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## **Balmain Junior League Grand Finals** 22

(Leichhardt Oval – 26th and 27th September 2020)

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|----------------------------|---|
| • U9 Div 1 (A)             | Leichhardt Juniors Black v Concord Burwood United |
| • U9 Div 1 (B)             | Paddington Colts v Clovelly Crocodiles Black      |
| • U9 Div 2 (A)             | Bondi United Green v North Ryde Hawks             |
| • U9 Div 2 (B)             | Leichhardt Wanderers Black v Bondi United White   |
| • U10 Div 1                | Strathfield Raiders Black v Bondi United          |
| • U10 Div 2 (A)            | Clovelly Crocodiles Red v Paddington Colts        |
| • U10 Div 2 (B)            | Holy Cross Rhinos v Leichhardt Juniors            |
| • U11 Div 1                | Clovelly Crocodiles Blue v Concord Burwood United |
| • U11 Div 2 (A)            | Holy Cross Rhinos v Paddington Colts              |
| • U11 Div 2 (B)            | Carlingford Cougars v Leichhardt Wanderers        |
| • U12 (A)                  | Strathfield Raiders v Leichhardt Wanderers        |
| • U12 (B)                  | Paddington Colts v Bondi United                   |
| • Combined U13 Blues Tag   | Leichhardt Wanderers v Hills District             |
| • South Eastern U13 Silver | Dundas Shamrocks v Carlingford Cougars            |
| • South Eastern U14 Silver | Leichhardt Wanderers v Strathfield Raiders        |
| • South Eastern U14 Gold   | Concord Burwood United v Alexandria Rovers        |
| • South Eastern U15 Silver | Concord Burwood United v Newtown Junior Jets      |
| • South Eastern U15 Gold   | Paddington Colts v Strathfield Raiders            |
| • Combined U17 Blues Tag   | Clovelly Crocodiles v Moorebank Rams              |

Redfern Oval (26th September 2020) Combined U14 Girls – La Perouse United v Leichhardt Wanderers

Old Sales Yard (27th September 2020) Combined U20 Gold – Rouse Hill Rhinos v Ryde Eastwood Hawks

Redfern Oval (27th September 2020) North Eastern Open Age Silver – South Eastern v Leichhardt Juniors

## **Tributes – Jack King**

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Richard Kelly

Season 2020 was the most difficult on record. We are blessed to have such a strong and courageous volunteer network at our junior club level. Where others wilted, the fighting spirit of the Balmain District shone through. One of the most pleasing aspects of this was the amount of collaboration between our clubs. There was a great comradery shown by all clubs in sharing of information and ideas on how to effectively and efficiently implement COVID restart requirements and then maintain them. This no doubt rubbed off on our participation numbers which actually rose on 2019 registrations to be just shy of 1700 participants. This is a sensational result given the circumstances!

Grand final day loomed ominous with the dawning realisation that under the COVID restriction only one parent would be allowed to attend. Due to a ground swell of popular protest these restrictions were eased for grand final day but due to the late notice we were unable to cancel the live streaming service. Having that in place is worth a mention on a number of accounts. Stacey Pittendigh, our Junior League administrator pulled off a "minor miracle" to have live streaming approved by NSWRL due to a significant privacy breaches earlier in the season. The second is that we were overwhelmed by the amount of positive feedback and viewing of the live stream feed. No matter what happens in the future, live streaming of our grand finals is here to stay. I know this gave many extended family members a great thrill to be able to watch from anywhere in the world! Well done Stacey!

So, despite a season that is forgettable for so many reasons, and for so many other reasons will be unforgettable, we were able to pull off two full days of grand final action with (believe it or not) record attendance if our gate takings are any indication.

As we know there were times this year that the season looked like either not proceeding or being cancelled halfway through. The Junior League Board of Directors were at all times united in their determination to do what ever was feasibly possible to make sure that our boys and girls got to play the game they loved. This unity at the Board level flowed down to club level, and as friendships are forged in battle, I believe many lifelong friendships have been forged between clubs as we fought against the impact of COVID 19. Thank you for your efforts.



I am personally very appreciative of the support I receive from the chairman of the Balmain Tigers Football Club, Dr Leslie Glenn. In a year with so much on his plate, including the conclusion of the Leagues club amalgamation, he still found time to support our Junior heartland and be on standby to offer words of advice and support in some of the most darkest hours. Also thank you to Michelle Nielsen, the CEO of the Balmain Tigers Football Club. Michelle's behind the scenes efforts make sure things just work. Now with the amalgamation concluded and years of uncertainty finalised, we can now look forward to a new era of Rugby League in the Balmain district.

Finally, no one will ever know the efforts that Stacey Pittendrigh went to in ensuring this season happened. Thank You Stacey for your unwavering effort despite the adversities thrown at you.

Onwards & Upwards to 2021

**Black & Gold Will Never Fold!**

**Richard Kelly**

*Chairman, Balmain District Junior Rugby League*

# Office Bearers 1908-2020

## Secretaries

Dave Butchart	1908-09-10-11-12-13
Pat McQuade	1908-09
Frank Savage	1914-15-18-19-22
Robert Savage	1916-17
Leo Mason	1920-21-23-24-25
W L Young	1926-27-28
Bill O'Connor	1929-30-31-32
C H 'Micky' Roberts	1933-34
L Crawley	1934-35
J Burnicle	1936-37
Sid Jenkins	1938-39-40-41
J Griffith	1942-43
R Rourke	1944-45-46
Harry Addison	1947-48-49-50
George Lee	1951-52-53-54-55
Danny Clifford	1956-57
Bill Ballard	1958-59-60
Joe Hayes	1961-62
Don Graham	1963-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75
Mick Ko'Cass	1976-77-78-79-80 (Resigned)
Bill Brown	1980-81-82
Bob Carroll	1983-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94 (deceased)
Paul Egan	1995-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04

## Presidents

Arthur Ballerum	1908-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16
Frank Savage	1917-18-19
James N Walsh	1920-21-22-23-24-25-26-28-29-40-41
J McCarry	1927-1930-31-32-33
J Shaw	1934-35
Bill O'Connor	1935
A S Cochrane	1936-37-38-39
L Crawley	1942-43
A Dawes	1944-45-46
Bert Hampstead	1947-48-49-50-51-52-53-54
Austin Hoyle	1955-56-57-58
Robert McKinney	1959-60-61
Bill Evans	1962-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70
Bob Waterson	1971-72-73-74-75-76-77
John Jackson	1978-79-80-81-82
Ted Hellsten	1983-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92
Sid Coghlan	1993
Robert Henderson	1994-95-96-97-98-99-2000
Bob Barnett	2001 (deceased)
Bill Wise	2002-03-04
John Culbert	2005 (deceased)

## Assistant Secretaries

Harold Matthews	1913-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22
M Cooney	1927-28
B Curran	1929-30-31-32-33-34
J Burnicle	1935
W L Young	1936-37-38-39-40
E Whitford	1941-42-43-44
J Burnet	1945-46
Harry Chalk	1947
Arthur Robinson	1948-49-50-51-52-53-54-55
Bill Ballard	1956-57-58-59-60
Arthur McIlveen	1961-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77
Ron Wilson	1978-79
Ray Dalton	1980-81
Bob Carroll	1982
Chris Kenny	1983-84-85-86
Kathleen Hughes	1987
Pat Hegarty	1988-89-90 (Retired)
Cliff Madgwick	1990-91-92-93-94
Graham Simmons	1995-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03
Lyn Phillis	2004-05

