
MASILA, Grayson					1	1	0	1						0
MAYMAN, Steve			1	6	1	8	92	100						0
MCGREGOR, Harvey	4	7	10			21	20	41	4	14				70
MCHENRY, Alex	1					1	9	10	10					0
MCMAHON, Harry	2	1				3	0	3	2	1				5
MCMULLEN, Connor		15	1			16	22	38		4	55	5		145
MOIR, Sebastian				1	9	10	11	21		1				5
MOSES, Charlie		1	3	4		8	12	20		1				5
MOSSMAN, Jack		14				14	33	47	10	6	3	1		39
NICHOLLS, Charlie		2	14			16	33	49		2				10
NICHOLLS, Tim			5	12	2	19	50	69		3				15
NICHOLLS, Will			15	2		17	80	97	13	6				30
NICOLLE, Oli	1	10	2			13	0	13	1	9				45

GRADE PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	TOTAL	PREV.	CAREER	1ST xv	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
OEDING, Callan			1	12	2	15	0	15		10				50
OLVER, Sam	3	2				5	12	17	3		5			10
PALMER, Henry	15	4				19	0	19	15	11				55
PARRELLI, James					1	1	44	45						0
PATERSON, Henry	3					3	46	49	41	1				5
PATTERSON, Hugo	9	2				11	11	22	9	1				5
PATTERSON, Max		4	10	5		19	65	84	11	4				20
PAYNE, Dougal		5	16			21	0	21		5	62	3		158
PECKETT, Jayden				2	3	5	0	5		1				5
QUIN, Declan				7	1	8	22	30		4				20
REILLY, Vinnie			2	17		19	39	58		2				10
RICE, Alex		3	16			19	1	20		4				20
RICE, Daniel					1	1	0	1						0
RIGNEY, Kieran					1	1	0	1						0
RIXON, Blake		1	2			3	66	69	39					0
RONALD, Toben					8	8	0	8						0
RYAN, Ed				5	10	15	36	51		1				5
RYAN, Jack				19		19	26	45		3				15
RYAN, Joey		4	17			21	15	36		9				45
RYAN, Xavier		2	14	2		18	55	73	1	8				40
SCHILLER, Ed				2	3	5	6	11						0
SEGUIN, Gauthier					4	4	0	4		1	1			7
SELLAR, Stu			2	2		4	13	17						0
SERFONTEIN, Otto	22					22	1	23	22	7				35
SERRES, Maxime					9	9	0	9		3	1			17
SHANNON, Nic			7			7	78	85	14	2	13			36
SIMPSON, Ethan	1	17				18	47	65	33	8				40
SIONE, Faalelei			1	6		7	69	76	62					0
SMITH, Benedict		1				1	19	20	2					0
SNARY, Frederick				1		1	0	1			3			6
SOOAEMALELAGI, Moli	18					18	49	67	67	13				65
STEVENS, Lindsey		4				4	104	108	37					0
STEVENSON, Craig		11				11	0	11		2				10
STEVENSON, Liam			1	10	3	14	14	28		1				5
STONE, Elliot					5	5	0	5		1	2			9
STONE, Jamie				2	2	4	0	4						0
SYBEN, Madison					8	8	0	8						0
TAUAKIPULU, Bronson	8	2				10	0	10	8					0
TIITII, Nathaniel		2				2	0	2						0
TOALEPAI, Chris					7	7	44	51		1				5
TOUGHER WELLS, Jack	19	2				21	24	45	19	2				10
TOUGHER WELLS, Sam		1	5	9		15	16	31		3				15
TUIMALEALIIFANO, Ah-Mu				1		1	34	35	16					0
TURNBULL, Jake	7	4				11	55	66	13	1				5
VAALOTU, Josh	7	1				8	0	8	7	2				10
VAIHU, David	15	1				16	0	16	15	5				25
VAN DER VELDE, Jonny	13	2				15	24	39	28	3				15
VATUINARUKU, Hansel Nacanieli					6	6	0	6		1				5
VEIRU, Jacob	1					1	0	1	1					0
WADMAN, Joe	10					10	0	10	10	1				5
WALLACE, Ben			2	13	1	16	22	38		3				15
WAVUTOTO, Iliesa					13	13	0	13						0
WAYLAND, James	18	2				20	0	20	18	1				5
WHITESIDE, Cooper	22					22	19	41	41	5	82	9		216
WIERENGA, Dirk		1				1	19	20						0
WILSON, Harry	11					11	8	19	19	4				20
WILSON, Teddy	7					7	34	41	41					0
WINCH, Luca				16	2	18	15	33						0
WOODS, Dylan			8	1		9	50	59	8	3				15
YOLE, Bill				12	6	18	90	108		2				10
YOLE, Charlie				2	13	15	74	89						0

WOMENS REPORT



2025 was always going to be a transition year, with the Wallaroos squad members unavailable for selection as they focused on the World Cup in England. As a result, we welcomed a number of new players into the group. The women's competition differs from the men's in that teams are rewarded for starting the season well rather than finishing strongly, as the competition splits in two after everyone has played each other once.

Predictably, with a new squad, we didn't get off to a good start and were left chasing the pack after the first few weeks. The group progressed well throughout the season and produced some memorable performances, especially against eventual premiers Warringah. Easts' style of play always meant we would score tries through skill and speed rather than power, and we succeeded in playing the most expansive and enjoyable rugby in the competition—highlighted by having both the highest points scorer (Ella Ryan) and the highest try scorer (Aroha Spillane).