## Treasurers

Frank Savage	1914-15-16-17-18-19-20
Harold Matthews	1921-22
W L Young	1923-24-25-26
M Cooney	1927-28
B Curran	1929-30-31
D Cooksey	1932
L Crawley	1933-34
Allan Slarke	1935
J Connor	1936-37-38-39-40-41-42-43
H McLeod	1944-45
J Donovan	1946
Harry Chalk	1947-48-49-50-51-52
A Harding	1949-50-51
Bob Jones	1953-54-55
Arthur Robinson	1956-57-58-59-60-61
Ron Pursehouse	1962-63-64-65-66-67-68
Reg Patterson	1969-70-71-72-73-74-75-76
Phil Lloyd	1977-78-79
Doug Vitnell	1980
Myles Kennedy	1981-82-83
Tony Newell	1984-85-86
Kathy Palmer	1986-87
Sid Coghlan	1988-89-90-91
Ernie Baldwin	1992-93-94-2002-03
Tony Bietola	1995-96-97-98-99-2000-01
Chris Annison	2004-05

## Junior League Administrators

Frank Delaney	1937
J Galvin	1937

## Vice Presidents

Tom Prescott	1924
Richard Baker	1930-31-32-33

## Senior Vice Presidents

Arthur McIlveen	1978-79
Ted Hellsten	1980-81-82
Maurie O'Brien	1983-84-85-86
Ken Brownlee	1988-89-90-91
Sid Coghlan	1992
Bob Barnett (deceased)	1993-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000
Bill Wise	2001
John Culbert (deceased)	2002-03-04
Allen Carling	2005

## Operations Manager

Darren Mooney	2004-2006
Jennie Webster	2007-2014

## General Manager RLFC & Junior League

Michael Keech	2007-2010 (resigned)
Paul Sironen	2010-2013
Jennie Webster	2014-2018

## Development Manager

David Kelly	1997-2010
Yvette Downey	2012-2013
Mitch Lewis	2014
David Faunonuku	
Chris Gale	2018

## Chairman

Robert Henderson	2006-2010 (resigned)
John Critchley	2011-2018 (resigned)
Richard Kelly	2018

## Patron

Michael (Mick) Manning	1997- 2017
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## Directors

John Carrington	2006-2010
Debbie Chalmers	2006
John Critchley	2006-08-09-10
Warwick Hilder	2006-07-08
Gary Hinchliffe	2006-07
Steve Lavers	2006-07
Peter Mortimer	2006
Mick O'Keefe	2006-2012
David Wilson	2006-2011 resigned
Chris Raheb	2006-2012
Chris Annison	2007-08-09
Ian Gibbeson	2007-08-09-10
Jon Monroe (deceased)	2007-08

Robert Gerrie	2008
John Stapleton	2008-2012
Chris Woods	2008
Michael Benson	2011-2012
Brett Wheelhouse	2009
Frank Dunne	2009-2012 resigned
Con Veneziano	2009-2012 resigned
Aida Catalano	2010
Paul Jenson	2010
Gabriel Georgy	2010-2011
Joe Bainou	2012
Philip Taylor	2006-2014
Richard Jones	2009-2014

Michael Jorgensen	2014-2015 resigned
Tony Bignold	2013-2017
David Durbin	2013-2016
Elias Nassar	2017-
Richard Kelly	2011-2017
Bob Siemsen	2006-
Wes Gebara	2013-
Nick Speranza	2013-
Ryhs Provan	2015-2017
Amenatave Rokomaqisa	2016-2017
Michael (Mick) Manning	2017
Leoni Barnett	2013-2016
Steve Edmed	2017-

Brian Johnston	2008-
Charlie Khalifeh	2012-2018
Scott Todd	2011-2017
Gary Thomson	2016-
Darren Flynn	2017-
Damien Mackey	2018-
Trent Murphy	2018-2018
Cheyne Harrison	2018-2018
Phillip McMahan	2018- 2019
Michael Frain	2018- 2019
Les Elias	2019
Trent Miller	2019
David Doyle	2019
Brad Wilson	2020
Sean Hampstead	2020

# 2020 Board of Directors and Life Members

## Chairman

<b>Carlingford Cougars</b>	Richard Kelly
<b>Concord Burwood</b>	Damien Mackey
<b>Dundas Shamrocks</b>	Elias Nassar
<b>Enfield Federals</b>	Bob Siemsen
<b>Glebe RLFC</b>	Wes Gebara
<b>Five Dock RSL</b>	Darren Flynn
<b>Holy Cross Rhinos</b>	Nick Speranza
<b>Leichhardt Juniors</b>	David Doyle
<b>Leichhardt Wanderers</b>	Trent Miller
<b>North Ryde Hawks</b>	Steve Edmed
<b>Ryde-Eastwood Hawks</b>	Brian Johnston
	Michael Frain (resigned July 2020)
	Brad Wilson (appointed August 2020)
<b>Strathfield Raiders</b>	Leslie Elias
<b>Balmain Referees Assn</b>	Sean Hampstead
<b>Balmain Tigers RLFC</b>	Gary Thomson

## Sub Committees

<b>Governance Committee</b>	Richard Kelly
	Peter Mortimer
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Brian Johnston
	Wes Gebara
	Richard Kelly
<b>Life Members Committee</b>	John Critchley
	John Carrington
	Lyn Phillis
<b>Rules Committee</b>	Peter Mortimer
	Bill Ibrahim
	Stacey Pittendrigh

## Balmain Junior Rugby League Life Members

Jim Acheson, Fred Alexander\*, Chris Anison, Kathy Anison, Jeff Aplitt, Keith Bailey, Bill Ballard, Allan Barber, Bob Barnett\*, Craig Barnett, Ernie Baldwin, Ken Bell\*, Ray Barclay, Tony Bietola, Des Booler, George Bowden\*, Bill Bradshaw\*, Bill Brown, Ken Brownlee\*, Bill Burke, Harold Chalk\*, Alan Carling, Anthony (Wally) Carpenter, John Carrington, Bob Carroll\*, Sid Coghlan\*, Brian Coleman, Bob Cooper, John Critchley, John Culbert\*, Charlie Day, Ray Dalton\*, Max Davis\*, Phil Dore, John Doyle\*, John Dunlea\*, Frank Dunne, Gary Dickson, Paul Egan, Terry Evans, Bill Evans\*, Bill Fender\*, G Frederick\*, Jim Fitzgibbons\*, Mal Finnigan\*, Gino Fogliati, Dennis Fowler\*, Sam Gebrael, Ray Gerrie, Ian Gibbeson, Don Graham\*, Bert Hampstead\*, Harry Hannaford\*, Pat Hegarty, Ted Hellsten\*, Austin Hoyle, Les Heath, Bob Henderson, Peter Hunter, J Hughes\*, Wally Houghton\*, Keith Jacobs\*, John Jackson\*, Geoff Large, Steve Leslie, Cliff Madgwick\*, Mick Manning, Peter Mortimer, Harold Matthews\*, Chris Karas, David Kelly, Myles Kennedy\*, Charlie Khalifeh, Jack King\*, Mick Ko'Cass, Mick O'Keefe, Arthur McIlveen\*, Tom Middleton\*, Leo Neylon\*, Tony Newell, Maurie O'Brien, Joe Palmer, Reg Patterson, Lyn Phillis, Ron Pursehouse, Roy Rawson, Eric Richardson\*, John Robertson, Arthur Robinson, George Robinson\*, Martin Ritter, Ron Ryan, Alexandra Siemsen, Bob Siemsen, Dennis Simmons, Graham Simmons, H Skinner, Nick Speranza, John Stanton, Jack Tagg\*, John Stapleton, Ken Stapleton, Jack Taylor\*, Kevin Thatcher\*, Colin Thew\*, Ian Todd, Norman Towells, Doug Vitnell\*, Alan Watts, Bob Waterson, A Waterson, Athol Webster\*, Paul Wheelhouse, Ron Wicks, Billy Wise, Fred Woodbridge\*, Stan Woodbridge\*

\*Deceased

# Honour Roll

## Balmain District Junior Rugby League Internationals

Australia	Debut (Kangaroo Cap No)
Charles Fraser	1911 (76)
Albert Johnston	1919 (96)
Jack Robinson	1919 (100)
Bill Schultz	1919 (106)
Reg Latta	1919 (111)
Jim Craig	1921 (118)
George Carstairs	1921 (123)
Horrie Watt	1924 (132)
George Bishop	1929 (156)
Sid Goodwin	1935 (199)
Frank Griffiths	1937 (210)
George Watt	1946 (230)
Fred de Belin	1948 (238)
Tom Tyrrell	1952 (297)
Don Furner	1956 (328)
Norm Pope	1956 (325)
Bill Marsh	1956 (329)
Jack Sinclair	1961 (365)
Frank Drake	1961 (366)
Dennis Tutty	1967 (412)
Geoff Connell	1967 (413)
Bobby Grant	1970 (444)
Geoff Starling	1971 (459)
Ian Thompson	1978 (509)
John Muggleton	1982 (538)
Wayne Pearce	1982 (549)
Steve Roach	1985 (562)
Ben Elias	1985 (565)
Paul Sironen	1986 (576)
Tim Brasher	1992 (624)
Robbie Farah	2009 (761)
Aaron Woods	2014 (793)

New Zealand	Debut (Kiwi Cap No)
Dene Halatau	2004 (713)
Bronson Harison	2005 (723)

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# NSWRL Junior League Administrator, Balmain District

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The 2020 season, and in fact, year has been one all of us will remember. It presented many challenges, for not only us, but the entire world as we navigated life in the grip of a global pandemic. But together, through hard work, dedication and resilience, we managed to get back on the footy field and enjoy the game we all know and love.

Whilst the season was shorter than we are used to and restrictions kept a lot of our supporters at home, we made the most of the 10 weeks which was evident in the hundreds of smiling faces we saw each round. We adapted to the new way of running game days, along with ensuring we created a safe and welcoming environment for all involved. We had some amazing achievements over the season, including a growth in participation numbers for the district which was the first time since 2017. We were also lucky enough to have all our 12 clubs put their footy boots back on again this year which was an outstanding effort given the circumstances and mainly due to all the hard work from our amazing volunteers.

We couldn't have finished the season without our show stopping grand final weekend at Leichhardt Oval on the 26th and 27th of September. This was a great chance to bring everyone together after a tough year and celebrate the best of the best in our district. After a full two days at the home of the Tigers, we saw champions, a few tears but mostly happiness from just being given the chance to play rugby league.

It has been an absolute pleasure for me to continue to work with and support the clubs and district for another season. I am forever grateful for all the wonderful players, volunteers, parents and spectators within our district, as you are what makes Balmain great. I would like to thank Belinda Reeve who took on the role of NSWRL Club Support Officer in February 2020. It has been great working alongside Belinda and watch her get to know all the wonderful people in our District.

Thank you to the Sydney Roosters JRLFC for their continued partnership and support of our Mod competition. Having the Roosters teams play in our Mod competition not only adds depth to our competition but also brings variety and opportunity to our district, which we are very grateful for. We look forward to continuing this for many years to come.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Sean Hampstead, Pauline Condon, Tony Beger and the Balmain Referees Association for their continued service and support. Without them, we would not be playing rugby league week in week out. They do an amazing job facilitating and we are eternally thankful.

To Paul Sironen, Wests Tigers, NRL Game Development Officer - Dave Fauonuku, the Balmain Tigers RLFC Board, our major sponsors - Painaway and Ryde Eastwood Leagues and NSWRL, thank you for your ongoing contributions, support and guidance. Balmain Junior League would not have had the success it has or even played football this year without you all.

And finally, a big thank you to Richard Kelly, Michelle Nielsen and the Balmain District Junior Rugby Board for everything you do for the Balmain District. It is a privilege to work alongside you all and I look forward to continuing this for a very successful 2021 season.

All the best, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all next year around the grounds.

## **Stacey Pittendrigh**

*NSWRL Junior League Administrator, Balmain District*



# NSWRL Club Support Officer Report

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What an interesting, challenging and testing time 2020 has been, but it's during these difficult times it has shown me how inspiring, strong, committed and resilient the members, clubs and the board of directors of the Balmain District Junior Rugby League are. This you should be proud of.

I was privileged to join the district as Club Support Officer in February 2020. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting around to the grounds to build relationships with the local Junior League Clubs and with the Board of Directors and associated staff at board meetings.

## Success in 2020

### Growth in Blue Shield Clubs

Congratulations to Dundas Shamrocks and Holy Cross Rhinos for completing Blue Shield for the first time. We have also had Carlingford Cougars and Ryde Eastwood Hawks renew their Blue Shield accreditation this year. Well done in maintaining the high standard that Blue Shield entails. I look forward to working with other Clubs in the District in 2021 to assist them gaining recognition for their hard work and professionalism in maintaining the high standards that are expected in Rugby League. Blue Shield clubs were rewarded with \$1000 Steeden credit for the first year and \$500 for renewals.

### Growth in Team numbers

All competitions from Under 6s to Open Ages were well represented in the 2020 season with a growth in team numbers for the district from the year prior, finishing with a fantastic weekend of Grand Finals at Leichhardt Oval. I personally thoroughly enjoyed the Blues Tag Teams, being newly introduced to this format, I see this as an avenue to increase participation in season 2021 for your clubs.

### Coaching / Training Accreditation and Compliance

I am please to be able to report that Balmain District at a whole were at 97% - 98% compliance. Let's get to 100% compliance next year with early re-accreditations. Now that the mysideline and learn.playnrl.com.au sites are linked with the same log in details, this should help next season with the process of having the accreditation updated and rolling over.

I'm looking forward to meeting with all Clubs in the off-season and seeing how I can best serve the Clubs in the District moving forward.

Take this time to rest and spend with your friends and families. I am sure that 2021 will be an even more successful year and look forward to an enjoyable season in the Balmain District Junior Rugby League.

## Belinda Reeve

*NSWRL Club and Competitions Coordinator - Eastern Region*



# Balmain Referees Report



2020.

The year that almost never was.

This season we welcomed six (6) new referees. This included five [5] new referees in the Balmain District and one new Eastern Suburbs based [Balmain East] referee.

Of course a shortened competition, COVID-19 restrictions and some inclement weather presented difficulties we needed to address during the season.

In 2021 we will need to recruit a further 15 new referees preferably who have a rugby league background. If you know anyone who wants a part-time job or if they can't play anymore and want to stay involved please contact - [tbeger@balmainrefs.com](mailto:tbeger@balmainrefs.com).

This year the majority of the evaluating duties were performed by Sean Hampstead, Jack Gerrie, Adam Sirriani, Jeremy Anderson, Michael Scarpellino, John McKee, Michael Doyle, Ian Marquis, Dean Tyler, Pauline Condon and Tony Beger. These members watched most games held both in the Balmain District and in Balmain East and assisted our members develop their games.

In season 2020 we had 50 referees, which was 12 down on 2019 figures. This was largely due to COVID-19 & the uncertainty of whether the competition would proceed.

Of these 6 also played and we had 9 part-timers with irregular availability. Injuries and other commitments further reduced our numbers. Each week the draw had approximately 62 games across Balmain and the Eastern Suburbs. We covered all these games and had Touch Judges on all Under 10s and above.

We are fortunate to have solid, collegial relationships with our partners. Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, our major sponsor, have continued to support our Association with our sponsorship for a further five years, which was announced in 2019.