Easts finished in 6th place when the competition split but had a sweet victory against old rivals Sydney Uni in the final round-robin game. Easts went on to win their last eight games in a row and were realistically the third-best side in the competition, highlighting how poor the current competition structure is. The team won all their games in the second half of the season, including a remarkable comeback against closest rivals Souths—coming from 23–0 down at halftime to win 24–23 with the winning kick after time had expired.

The finals series saw Easts face Two Blues in the first week, and it turned out to be an easy win. The following week, Easts hosted Campbelltown and again proved too strong, securing another comfortable victory. This meant qualification for the grand final, predictably against Souths.

Grand Final day was full of excitement, and the team produced a fine performance for the first 50 minutes, moving a couple of scores clear of Souths. Souths then hit back and had all the momentum, but Easts eventually held on for a two-point victory—richly deserved after what was a very successful season. We had a strong squad with all players improving throughout the year, and a major bonus was training attendance, with regularly more than 25 players at sessions. Everyone is excited for 2026.

WOMENS REPORT CONT.

Some special mentions, our Wallaroos Caitlyn Halse, Deisree Miller, Maya Stewart, Georgina Friedrichs, Kaitlyn Leaney, Annabelle Cody & Arabella McKenzie – they all performed amazingly well and conducted themselves with pride at the World Cup. Our Super Rugby players: Rosie Ferguson, Jacinta Windsor, Martha Harvey, Tink Morgan & Ella Ryan – all put themselves in the position for future honours. Sydney Womens Representatives Ruby Colling, Darcy Blades & Armarni Bentley won the State competition.

I want to thank all the players, our leadership group (Chloe Muir, Erin Coll, Diane Ramsey, Ruby Colling & Aroha Spillane), our coaching staff (Alex Todd, Shaun Alsopp & Rob Cheval) and our wonderful manager Karin Christie.

Campbell Aitken - Head Coach - Women's



WOMENS PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	W15	PREV.	CAREER	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
BENTLEY, Armarni	12	1	13					0
BLADES, Darcy	15	30	45					0
BLATCHFORD, Hailey	13	6	19					0
BROWN, Seraphina	4	0	4	1				5
BRUCE, Abbe	6	0	6	4				20
BURKE, Blyss	1		1					0
CLARK-GRANT, Jessie	4	6	10					0
CODEY, Annabelle	3	6	9	1				5
COLL, Erin	13	19	32	3				15
COLLING, Ruby	15	49	64	2				10
DARLING, Daimhlinn	9	2	11	1				5
DOUMANIS, Daphne	6	1	7	1				5
ELLIS, Rayna	6	18	24	1				5
FERGUSON, Rosie	8	12	20					0
FERREIRA, Laurie	10	0	10					0
FIRTH, Elsa	12	4	16	3	1			17
HARVEY, Martha	11	19	30	6				30
HIPPI-LAURIE, Taleyah	9	0	9					0
JACOB, Angel	4	0	4					0
KENNETT, Tilly	1	21	22					0
LARAMY, Louen	7	0	7	1				5
LAWLESS, Ray	1	10	11					0
LEDUA, Akanisi	1	0	1					0
LOUGHHEAD, Phoebe	13	80	93	1	4			13
MAUGER, Sarah	2	4	6					0
MCGINLEY, Siobhann	6	0	6					0
MCKENZIE, Arabella	3	28	31	1	6			17
MITCHELL, Sophie	1	0	1					0
MOSES, Amber	1	0	1					0
MUIR, Chloe	9	3	12					0
PAPA, Tenniah	1	0	1					0
PETTMAN, Chelsea	9	0	9					0
PIGG, Etilly	9	0	9					0
PURKIS, Lauren	14	0	14	1				5
RAMSAY, Diane	14	13	27	2				10
RYAN, Ella	11	0	11	12	24	2		114
SPILLANE, Aroha	13	51	64	19				95
STANIFORTH, Britt	1	19	20					0
TAYLOR, Immy	7	5	12					0
TE HIRA, Shalise	14	19	33	1				5
TUMMON, Grainne	13	0	13					0
VAUGHAN, Amelia	10	8	18	1				5
WEBSTER, Meg	10	0	10	1				5
WINDSOR, Jacinta	1	18	19	1				5

1ST COLTS REPORT



The 2025 season was one to remember for the Eastern Suburbs 1st Colts, highlighted by resilience, growth, and achievement. After a challenging start to the year, the group rallied to finish 5th in the regular season, before embarking on a spirited finals campaign that culminated in a Grand Final appearance. This remarkable run showcased the team's commitment to each other and the standards of the program, however ultimately falling short of our goal in 2025 of winning the GF.

A season of standout moments included Louis Fenwicke finishing as the competition's top try scorer, a testament to the team's attacking intent and execution or maybe Louis' desire to make sure he got over the line instead of some of his other teammates.

One of the defining games came in Round 9 against Gordon, where Easts secured a memorable victory after the bell, demonstrating belief and composure under pressure, when Nick Swain leaped over a player to catch a kick off & run 5m out from their line. Leading to a well executed maul try to win the game.

The program also celebrated significant representative honours, with eight players selected for the Australian U20 squad, underlining the development pathways and player quality within the Eastern Suburbs Colts system.

A sincere thank you goes to our medical and performance staff – Rob, Elisha, Ash, and Lachie – for keeping the squad healthy and performing at their best throughout the season. Special mention also to team managers Graham Boyle and Peter Shipway, whose tireless organisation and support ensured everything ran seamlessly behind the scenes.