The Balmain Junior League are always very cooperative and supportive. Stacey Pittendrigh from the NSWRL has been wonderful. Stacey has been fantastic to work with this season and never seems to get flustered, regardless of the situation.

A workable draw is received early each week which makes appointing referees much easier. In addition Stacey is only a phone call away and always does everything she can to help.

A lot of people wouldn't realise it was at a Balmain Junior League Meeting in 1914, as the association was formed in 1915, that it was decided to form the Balmain Referees Association. Perhaps this is why we have a great relationship. This relationship is strong as we are both involve in fostering rugby league in the Balmain District and creating a safe environment where our players can play their best football. This purpose is very important to both organisations. We appreciate the support of Richard Kelly and his Board that have make a number of strategic decisions for the future of rugby league in the Balmain District.



# SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lyn Phillis

As always, recognition must go to the many people who make it possible for the teams to take the field every week. Thank you to the Balmain Tigers Football Club, Wests Ashfield, Balmain Junior League Board, our major sponsors Tigers Sydney Markets, Ryde Eastwood Football and Leagues Clubs, J J Robertson Transport, Kimi Kimi Cleaning, Mojo Power and Griffin Air for the outstanding continued support.

Unfortunately our season was cut short due to COVID-19, however, I feel that we were headed towards some pretty good results.

## **HAROLD MATTHEWS**

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Ross Mignacca, Glenn Starr, Jim Khamis, Peter Mortimer, Tony Bazouni, Matt Lees and Mitch Bruce and Jason Mignacca for the never-ending dedication, commitment and effort you all showed during the year. You all did a wonderful job.

### **Results:**

Round 1 vs Penrith cancelled; Round 2 vs Manly lost 22-4; Round 3 Norths won 22-16; Round 4 vs Souths lost 24-18; Round 5 vs Central Coast Roosters drew 12-12; Round 6 Bye.

## **S G BALL**

I would like to thank Scott Kenna, Chris Crotty, Bronson Harrison, Chris Gale and Terry Langi, Wally Carpenter, Brenton Whale and welcome Steve Woodley to the S G Ball family. I would like to thank them all for the never-ending dedication and effort shown during the year. You all did a wonderful job.

### **Results:**

Round 1 vs Penrith cancelled; Round 2 vs Manly won 24-22; Round 3 bye; Round 4 vs Souths lost 16-14; Round 5 vs Central Coast Roosters won 34-16; Round 6 vs St George won 28-14.

I would also like to thank the ballboys for their assistance each and every week. It was a pleasure to get to know you all.

As always, I hope that all of the players take the knowledge and experience they have gained working with such wonderful, experienced staff and use it in the future to reach their full potential as players and young men. Good luck to you all and I hope you all reach your personal goals in the future.

Thank you to all the people who make it possible for the boys to train and play every week, I really don't know how to thank you all enough. Our wonderful Leichhardt Oval volunteer staff and our loyal parents and supporters for their incredible encouragement throughout the season.

I would also like to extend my condolences to those who have lost loved ones during the year.

Finally, a special thank you, as always to Paul Sironen and the Balmain Football Club Board and the Balmain Junior League Board for the never-ending help, support and guidance they give at all times.

An unfortunately difficult year for everyone, let's hope 2021 is brighter!

**Lyn Phillis**  
*District Rep. Secretary*

# NRL Game Development Report



## Schools

2020 brought with it a wealth of challenges worldwide and Rugby League was no stranger to these. The Sydney Metro Game Development team stuck solid throughout and were able to achieve some great results.

2020 NRL community carnival saw the NRL Game Development Staff along with the full Wests Tigers first grade squad visit 24 Schools within the Balmain district, an increase from last year's 18. This year the message we delivered to over 7000 students was about celebrating differences with a key focus on inclusiveness.

GDO team have held numerous coaching sessions for schools involved in NRL run gala days, Well-Being assembly visits, Sporting Schools Programs and Professional Development days for teachers in the Inner-West Catholic Schools.

Moving into the back end of the year we have two League Tag gala days in Balmain and Ryde as well as a League Touch day for catholic schools across the inner west.

## Education

2020 saw the NRL team run both an International Games and Modified Games course out of Blackmore Oval. Special thanks to the Leichhardt Wanderers for the use of their great facilities. Off the back of the coaching courses the BDJRL coach compliance was once again impressive at 97%.

Further courses are being looked at for the end of November pending numbers. The BDJRL increased in numbers by 2%, one of the only districts to do so across the country.

Special mention must be made to Stacey and Belinda for their efforts throughout this difficult year. 2021 brings with it excitement and new beginnings as we transfer over to NSWRL.

Thank you all for your hard work.

## David Fauonuku

*Game Development Officer- Balmain*



# Balmain Tigers Under 15 Development Camp



Unfortunately, 2020 saw the cancellation of another annual tradition, the Balmain Tigers Under 15 Development Squad North Coast Tour to Byron/Ballina area.

However, in lieu of the annual Development Tour, the Under 15 squad undertook a 2-day high performance camp at Leichhardt Oval on Friday 2nd and 3rd of October.

Players completed a 90-min field session each day combined with pool and ice bath recoveries, an introduction to strength and conditioning gym sessions and a welfare presentation from Wests Tigers staff.

Additionally, the camp included a nutrition talk with handouts and prepared cooked meals which were enjoyed by both players and staff.

Such was the success of the camp, BTRLFC will consider it as a permanent fixture on the calendar for one age group.

A big thank you to all staff who helped make this camp possible, your dedication and support never goes unnoticed and to BDJRL for catering and providing supplements over the 2 days.

The list of the full training camp squad was:

Lapina Ata, Jude Chalhoub, Kian Edmed, Luke Elias, Angus Gray, Aidan Harb, Zach Hayek, Tunui Jorgensen, Oscar Jorgensen, Cameron Kanaan, Isaiah Koloapeaua, Keenan Lawandos, Kade Moujalli, Christian Moussa, Benjamin Noble, Jayden Raad, Christian Sarkis, Sam Schmitzer, Feleti Tuinuki, Christo Vouranvas, Salem Yacoub, Pat Young and Velangi Otutaha

# Alex Noble "I Fight You Fight"



In 2020, the Alex Noble Round kicked off during Round 6 of the season on the 23rd August. It was a jam-packed weekend at Balmain grounds, including Holy Cross and the support for Alex and the Noble family was overwhelming.

Alex, a talented and promising Holy Cross Rhinos Junior, had the dream of one day becoming an A grade footballer. However, in 2018 he had an unfortunate accident whilst at Rugby Union training and is now continuing to fight the fight to be able to use his arms and legs.

After a lengthy hospital and rehab stay, consisting of 9 days in the ICU, 22 days in the spinal unit and Royal North Shore Hospital with an additional 239 days at Royal Rehab, Alex has worked extremely hard on learning to adjust to his new life, and regain function and movement in his limbs. Moving forward to 2020, he has also continued to hit major milestones including the completion of his HSC, attending music festivals and building strength and control of his limbs which allows Alex to do more day to day tasks such as brushing his teeth, using computers and transferring into his bed and wheel chair.

During the Alex Noble Round, donations buckets and raffles were organised and held to help raise funds for Alex and his family. The Noble family also made the generous decision to donate 50 % of the funds raised to the Spinal Injury Cure research program at UTS, a Spinal Cord Injury Recovery Research Program that involves several projects aimed at restoring movement and bodily function to those who have lost it through spinal cord injury and related disorders.

On behalf of Alex, the Noble Family, Holy Cross and BDJRL, thank you to everyone who supported the initiative this year. We are eternally grateful for the generosity shown by all.

We wish Alex all the very best as he continues to make amazing progress with his recovery, always remember #ifightyoufight.

To follow Alex's journey, head to <https://alexnoble.com.au/>

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# Balmain District JRL 2020 District Awards

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 this year we had to cancel the Inaugural Gala Dinner which was expected to be held in September. However, to keep with tradition and to ensure we still celebrated the wonderful and talented Volunteers and Players, we awarded the following awards to the shining stars in our District.

## STEVE ROACH MEDAL U13 JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The 2020 Steve Roach Under 13 Player of the Year medal has been awarded to Kerim Caglar from Carlingford Cougars.

Mature beyond his years, Kerim always puts 110% effort at training and game day. He always is there to help other players that aren't up to speed or are struggling and never leaves a team mate behind. His ability on the field this year has not only seen him become the leading try scorer this year but also a highly respected player by his fellow teammates.

Well done Kerim on a fantastic season and achievement!



## BEN ELIAS MEDAL U14 JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

We are pleased to announce Adam Meslemani from Strathfield Raiders as the recipient of the 2020 Ben Elias Medal for BDJRL Under 14 Player of the Year.

The team's go to man with his powerful runs and strong defence, he had a never say die attitude this season which has greatly helped his team. Off the field, Adam has helped his teammates reach their potential by not only encouraging and supporting them, but being there for them when they needed him most. He is always looking on ways to improve by listening and asking questions which makes him an enjoyable young man to coach. The coaching staff have been very impressed with what Adam has achieved thus far and are looking forward to watching him develop into a fine young footballer, but more importantly a fine young man in the years to come.

Congratulations Adam this great recognition!

## PAUL SIRONEN MEDAL U15 JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Concord Burwood's John Paul Catalano took home the 2020 Paul Sironen U15 Player of the Year Medal.

A loyal member of the Concord Burwood Wolves club since he was four years old, John is among the most exciting playmakers in the competition. As the team Captain and respected leader for our under 15s side, he possesses a wealth of talent with exceptional ball skills, strong defence and great understanding of the game overall. He leads by example in every game and was in scintillating form this season continually testing the opposition. A true leader who wears his heart on his sleeve, John has a big future ahead of him.

Congratulations John on such a great achievement!



## JACK KING MEDAL UNDER 16 JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The 2020 Jack King Under 16 Player of the Year was awarded to Leichhardt Wanderers Kyle Leaver

Kyle, who has played with Leichhardt Wanderers since 2009, has been a standout player since he was awarded the 2011 mini player of the year. He started the 2020 season on the bench, but through hard work and dedication, worked his way into a starting position for 4 games on the second row. He received two man of the match awards from 8 games played this season and has even been rewarded for his efforts with a Harold Matts trial for Balmain Tigers.

Congratulations on an outstanding 2020 season Kyle!

# Balmain District JRL 2020 District Awards

## JAN CARROLL MEDAL UNDER 17 JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The 2020 Jan Carroll Medal for Under 17 Player of the Year has been awarded to Cale Edmed of Leichhardt Wanderers

Cale has had a fantastic season this year and has proven that dedication and motivation can lead to great success. He excelled at training and became a true leader who continually worked to help his teammates improve. Physically, whilst he is not the biggest on the field, he never hesitated in defence and took much bigger players head on, always without any fear. A player who just loves his footy, he hopes to be able to one day to represent at the Tigers.

Well done Cale on such a great achievement!

## DON GRAHAM MEDAL UNDER 18 JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

This year's winner of the Don Graham Medal for BDJRL Under 18 Player of the Year was Stefan Vasiliou from Leichhardt Wanderers.

Stefan, who has been a part of the Wanderers community since 2013, has grown from being a quiet kid to a leader of the Wanderers under 18 side. As team captain, he always leads by example and never expects a team mate to do something he isn't prepared to do himself. Regularly playing through injury or pain, he always puts the team first and is a great student of the game who always tries to listen and learn to the advice of his coaches. He shows genuine respect, honesty and a deep passion for his team every week and this is shown with the respect he receives back from his fellow teammates.

Congratulations on your award, Stefan!



## UNDER 20 JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ryde Eastwood Hawks, Livai Saukuru was the proud winner of the 2020 Under 20 Player of the Year.

Livai, a talented centre who scored 9 tries during the shortened season, displayed his amazing talent every week. He starred in a competition which was 2 years above his natural age and participated in the Under 20 Gold Grand final team.

Congratulations Livai on your achievement!

## LYN PHILLIS WOMEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The 2020 Lyn Phillis Womens Player of the Year has been awarded to Leichhardt Wanderers Abbey Krzanic.

Abbey, who has been the blood and sweat of the team, holds everyone together and always leads by example. Her strength as a player has grown year on year and has enabled her to play up in her age each year. Abbey was a rock for the team this year when they had to deal with the loss of a team member and this was admired and appreciated by many. She has a big heart and continues to power on no matter what is thrown her way. She is a talented player who has a bright future in the game ahead of her.

Congratulations Abbie, we look forward to seeing you take the field again next year!



# Balmain District JRL 2020 District Awards

## BLUES TAG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ellie Barnett from Leichhardt Wanderers has been awarded the 2020 Blues Tag Player of the Year.

Ellie, who was the captain of the team showed great attitude and dedication at training and continually influenced the entire playing group every session. She was a standout player, who would lead week in week out with her incredible tries and goal kicking. Additionally, she always showed respect to the coaching staff, her team mates and more importantly the Referees.

A well-deserved recipient, congratulations Ellie!



## JOHN STAPLETON MEDAL OPENS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Leichhardt Juniors Kennedy Stewart has been given the John Stapleton Medal for BDJRL 2020 Opens Player of the Year.

A tireless backrower, who busts out 80 minutes every week, Kennedy has been a star player this season. He is selfless player who always puts team first and was proudly awarded the Man of the match honours in the grand final victory. Kennedy is an ultimate clubman and is always there to lend a helping hand.

Well done to Kennedy on this outstanding achievement!



## BDJRL COACH OF THE YEAR

The 2020 recipient for the Balmain District JRL Coach of the year has been awarded to John Jabbour of Enfield Federals.

John, volunteered to coach both the under 6 and under 7 teams this year at Enfield. His ongoing contribution to the team, players and the club has been recognised and not gone unnoticed by all. He has given every child an opportunity to play and have fun at the club, along with helping them grow their confidence on the football field. His passion for rugby league is shown every week through the value he creates and dedication he shows, racing around to different grounds for the players. A great asset to club and we hope he continues in his role for many years to come.

Congratulations John on your amazing achievement.

## JUNE MAGUIRE – WOMEN IN LEAGUE AWARD

The 2020 recipient of the June Maguire Women in League Award has been awarded to Natalie Moro from Five Dock RSL.

Natalie was an outstanding support to her club this year, taking on the role of Covid Safety Officer and ensuring they were able to run a safe season for everyone involved. Additionally, to this she was also gear coordinator for the club and the Level 1 Trainer for the A grade team, a position she has held for several years. Natalie took great responsibility and showed great devotion in all her roles this year, always putting the club and club members first. The Dockers are very appreciative of the commitment she has given this year and we hope she stays involved for many years to come.

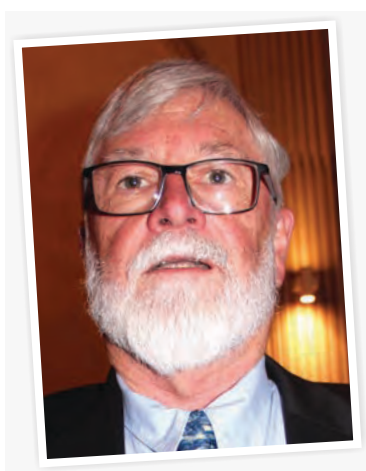
A well-deserved achievement, congratulations Natalie!