Finally, immense appreciation to my Assistant Coaches Ben Staunton and Chris James for their dedication, technical expertise, and unwavering commitment to the players and the program. Staunts, always challenging myself and the players to be better and improve the game. We had some rough patches with the season but inevitably had the boys prepped right for the end of season run. Jamesy your dedication and passion was instrumental in guiding the team to success on field delivering and deciphering the chaos from above.

1ST COLTS CONT.

As I wrap up my time as Director of Colts it's been an incredibly memorable 4 seasons with countless achievements & success! Most of all created memories and connections with the young men who have played in this program over the past 4 years.

Up the Beasties.

Dan England - Head Coach Colts



2ND COLTS REPORT



2025 was a year of grit and growth for the Easts 2nds Colts.

Despite injuries and player unavailability, the squad kept showing up for one another and earned a finals berth the hard way. Scraping into the top six, on the back of five straight wins, said plenty about our resilience; reaching the semi-final said even more. We bowed out to Sydney Uni, but we finished with a clearer identity and higher standards than we started.

Technically, our attack built a strong platform around the set piece, where we consistently excelled. Where we fell short was in ball-in-play structure, against organised defensive sides we struggled to impose shape and tempo. Defensively, we didn't connect often enough. Communication across coaching roles (between Jack Gooding and Jack McCathie) wasn't as sharp as it needed to be, and our structures should have been tighter.

My favourite moment came in the quarter-final at Rat Park, when Freddie Snary slotted a clutch drop goal to win it. That kick captured our season: composure under pressure and belief in each other. The group's growth wasn't just tactical, it was cultural. Training standards lifted, leadership spread beyond the captaincy group, and younger Colts stepped into meaningful minutes without the performance dipping. That depth under pressure gives us a real foundation for 2026.

Individual standouts reflected that ethos: Player of the Year Ben Whyte set weekly standards and delivered in big moments; Forward of the Year Jessie Cotterill anchored the set piece and worked relentlessly at the ruck; Back of the Year Freddie Snary paired line-break threat with calm game management, none bigger than his quarter-final drop goal; Most Improved Jordan Dunn-Ruepena turned upgraded training habits into consistent match impact; and Rookie of the Year Harry Harrington stepped up during our injury run and never looked back.

Thank you to our coaches, medical staff, volunteers, sponsors, families, and the Easts community, the hill gave us energy every week.

The jersey was worn with pride.

Nick Harris

3RD COLTS REPORT



The 2025 season for our Third Grade Colts was one filled with effort, learning, and plenty of moments to be proud of.

While we didn't quite achieve the end goal of finals football – missing out for the first time in many years – there was still a great deal to celebrate. The group showed real heart through the ups and downs, and the spirit within the team remained strong from Round 1 to the final whistle.

The season began with enormous promise, and although four narrow losses against top opposition early on proved costly in the standings, they highlighted just how competitive this young group could be. Every game was fought out to the end, and the boys never stopped playing for one another.

We also had to manage a significant player turnover mid-season, with several Easts Colts proudly representing Australia U20s – a huge congratulations to those players who earned that honour. Add to that the traditional mid-year Uni break and Europe exodus, and the challenge became even greater. Despite this, the team kept fronting up, producing some excellent rugby and staying in the fight for a finals berth right up until the very last round.

This year's squad included a large number of first-year Colts, and their progression over the season was one of the real positives. They grew in understanding of what Colts rugby is about – the physicality, commitment, and standards required to succeed. There were valuable lessons for both players and coaches alike, and by the back end of the season we saw a sharper, more connected team taking the field each week. That growth gives us every reason to be optimistic heading into 2026.

A special congratulations goes to Raff Rossi, who not only claimed our Best and Fairest award but also finished as the competition's leading try scorer – a tremendous achievement built on consistency, toughness, and hard work every single week.

3RD COLTS CONT.

To all the coaches, staff, and volunteers who make our program run, a massive thank you. To Dan England, Ben Staunton, Nick Harris, and Jack McCathie for their guidance and collaboration across grades – your support makes a huge difference.

To my assistant coach, Noah Stuart, your contribution and commitment were first-class all year. And of course, a big thanks to the ever-reliable crew of Graham Boyle, Peter Shipway, Ashley, Elisha, Rob, and the field set-up team who keep the Beasties engine running every weekend.

There's no doubt the experience of this season will serve the group well. With so many returning players and a hunger to bounce back, we're confident 2026 will be a return to winning ways for the Third Grade Colts.

Up the Beasties – bring on next year!