# Balmain District JRL 2020 District Awards

## CLUB PERSONS OF THE YEAR

Balmain District JRL were pleased to recognise the following Volunteers for their dedication, contribution, service and support in 2020. Nominated by their clubs, these volunteers went over and above this year and have been recognised by the District.

Every club volunteer is also included as a nominee for the George Thompson Volunteer of the Year Award. The 2020 recipients were: Jane Belgrove (Carlingford Cougars), Glenn Bruce (Concord Burwood Wolves), Norman Cassamento (Dundas Shamrocks), Peter Jabbour (Enfield Federals), Charlie Youssef (Five Dock RSL), David Doyle (Holy Cross Rhinos), John Baysari (Leichhardt Juniors), Noella Merrick (Leichhardt Wanderers), Warwick Hilder (North Ryde Hawks), Les Elias (Strathfield Raiders) and Pauline Condon (Ryde Eastwood Hawks).



## GEORGE THOMPSON MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Balmain District JRL are pleased to announce the 2020 recipient of the George Thompson Volunteer of the year was Warwick Hilder from North Ryde Hawks.

A longstanding club legend, Warwick Hilder has been a part of the North Ryde Hawks committee for 19 amazing years. Always there to lend a helping hand, you will find him getting involved at every club function and even cooking a sausage or two at Bunnings fundraising BBQs. He was a key contributor in drafting and finalising the update of the North Ryde constitution and has spent endless hours just helping the club be the best it can be. He takes on endless jobs behind the scenes and will be sorely missed when he steps off the committee at the end of this year.

Well done on this achievement, Warwick. The contribution you have made to your club and district is outstanding and we are extremely appreciative.



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# Balmain Junior League Grand Finals



**LEICHHARDT JUNIORS BLACK**



**CONCORD BURWOOD UNITED**

## Under 9 Division 1 (A) - Arthur McIlveen Trophy

**LEICHHARDT JUNIORS BLACK 12 (Jack Spencer, Issac Miller tries; 2 goals)  
defeated CONCORD BURWOOD UNITED 6 (Jai Roach try; 1 goal)**

LEICHHARDT JUNIORS - Jett Slade, Jack Spencer, Isaiah Toledo, Eleni Salabogi, Keith Dunn, Isaac Miller(c), Amiah Dale, Flynn Fildissis, Jale Wara, Mala Dunn, Nahoen Russell, Bailey Grieg. Coach - Trent Miller.

CONCORD BURWOOD - Benjamin Conti, Jacob Yacoub, Frederick Semrani (c), Jai Roach, Cooper Brincat, Matthew Boumelhem, Seamus O'Connell, Dominic Matulic, Christian Libro, Harrison Alexander. Coach - Anthony Semrani.



**CLOVELLY CROCODILES BLACK**



**PADDINGTON COLTS**

## Under 9 Division 1 (B) - Mick Manning Trophy

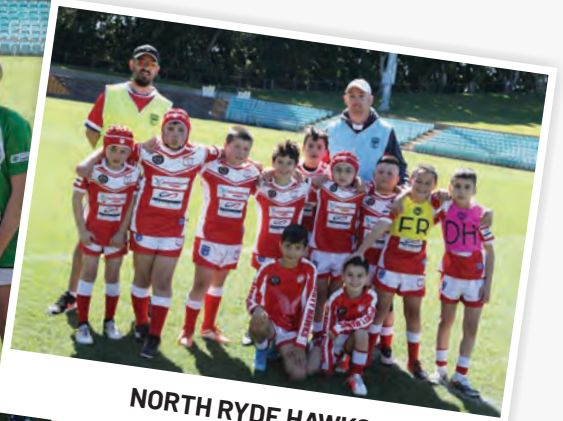
**CLOVELLY CROCODILES BLACK 34 (Cooper Allport, Zack Stewart, Oscar Mac Domhnaill 4 tries; 5 goals)  
defeated PADDINGTON COLTS 14 (David Abrahams, Charlie Pearson, Ethan Levy tries; 1 goal).**

CLOVELLY CROCODILES BLACK - Cooper Allport, Beau Colgan, Jude Harrison, Alexander Jacques, Oscar Mac Domhnaill, Benjamin Petherbridge, Zack Stewart, Hayden Timms, Eoghan Wairau. Coach - Laurence Allport.

PADDINGTON COLTS - David Abrahams, Logan Drollet-Tukukino, Odin Goyoaga, Phoenix Hope, Ethan Levy, Alfred Lowe, Leo Lynch, Jonathan Madonis, Lachlan O'Brien, Cash Parry, Charlie Pearson, Luca Colella, Emmanuel Hansimikali. Coach - Jules Parry.



**BONDI UNITED GREEN**



**NORTH RYDE HAWKS**

## Under 9 Division 2 (A) – Peter Provan Trophy

**BONDI UNITED GREEN 36 (Louie Patane 3, Flynn O'Connor 4 tries; 4 goals) defeated NORTH RYDE HAWKS 26 (Mustafa Alameddine, Malik Karhani, Brayden Van Oostendorp, Blake Stapleton 2 tries; 3 goals)**

BONDI UNITED GREEN – Ewan Alger, Parker Clifford, Aidan Enright, Xavier Glare, Johnny Hancock, Oisín Hughes, Tristan Knight, Flynn O'Connor, Louie Patane, Adrian Petrychko, Charles Sone, Milla Tyson. Coach – Dean Baldock.

NORTH RYDE HAWKS – Brandon Saad, Noah Zaouk, Blake Stapleton, Chase King, Malik Karhani, Brayden Van Oostendorp, Morgan Arnold, Mustafa Alameddine, Michael Sukkar. Coach – Matt Van Oostendorp.



**LEICHHARDT WANDERERS BLACK**



**BONDI UNITED WHITE**

## Under 9 Division 2 (B) – Peter Duffy Trophy

**LEICHHARDT WANDERERS BLACK 20 (Pilini Tatola, Inoke Tupou 3 tries; 2 goals) defeated BONDI UNITED WHITE 18 (Ethan Likht, Aidan Rowley, Tobias Panlilio 2 tries; 1 goal).**

LEICHHARDT WANDERERS BLACK – Pilini Tatola, Laufilitonga Tatola, Carter Joe, Angus Bianco, Inoke Tupou, Tom Bastian, Luke Carey, Charlie Bowers. Coach – Damian Carey.

BONDI UNITED WHITE – Max Coates, Bobbi Darvill, Ethan Likht, David Makhlin, Tobias Panlilio, Franklin Pyke, Aidan Rowley, Joseph Stringer, Ethan Vrolyk. Coach – Rory O'Gorman.

# Balmain Junior League Grand Finals



**STRATHFIELD RAIDERS BLACK**



**BONDI UNITED**

## Under 10 Division 1 – Lawrence Briggs Trophy

**STRATHFIELD RAIDERS BLACK 34 (Christian Kilioni, Patrick McMahon, Daniel Karam, Brandon Leano 3 tries; 5 goals) defeated BONDI UNITED 12 (Cooper Keating, Tonere George tries; 2 goals).**

STRATHFIELD RAIDERS BLACK – Brandon Leano, Leondre Lentros, Elias Alha, Ali Zeitoun, Anthony Touma, Daniel Karam, Patrick McMahon, Youssef Abdul-Rahman, Peter Touma, Christian Kilioni, Christan Georgy, Isaac Herodotou, Daniel Elias (C). Coach – Robert Alha.

BONDI UNITED – Connor Colquhoun, Tom Dangar, Max Elias, Tonere George, Max Gordon-Twaddell, Maximus Hack, Ngakau Hiroti, Cooper Keating, William Lanham, Cody Ogg, Rupert O'Neill, Jaemin Turner, Ethan Vrolyk, Joe Weeks, Flynn O'Connor. Coach – Matthew Colquhoun.



**CLOVELLY CROCODILES RED**



**PADDINGTON COLTS**

## Under 10 Division 2 (A) – Austin Hoyle Trophy

**CLOVELLY CROCODILES RED 24 (Mattias Cheika, Nicholas Giannikouris, Dominic Dаметto 2 tries; 4 goals) defeated PADDINGTON COLTS 16 (Noah Robinson, Sebastian Gray, Toby Grace tries; 2 goals).**

CLOVELLY CROCODILES RED – Oliver Anderson, Mattias Cheika, Javer Cohen, Ethan Connolly, Dominic Dаметto, Theodore Galtier, Liam Gardiner, Nicholas Giannikouris, Joel Hardy, Daniel McCall, Angus Murray, Nicholas Patakas, Cameron Spies, Ziggy Tregonning, Darcy Van Dyk. Coach – Grant Hardy.

PADDINGTON COLTS – William Bailey, Cian Brady, Harvey Coburn, Max Crozier, Toby Grace, Sebastian Gray, Harrison Griffiths, Henry Halden, Charlie Johnson, Vaidas Levi, John Malouf, Cooper Mott, Phoenix Otto De Grancy, Noah Robinson, Noah Zusak. Coach – Achilles Peshos.



# Balmain Junior League Grand Finals



**HOLY CROSS RHINOS**



**LEICHHARDT JUNIORS**

## Under 10 Division 2 (B) – John Robertson Trophy

**HOLY CROSS RHINOS 32 (Kaylan Qutami, Charlie Carbone, Ethan Lawandos 3 tries; 6 goals) defeated LEICHHARDT JUNIORS 18 (Jenson Davis, Issac Miller, Ty Jalen Reynolds tries; 3 goals).**

HOLY CROSS RHINOS – Kaylan Qutami, Eli Tobaji, Ethan Lawandos, Andre Ozbenian, Anthony Abboud, Xavier O'Beid, Christian Asfour, Kendall Kilby, Daniel Jreige, Noah Holst, Charlie Carbone, Tate Gandy, Conor Dehlsen, Ethan Jovcevski. Coach – Ramy Qutami.

LEICHHARDT JUNIORS – Jenson Davis(c), Samuel Barry, Jarl Jenner, Luke Glasscock, Riccardo Baysari, Riley Morris, Isaac Miller, Nala Tokalaulevu, Isaac Hammond, Diamalaini Salabogi, Ty Jalen Reynolds, Izaiah Fangatapu, Jayden Fraser, Paul Fangatapu, Theo Manesis. Coach – Jeremy Davis.



**CONCORD BURWOOD UNITED**



**CLOVELLY CROCODILES BLUE**

## Under 11 Division 1 – Norm Waugh Trophy

**CONCORD BURWOOD UNITED 24 (Matteo Reupena – Dunn, Denzel Ravulo-Weldon, Sosaia Unga, Darby Fotheringham 2 tries; 4 goals) defeated CLOVELLY CROCODILES BLUE 18 (Hunter Norburn, Sonny Taylor, Benjamin Wright tries; 3 goals)**

CONCORD BURWOOD UNITED – Matteo Reupena – Dunn, Luka Raich, Chun Liu, Sebastian Chidiac, Noah Mehrez, Denzel Ravulo-Weldon, Darby Fotheringham (C), Jacob Jamal, Timote Tangataevaha, Ratu Maafu, Finn Fotheringham, Sosaia Unga, Zane Williams. Coach – Matthew Reupena.

CLOVELLY CROCODILES BLUE – Lior Barhaim, Jacob Brunato, Finlay Byrne, Jack Currenti, Thomas Delaney, Asher Dowd, Harry Haigh, James McDonald, Hunter Norburn, Declan Shehadie, Jagger Short, Ned Siemsen, Sonny Taylor, Benjamin Wright. Coach – Richard Taylor.

# Balmain Junior League Grand Finals



**HOLY CROSS RHINOS**



**PADDINGTON COLTS**

## Under 11 Division 2 (A) – Dally Messenger Trophy

**HOLY CROSS RHINOS 34 (Jay Kilby, Lochlann Humphries, Tobias Gandy, Moses Rahe, Matthew Doyle 2 tries; 5 goals) defeated PADDINGTON COLTS 30 (Kaike McKinlay, Luis Johns, Louis Benuska, Bae Gilligan 2 tries; 5 goals).**

HOLY CROSS RHINOS – Jay Kilby, Lochlann Humphries, Billy Donkin, Cody Palmer, Tobias Gandy, Thomas Fisher, Matthew Doyle, Zac Mckinley, Tyson Lawrence, Jack Mannering, Moses Rahe, Tyler Mcniven, Jordan Elias, Ricky Gonzalez. Coach – John Flynn.

PADDINGTON COLTS – Sonny Allport, Louis Benuska, Zac Dib, Remy Fordham, Bae Gilligan, Taj Graham, Caleb Hayes, Fred Humphreys, Louis Johns, Arthur Johnson, Kaike Mckinlay, Taylor Rogers, Nicholas Soumilas, Duke Thomas, Dean Tsavaris, Todd Wardman, Lachlan Hayes, Anthony Soumilas. Coach – Ryan Hayes.



**CARLINGFORD COUGARS**



**LEICHHARDT WANDERERS**

## Under 11 Division 2 (B) – Chris Karas Trophy

**CARLINGFORD COUGARS 40 (Lachlan Slapp, Joseph Saab, Jonathan Sleiman 2, Adrian Beani 3 tries; 6 goals) defeated LEICHHARDT WANDERERS 24 (Zachary Clarke, Nathen Restuccia, Billy Ratumaiyale, Mitchell Donald tries; 4 goals).**

CARLINGFORD COUGARS – Tony Saab, Isaac Samaha, Lachan Slapp, Joseph Saab, Adrian Beani, Fredrick Perigo, Jonathan Sleiman, Gwen Sarina Ngata, Jack Waters, Kobe Oladimeji, Dominic Said, Alex Zeitoun, Isaac Younis. Coach – Michael Perigo.

LEICHHARDT WANDERERS – Nathen Restuccia, Kai Broekhuysen, Zac Mara, Zac Clarke, Mitchell Donald, Jack Massey, Lachlan Hoad, Benjamin White, Harrison Fitzpatrick, Luke Thomas, Max Hensley, Andrew Ibrahim, Jason Ferguson, Billy Ratumaiyale. Coach – Peter Clarke.

# Balmain Junior League Grand Finals



**STRATHFIELD RAIDERS**



**LEICHHARDT WANDERERS**

## Under 12 Division (A) – F.W Walsh Trophy

**STRATHFIELD RAIDERS 16 (Mohamed Alkafaji, Halim Habib, James Havili tries; 2 goals) defeated LEICHHARDT WANDERERS 10 (Samuel Jorgensen, Alavina Tu'ifua tries; 1 goal).**

STRATHFIELD RAIDERS – Mohamed Alkafaji, Noah Alam, Mourad Dahdal, Alexander Gebrael, Christian Azzi, Jarrod Kanaan (C), Leonardo Bitar, Antonio Alraheb, Jack Harb, Halim Habib, Antoine Ghosn, Elias Kazzi, George Kamal, Lucas Alam, Alexander Raheb, James Havili, Brooklyn Evans. Coach – Ronnie Kallas.

LEICHHARDT WANDERERS – Isaac Ryan, Cooper Caldwell, Christian Dolfo (C), Luca Joe Guarrera, Ryley Rafferty, Marcus Cesaro, Samuel Jorgensen, Michael Tu'ifua, Bill Antonopoulos, Vuki Esau (C), Alavina Tu'ifua, Joshua Willis, Fynn Keller, Tyler Greene, Elliott Fehir, Jacob Vilia, Malcom Robertson-Hickey. Coach – Dane Ryan.