Peter Sumsky

COLTS PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	1C	2C	3C	TOTAL	PREV.	CAREER	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
ANAE-ROBERTS, Brycen		9		9	19	28	4				20
BLACKBURN, Rory			9	9	0	9	1				5
BRIAL, Toby	8	1		9	0	9	2				10
BROWN, Darcy	3	17		20	0	20	4				20
CABOT, Dominic			10	10	0	10	1				5
CALLIGEROS, George	16	4		20	4	24					0
CLATWORTHY, Flynn	18	2		20	0	20	1				5
COTTERILL, Jesse	1	19		20	0	20	6				30
CROOKES, Hugh			2	2	32	34					0
CROOKES, Roland			3	3	2	5	2				10
DITCHFIELD, Angus	1	9	1	11	0	11	1				5
FABAR, Samuel	5	5	6	16	0	16	4				20
FENWICKE, Louis	19			19	0	19	24				120
FERSTER, Stefan		7		7	20	27	3				15
FILIPEK, Finn			1	1	22	23					0
FILIPEK, Lenny			11	11	0	11	5				25
FILIPEK, Tex			8	8	0	8	1				5
FINGLETON, Sam		12		12	11	23	1				5
FITTLER, Zac	19	1		20	0	20	5				25
FOGARTY, Max			11	11	0	11					0
FOWLER, Jonty	19			19	0	19	2	55	7		141
GAVIN, Mitch			5	5	0	5					0
GIANOUTSOS, Harry			3	3	0	3					0
GIRLE, Thomas	9			9	19	28	3				15
GIUFFRIDA, Matteo			7	7	0	7	1				5
GREEN, Hugh			4	4	11	15	1				5
GREER, Arthur	18			18	0	18	10				50
GUILFOYLE, William	10			10	14	24	1				5
HADLEY, Ethan			7	7	10	17					0
HARRINGTON, Harry	3	11		14	0	14	4				20
HARVEY, Sid	2			2	20	22					0
HOWLETT, Lee		2	12	14	0	14	6				30
HUFTON, Edward	5	7		12	14	26	7				35
HUGHES, Geoffrey			9	9	0	9	1				5
JACOBS, Joel		8	6	14	0	14	1				5
JOHNSON, Sam			3	3	18	21					0
KABLE, Hugo	1	14	1	16	0	16	4	5			30
KIRKWOOD, Hugo			6	6	0	6	2				10
LAGUNA, Arnaud			11	11	10	21	4				20
LANGFIELD, Carter	12	4		16	0	16	7				35
LANGI, Edwin	9			9	18	27	4				20
LENEHAN, Angus			6	6	0	6	2				10
LEVY, Calvin	13	5		18	17	35	9				45
LLOYD, William	4			4	0	4					0
LYONS, Edward		1	1	2	0	2					0
MCCARNEY, Ned		6	10	16	0	16	2	2			14
MEEHAN, Brooklyn	14			14	0	14	4				20
MORLEY, Charles			10	10	0	10	1				5
MURPHY, Caleb	1	10		11	6	17	1				5
NEWMAN, Angus	4	10		14	0	14	5				25
NEWSOME, Rory			5	5	0	5		1	2		8
NICOLLE, Sam		4	8	12	19	31	7	26	1		90
NIKAS, Mark		5	6	11	0	11	5				25
NORGARD, Tom		10	8	18	0	18	6				30
O'KANE, Charles	14			14	20	34	11				55
PATTERSON, Max		2	15	17	0	17	3	1			17
POND, Finian		1	10	11	0	11					0
PREKETES, Cy		2	4	6	0	6	1				5
RAINFORD, Elliot	4	15		19	0	19	9				45
REUPENA, Jordan	5	12	3	20	0	20	5				25
ROCHE, Luca			3	3	11	14					0

COLTS PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	1C	2C	3C	TOTAL	PREV.	CAREER	TRIES	GOALS	PEN	FIELD	TOTAL
ROSSI, Raff			14	14	14	28	10				50
ROUSE, Joe		1	9	10	0	10					0
RYAN, Hunter	20			20	16	36	9				45
SAUNDERS, Zavier			12	12	12	24	1				5
SAVALA, Xavier		8	3	11	18	29	3				15
SHEPPARD, Ned			10	10	0	10	1				5
SIMPSON, Charlie	8	8		16	3	19	1				5
SNARY, Frederick	1	16		17	0	17	3	47	10	1	142
SOEPONO, Max	8	7		15	0	15	3	10			35
SWAIN, Nick	21			21	21	42	17				85
TAYLOR, Shep	6	14		20	0	20	6				30
TOOTH, Tom			3	3	0	3					0
TREMAIN, Angus	2	4		6	0	6	1				5
VAALOTU, Joshua	15			15	20	35	3				15
VEIRU, Jacob	9			9	15	24					0
VIVIEAERE-BATES, Zac		15	1	16	0	16	1				5
WALKER, Walter		3	13	16	0	16	2				10
WATTERS, Cooper	7			7	0	7	4	13	1		49
WEIR, Hudson			5	5	7	12	1	16	1		40
WHITE, Beau	7	7		14	13	27	1				5
WHITE, Frederick			10	10	13	23	3				15
WHITE, Jimmy			6	6	0	6					0
WHITE, Oliver		1	14	15	21	36	1				5
WHYTE, Ben	6	13		19	17	36	10				50
WILSON, Oscar			11	11	0	11	2				10
WRAD, Mac		2	12	14	0	14	3				15

ESDRUFC EUROPEAN TOUR MATCH REPORTS



On Thursday September 25th 37 players and support staff embarked on the 125th year anniversary tour. The tour would provide the travelling party with a mix of hard physical rugby and hard physical sightseeing and socialising.

Match 1: Lansdowne Rugby Club 17 – Eastern Suburbs 48

Kicking off the tour, the Beasties played their first fixture against Lansdowne Rugby Club, under the shadow of the Aviva Stadium, Dublin. Of the 36 tourists, only 20 were fit to play which tested the squad depth, especially in the back line.

With our backs against the wall, the Beasties started fast. After an early penalty, Connor McMullen kicked to the corner, putting us 10 metres out from the Lansdowne line. A call of “black drink” echoed from the sidelines, and the Beasties rolled home a 15-man maul for the first points of the tour.

This set the tempo for the next 25 minutes of the first half, with the Beasties firing a few more unanswered shots. James Behringer rolled over for two quick tries as Easts dominated early.

Momentum then shifted, with the Lansdowne pack beginning to control both territory and possession. The final 15 minutes of the first half saw a monumental defensive effort from one to fifteen. Lansdowne were parked in our 22 for the remainder of the half, but while the Beasties bent, they refused to break. After several bone-crunching tackles and more than a few try-saving efforts, Easts reached half-time without conceding any points.

Lansdowne carried that momentum into the second half, scoring two quick tries. After a stern talking-to from captain Alex Rice, the Beasties regrouped and reasserted control, running away with the game to the final whistle.

Man of the Match: James Behringer (hat-trick hero)

Honourable Mentions: Luca Winch’s intercept try from 50m to finish the game.

James Behringer’s 75 m run — tripping over himself after sidestepping the fullback, dislocating his thumb just before the try line.

ESDRUFC EUROPEAN TOUR MATCH REPORTS CONT.

Match 2: Oxford University 26 – Eastern Suburbs 12

Following a much-needed mid-tour recovery break in Majorca, the Beasties arrived in Oxford seeking revenge against OURFC after a narrow defeat in 2018. With a nine-day turnaround and limited training due to a lack of pitch availability in Magaluf, the Beasties needed a two-hour warm-up to dust off the cobwebs and get primed for victory.

Running out to the cheers of several hundred Oxford University students at Iffley Road, the Beasties started as planned — hard and aggressive. It was a tense opening stanza, with Oxford managing to maintain possession despite absorbing heavy pressure from the Beasties' pack.

After an even first 15 minutes, Oxford executed a superb rolling maul from 10 metres out to score the opening try. The remainder of the half followed a similar pattern, Oxford striking again through another maul. The Beasties eventually hit back with a try (we think to C. Bakes) before the break.

After a stern half-time talk from rookie head coach Blake Rixon, Easts changed tactics, shifting to a more expansive game. Credit to OURFC, who controlled possession and defended superbly — the Beasties struggled to find a breakthrough. After about 20 minutes, Oxford broke the deadlock with a well-worked try, then added another soon after. The game finished with a consolation try to Charlie Cooper.

A tough defeat, but an enjoyable encounter nonetheless. Easts continued their strong relationship with Oxford alum; enjoying some bespoke drinks at the Vincent Club followed by a night of dancing at The Bridge — the usual program whenever Eastern Suburbs tour Oxford.

Oxford will return the favour in Sydney on January 11, hoping to retain the Ian Tucker Shield.

Man of the Match: Connor McMullen

Honourable Mentions: The eleven siblings who took the field together — the Bakers, Ryans, Gavins, Nicholls, and Dombkins.

ESDRUFC EUROPEAN TOUR MATCH REPORTS CONT.

Match 3: Cambridge University 28 – Eastern Suburbs 29

After a short 44-hour turnaround, it was time for the final game of the tour – against Cambridge University.

The opening 24 minutes were tight, both sides probing each other's defences before the Beasties broke the deadlock with the first try. Building on that momentum, Easts added two more, pushing out to a 17–0 lead approaching half-time. Cambridge finally struck back late in the half, stemming the tide and giving the Blues hope.

Emboldened after the break, Cambridge's backs and forwards clicked. Two early tries narrowed the margin to 14–17 and swung the momentum firmly their way. In the final 10 minutes of the game, Cambridge produced a moment of magic, with the fullback picking up a loose ball inside his own 22, weaving through tacklers, chipping ahead, regathering, and storming in for a spectacular solo try to give the Blues the lead at 28–24.

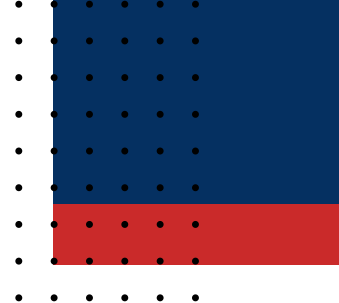
Just when it looked like Cambridge might complete the comeback, the Beasties dug deep. In the 78th minute, a 12-man rolling maul rumbled over the line for the decisive try, snatching victory 29–28. The coaching and support staff stood proud as the wounded boys showed experience and composure when it mattered most, finishing the tour with a 2-1 record.

With Easts visiting Cambridge for the first time in many years, the hosts provided exceptional post-match hospitality – karaoke and tomahawks at the Hawks' Club before sending the tour off in style at the local late night establishment.

Men of the Match: Archie Gavin & Ben Baker

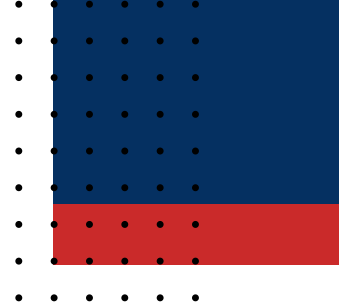
Honourable Mentions: Angus Arnott and James Behringer, sending two of the Cambridge forward pack straight back to the physio table

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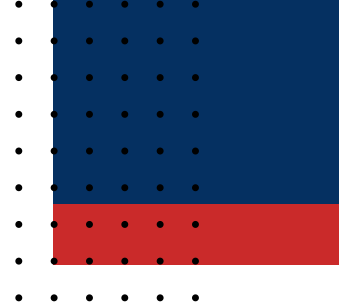
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Mark	Adams	John	Blondin	Ian	Cohen
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Nick	Aiken	Steven	Bock	Paola	Coluzzi
Campbell	Aitken	Luke	Bould	Simon	Colwell
Angus	Aitken	Scott	Bowen	Majella	Condren
George	Alexiou	Richard	Bowman	John	Cooper
Peter	Allen	Tim	Boydell	James	Cooper
Saxon	Allen	Graham	Boyle	Michael	Coppola
David	Allen	Drew	Bradford	Rhys	Corbishley
Simon	Allsopp	Guy	Brady	Rebecca	Cossalter
William	Anderson	Gordon	Bray	Carlo	Cossalter
Simon	Anderson	Jess	Brenac	John	Cox
Kent	Anderson	Emily	Brial	Laurence	Coy
Michael	Anker	Michael	Brial	Bruce	Creecy
Matilda	Arnott	Michael	Brial	Bruce	Creecy
Darce	Arnott	Ollie	Britton	Andrew	Crocker
Kris	Arnott	Kate	Brown	Brad	Crompton
Kate	Arnott	Riley	Brown	Micheal	Cunningham
James	Arnott	Suzi	Buckley	Laura	Dalrymple
Frank	Austin	Robert	Buckley	Wayne	Daniels
Gabrielle	Avery	Claka	Bulk	Tony	Davis
Stuart	Avery	Terri	Burrell	Leigh	Davison
William	Barber	Michael	Burrell	Jodie	Dickens
Matthew	Barlow	Tim	Burroughs	Paul	Dickens
Robin	Barrett	Jessica	Burrow	Roslyn	Diesner
Joe	Barry	James	Bush	Michael	Dimitrios
Andrew	Bartop	Elizabeth	Buttrose	Hugh	Dive
Stephen	Bartrop	Trevor	Byles	Michael	Dixon
Robert	Bartrop	Ian	Calcraft	Scott	Doble
Tamara	Bartrop	Peter	Calligeros	Michael	Dodd
Clive	Baskin	Sacha	Calligeros	Steve	Dooley
Matthew	Bassingthwaighte	Scott	Cam	Ryan	Downey
Kim	Batger	Joao	Carvalho Rego de Serra e Moura	Jake	Dowse
Trevor	Batger	Trent	Chapman	Michael	Doyle
Peter	Bavin	Sally	Chapman	Howard	Dredge
David	Beale	Will	Chapman	Toby	Duncan
Anthony	Beaumont	John	Chapple	Benjamin	Dunn
Thomas	Bignill	Angus	Clunies-Ross	Elia	Economou

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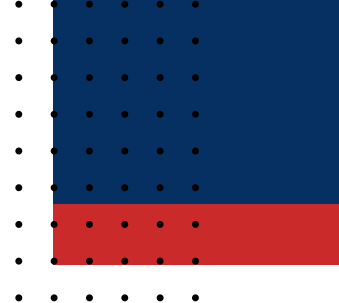
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Jacquie	Erskine	Chris	Gosselin	Lizzie	Kelly
Allan	Eskdale	Barry	Green	Steve	Kerlander
Angus	Esslemont	Tom	Greenaway	Alex	King
Laurence	Fahy	Martin	Greenberg	Peter	King
Peter	Falk	Jon	Greer	James	King
Andrew	Falk	Sarah	Greer	Kerry	King
Meghan	Farley	David	Guilfoyle	Ross	King
Dan	Farley	Nicholas	Hadjipourou	Paul	King
Scott	Fay	Ivan	Haege	Peter	Kirkwood
Sam	Fay	Tom	Haigh	Simon	Kurts
David	Fenwicke	Richard	Handley	Jason	Kururangi
Andrew	Ferris	Anton	Harris	Michael	Lakeman
Uri	Ferster	Blair R	Hayden	Mali	Land-Strykowski
Mark	Finnane	Scot	Hayman	Sam	Laverty
Guy	Firth	James	Henderson	Toby	Lawson
Katherine	Fitzgerald	Geoffrey	Henderson	Andrew	Lawson
Gareth	Flannery	Michael	Hickman	Tony	Le Brun
Mark	Flitcroft	Tom	Hillyard	John	Leahy
Andrew	Foxton	Peter	Hinchey	Alex	Lehrer
Kristane	Foxton	Sam	Hindmarsh	David	Lennon
Elliot	Frawley	Chris	Hirst	Renee	Levett
Oliver	Freer	Daniel	Hough	Anthony	Lewis
Jarrold	Frykberg	Henry	Hudson	Adam	Lloyd Jones
David	Gabriel	Stuart	Hudson	Grant	Lodge
David	Gallagher	Greg	Hughes	Jenny	Lorkin
Roger	Gamble	Mike	Huls	Nathan	Lowe
Darren	Gardner	Ethan	Hunt	Peter	Lumley
James	Garnsey	Jason	Hunt	Steve	Mack
Harry	Gavin	Simon	Hunter	Melissa	MacLeod-Marcells
Timothy	Gavin	John	Hutchin	Sian	MacPherson
Archie	Gavin	David	Jackson	James	MacPherson
Peter	George	Graham	Jackson	Bronwyn	Maddocks
Michael	Gerethy	Nina	James	Will	Maddocks
John	Gilder	William	Jamieson	Peter	Maddocks
Andrew	Gillespie	Katie	Jaques	Tim	Mahony
Paul	Gillian	Oscar	Jimenez	Tom	Mahony
Angus	Girle	Damian	Johnston	Kim	Maloney
Stephen	Goddard	Gregory	Jones	Kevin	Maloufs
Andrew	Gooch	Matthew	Juracich	George	Marcells

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Andrew	Marchant	Richard	Norgard	Michael	Rowles
Scott	Marchant	Nicholas	Norman	Adam	Rubner
Scott	Martel	Michael	O'Brien	Graham	Russell
Mark	Matsock	David	O'Halloran	Edward	Ryan
Mark	Maunder	Michael	O'Leary	John	Ryan
Jim	Maxwell	Rodney	O'Neil	Patrick	Ryan
Fraser	Mcausland	Dominic	O'Neil	Paul	Ryan
John	McCarroll	Patrick	O'Neil	Peter	Ryan
Max	McCathie	Daniel	O'Neill	Frank	Scanlan
Hamish	McCathie	John	O'Neill	John	Scanlan
Jack	McCathie	Cormac	OKelly	David	Scribner
Madeleine	McCathie	Michael	Palmer	Christian	Serfontein
Robert	McCormick	Vincent	Parrelli	Penny	Serfontein
Duncan	McDonald	James	Patterson	Jack	Seymour
Don	McDougall	Barak	Pauls	Robert	Shanley
Lionel	McFadyen	Sam	Payne	Bridget	Shannon
Matt	McGann	Michael	Pegum	Tony	Shannon
Duncan	McGregor	Brian	Pereira	Rob	Shaw
John	McKay	Jonathan	Perrin	James	Shipway
Phil	McMahon	Andrew	Petrie	Peter	Shipway
Tony	McQuillen	Ron	Porter	John	Simos
Justin	Meehan	Joseph	Porteus	David	Simpson
Neasa	Mellet	Jeffrey	Priestly	Craig	Smith
John	Minty	Bill	Pulver	Newton	Smith
Arthur	Mitchell	Richie	Purseglove	Ben	Smith
John	Mitchell	Sean	Rahilly	Mark	Southwell-Keely
James	Moore	Andrew	Ratcliffe	Tony	Squires
Asher	Morris	Vernon	Rauch	Captain	Starwars
Steve	Morris	Phillip	Reed	Jonathon	Stead
Jim	Morrow	Dominic	Remond	Lindsay	Stevens
Tim	Moses	Kellie	Reynolds	Mark	Steyn
Peter	Moses	John	Richardson	Sienna	Steyn
Anthony	Mossman	Judy	Richardson	Andrew	Strang
John	Murray	Paul	Rigby	Ross	Strang
Michael	Muston	David	Ritchie	Tom	Sullivan
Warwick	Negus	Steve	Roach	Peter	Sumsky
Justine	Nicholls	Rory	Robertson	John	Szangolies
Amanda	Nicolle	Brae	Roebuck	Peter	Tate
Keith	Nicolle	Kasaan	Rogan	Paul	Tate

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James	Tate	Oliver	White
Michael	Tate	Mark	White
David	Taylor	Edward	White
Clinton	Taylor	Andrew	Whitton
Charles	Thompson	Stephen	Whyte
Lachlan	Thornley	Alan	Williamson
Jake	Tierney	Geoffrey	Willmott
John	Tierney	Brett	Wilson
Stuart	Toakley	Luke	Wilson
Katrina	Toland	John	Winning
Peter	Tonkin	Giles	Woodgate
Alex	Toone	Michael	Wright
Cecily	Toshack	Neville	Wyatt
Jacqueline	Tougher	Gillian	Yole
Shane	Traynor	Phil	Zylstra
Andrew	Tyler	David	Zylstra
Andrew	Ulcoq	John	Zylstra
Hugh	Urquhart		
Angus	Urquhart		
Tim	Usasz		
Helena	Vatner		
John	Vicars		
Will	Vicars		
Matt	Wacher		
Stephen	Wales		
Gary	Walls		
Mark	Walsh		
Garry	Walsh		
Greg	Walsh		
Barry	Wanford		
Sam	Ward		
Flic	Ward		
John	Warton		
Bryan	Waters		
Simone	Wayland		
Andrew	Wayland		
Simon	Weaver		
David	Wehrle		
Tim	White		
Kate	White		

2024 AGM MINUTES



EASTERN SUBURBS DISTRICT RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

(A.C.N. 000 277 538)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

11 December 2024

The meeting was held at the Clubhouse, O'Sullivan Road Rose Bay on Wednesday 11 December 2024 at 6:30pm

1. Present

Refer to attachment ESDRUFC AGM 2024 Attendance.

2. Open

The President declared that there was a quorum present and declared the AGM open at 6.46pm

3. Apologies

Mr. Peter Falk, Mr. Bob McCormick, Mr. Ian Cohen, Mr. Ken Wright, Mr. John Chapple, Mr. Laurie Fahey, Mr. John Mackay, Mr. Peter Bavin and Mr. Steve Goddard.

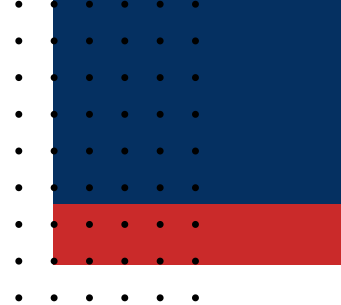
4. Vale

A minute's silence was held to remember Members and former players who had passed away – Mr. Bob Horsell, Mr. Peter Crittle, Mr. Kelran Speed, Mr. Heamani Levaka, Mr. David Stone and Mrs. Kate Brenac.

5. Presidents Report

The President spoke to the on-field success of the club, winning premierships in 3rd Colts, 1st Colts, 4th Grade and 1st Grade, as well as the Colts and Grade Club Championships and congratulated all players and coaches for their contribution to this success.

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The President spoke to the off-field success of the clubhouse and sponsorship, congratulating Mr. Patrick Ryan, Mr. Angus Esslemont and Mr. Dom Remond for their instrumental role. In particular the President noted a decade ago annual revenue was less than \$500,000 and is now \$3.65m.

The President spoke to Stage 1 of the Master Plan breaking ground in Q1 of 2025 with the scope of works being new changerooms, toilets, medical and referee rooms.

The President concluded his remarks by thanking the Members for their support.

6. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer took his report in the Annual Report as read and provided a summary:

- The Club is in a strong financial position, underpinned by strong bar trading and sponsorship, allowing investment back into the football program
- Costs to date relating to the Master Plan have been expensed
- Investment into the gaming room
- Strong balance sheet, no debt, cash in the bank, creditors up to date and provisions for potential exposure

The Treasurer thanked the CEO for his oversight and day to day management, as well as his predecessor Mr. Vince Parelli for his handover and ongoing assistance.

The Treasurer opened questions from the floor:

- In response to Mr. Giles Woodgate, it was confirmed that the Club will own the changerooms once built. It was noted that the Club does not own the land, utilised under a lease arrangement, but the Club does own the clubhouse.

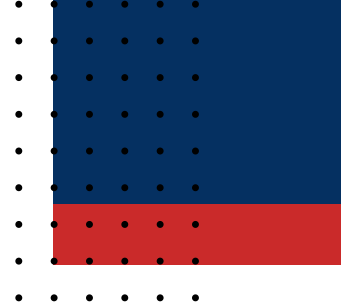
7. Financial Reports

The Financial Reports, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 September 2024 having been previously distributed, were tabled at the meeting. On enquiry there were no questions.

8. Appointment of Auditor

The President proposed that Mr. Ken Wright of Meagher Howard Wright be re-appointed Auditor for the coming year. Mr. Simon Allsop was proposed and Mr. Giles Woodgate seconder. The meeting unanimously approved the appointment.

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9. Nomination of Life Members

The Directors having received three (3) nominations for Honorary Life Membership in accordance with Article 7 of the Club's Constitution asked the meeting to consider and vote on the recommendation of the Board:

i. Mr. Vince Parelli

Mr. Simon Allsop as proposer and Mr. John Murray seconder spoke in favour of Mr. Parelli's nomination and significant contribution as Treasurer over 11 years of service on the Board.

Mr. Vince Parelli was unanimously elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Club and thanked the Members for this recognition.

ii. Mr. John Chapple

Mr. Michael Rowles as proposer and Mr. Jim Tate as seconder spoke to Mr. Chapple's significant contribution to the club dating back to 1977 as a player, coach, Board Member, Foundation supporter and game day volunteer.

Mr. John Chapple was unanimously elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Club.

iii. Mr. Peter Sumsky

Mr. Oliver Sumsky as proposer and Mr. Michael Doyle as seconder spoke to Mr. Sumsky's long-term contribution to the club as player and coach over 26 years, including 8 premierships.

Mr. Peter Sumsky was unanimously elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Club and thanked the Members for this recognition.

10. Election of Office Bearers

i. Board Departures

The President advised the Members that Mr. Michael Tate would not be standing for re-election on the Board and thanked him not only for his years on the Board but decades of service to the Club. Having overseen the professionalisation of the rugby program and the resultant success, the Club is indebted to the work of Mr. Tate.

The Board recommended that Mr. Elliot Frawley be elected as Vice-President (Rugby) and Mr. Frawley spoke to the meeting and shared his desire to continue building upon the work of his predecessor and taking the program forward.

ii. Patron

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The President announced Mr. Peter Falk's intention to step down as Patron of ESDRUFC. The President spoke to the enormous contribution Mr. Falk made to the Club and thanked him for his lifetime of service and commitment.

Mr. Falk's son Andrew Falk spoke to the enormous role the Club played in his father's life and was lucky enough to see the success of the 1969 and 2024 first grade premierships.

The Board recommended Mr. Jim Tate to be elected as Patron, noting his stature in the business community, lifetime association with the Club and his understanding of the culture and values of the Club, particularly in the 125th year. The appointment was unanimously endorsed by the Meeting.

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

The Patron addressed the Meeting, thanking his predecessor and was humbled by the honour. The Patron congratulated the 3 Honorary Life Members on their election and their personal attributes and values aligning with the core elements that go to the heart of honorary life membership, being recognition of the Club as a community itself, the aspiration to sustained success and a club built by players for players.

iii. Board Elections

The Patron advised that all positions were unopposed, and the nominated positions were declared duly elected.

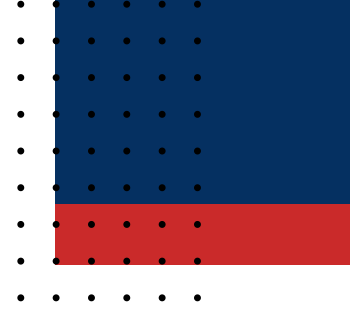
PRESIDENT	Mr. David Allen	
VICE PRESIDENT (Rugby)	Mr. Elliot Frawley	
VICE PRESIDENT (Sponsorship)	Mr. Angus Esslemont	
VICE PRESIDENT (House)	Mr. Patrick Ryan	
TREASURER	Mr. Michael Wright	
DIRECTORS	Mr. Alex Toone	4(a)
	Mrs. Kate Brown	4(a)
	Mr. Brendan McKibbin	4(a)
	Mr. Alex King	4(a)

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

11. General Business

- i. Mr. Peter Shipway – spoke on behalf of all Members, to congratulate the Board, and particularly the President on the success of the year, as well as acknowledging the work of those before. Mr. Shipway further acknowledged the remarkable

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contribution of the President, who's time commitment, energy and passion were evident for all players, supporters and Members to see.

- a. The President thanked Mr. Shipway for his kind words and thanked the Board and the CEO for the efforts and energy, as well as members of the Easts Foundation Board, in particular Mr. Craig Smith and Mr. Hamish McCathie.

The meeting closed at 7:33pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Signed by:
David Allen
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CHAIRMAN



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