**BONDI UNITED**



**PADDINGTON COLTS**

## Under 12 Division (B) – Chook Fraser Trophy

**BONDI UNITED 16 (Noah Weinberg, Kai Towns, Joel Hamilford tries; 2 goals) defeated PADDINGTON COLTS 6 (Lachlan Jones try; 1 goal).**

BONDI UNITED – Elie Baker, Ari Benchoam, Digger Callander, Aiden Cohen, Jordan Du Toit, Joel Hamilford, Ashton Hourn, Harry Jaeger, Will Markham, Finn O'Neill, Sonny Patane, Nicholas Polihronas, Cy Preketes, Kai Towns, Noah Weinberg, Connor Russell, Angus Dudley-Smith. Coach – Matthew Markham.

PADDINGTON COLTS – Buddy Barnes, Jakub Belunek, Fynn Gilligan, Lachlan Jones, Max Nearn, Angus Peshos, Blake Richardson, Nicholas Rowley, Nicholas Scerri, Peter Soumilas, Jasper Thomas, Thomas Vesper, Harry Whitaker. Coach – James Vesper.

# Balmain Junior League Grand Finals



**LEICHHARDT WANDERERS**



**HILLS DISTRICT**

## Combined Under 13 Blues Tag

**LEICHHARDT WANDERERS 36 (Amelie Fehir, Zara Barakat, Ellie Barnett 2, Caitlin Russell 2, Grace Thomas 2 tries; 2 goals) defeated HILLS DISTRICT 8 (Zaynab Darwiche, Tegan Nicholas tries).**

LEICHHARDT WANDERERS – Caitlin Russell, Isabella Nguyen, Amelie Fehir, Ava Diaz, Zara Barakat, Ellie Barnett, Bronte Locane, Grace Thomas, Leah Russell, Eve Restuccia, Molyndale, Rhiannon Bonner, Gabbi Slater, Bridget Tooher, Claudia Meaker. Coach – Peter Slater.

HILLS DISTRICT – Tegan NICHOLAS, Sybella HAYNE, Abbie BOWLES, Mia ROWE, Brianna RICH, Anika PENITANI, Zaynab DARWICHE, Estelle SCHMALTZ, Macey MANASSA, Tyra Kolo, Solei Vogel, Cienna Paull, Nicole Williams, Emily Henebery. Coach – Craig Hayne.



**DUNDAS SHAMROCKS**



**CARLINGFORD COUGARS**

## South Eastern Under 13 Silver

**DUNDAS SHAMROCKS 20 (Kalim Azar, John Paule Wehbe, Patrick Toms, Ahmad Dandan, Lucas Bouery tries) defeated CARLINGFORD COUGARS 16 (Daniel Srou, Christopher Saad 2 tries; 2 goals).**

DUNDAS SHAMROCKS – Rabie Dandan, Zachery Khattar, Kalim Azar, John Paul Wehbe, Luke Marando, Patrick Toms, Gerard Tahhan, Noah El Chami, Ra'ees Hammond, Liam Abdallah, Ahmad Dandan, Joshua Tallaridi, Joel Heiler, Eric Mastronardo, Omar Katanasho, Lucas Bouery. Coach – Nabil Khatter.

CARLINGFORD COUGARS – Mitchell Lansdown, Daniel Srou, Deshaun Irving, Christopher Saad, Nathan Gray, Rocco Bragg, Jonas Pellegriti, Dino Giuseppini, Daniel Bietola, William Perigo, Kerim Caglar, Lucas Cagnoni, Alexander Younis, Ryan Mahoney, Lachlan Freeman, Marcus Isaia, MacKai Kamara, Avalon Visocchi, Lachlan Jones. Coach – Richard Younis.

# Balmain Junior League Grand Finals



**LEICHHARDT WANDERERS**



**STRATHFIELD RAIDERS**

## South Eastern Under 14 Silver

**LEICHHARDT WANDERERS 24 (Dean McNamara, William Lloyd, Gabriel Jabbour, Aidan Gow 2tries; 2 goals) defeated STRATHFIELD RAIDERS 10 (Tristan Agyei, Jack Tabet tries; 1 goals).**

LEICHHARDT WANDERERS – Aidan Gow, James DeSzoeka, Tallis Mcewewn, Xavier Busch, Jamie Carroll, Julian Rutkis, Jacob Digiglio, Matthew Speedy Coe, Gabriel Jabbour, Rory O'Neill, Justin Militec, Liam Hoad, Joshua McMahon, Dean McNamara, William Lloyd, John Vilia, Zac Fewtrell, Michael Ginex. Coach – Sam Miletic.

STRATHFIELD RAIDERS – Jonathan Fernandes, Oliver Saad, Peter El Khawaja, Brendan Bitar, Zayn Chami, Daniel McMahon, George Tourtouras, Jack Tabet, Adam Meslemani, Jerrie Harb (C), Ayden Hayek, Jaiden Abdallah, Antonio Bechara, Isaac Abounader, Jayden Daaboul, Isaiah Taituha, Tristan Agyei. Coach – Adam Hafda.



**CONCORD BURWOOD UNITED**



**ALEXANDRIA ROVERS**

## South Eastern Under 14 Gold

**CONCORD BURWOOD UNITED 44 (Malik Amine, Marc Tannous, Epeli Leao, Grisham Vaega Malla, Adrien Safi, Levi Moon, Christian Boutros, James Safi 2 tries; 4 goals) defeated ALEXANDRIA ROVERS 4 (Jayze Tuigamala try).**

CONCORD BURWOOD UNITED – Michael nassar (Injured), Levi Moon, James Safi, Malik Amine, Jacob Crotty, Marc Tannous, Alex Conti (C), Adrien Safi, Epeli Leao, Lukas Barhoum, Edwin Langi, Preston Huihahau, Grisham Vaega Malla, Jordan Dunn-Reupena, Jonah Boustany, Christian Boutros, Matthew Aitchison, Joseph Matta, Zion Burgess. Coach – John Tannous.

ALEXANDRIA ROVERS – Kyle Flick, David Hurley, Lachlan Lockwood, Kaylan Makoare, Malachi Dower-Roberts, Morgan Farrell-Combe, Jaii Robertson, Matthew Crossingham, Jed McDonald-Singh, Jacob Teaupa, Luke Alam, Arthur Walford. Coach – Andrew Tuigamala.

# Balmain Junior League Grand Finals



CONCORD BURWOOD



NEWTOWN JUNIOR JETS

## South Eastern Under 15 Silver

**CONCORD BURWOOD 14 (John Paul Catalano, Maddox Rosenberg, Zayed Sabha tries; 1 goal) defeated NEWTOWN JUNIOR JETS 12 (Allanzo Pakinga, Troy Whicker tries; 2 goals).**

CONCORD BURWOOD – Felix De Barry, Maddox Rosenberg, Helal Mehrez, George Massoud, Charles King, Caleb Thompson, John Paul Catalano (C), Jake Bungate, Walid Ghafir, Feleti Tuinuku, , Zayde Sabha, Jacob Ah Lam, Billy-Sean Epiha, Calvin Nguyen, Marcus Dolfo, Jabez Williams-Puletua, Sulaiman Ahmad, Gadeer Daher. Coach – Tony Iannitti.

NEWTOWN JUNIOR JETS – Allanzo Pakinga, Terry Ballis, Uchenna Egbu, Najib Mehdi, Dionysios Hilellis, Kaleb Mcgregor, Tevita Fotu, Tamatea Husband, Harrison Christidis, Troy Whicker, Tyrese Fusi Autamaine, Brodie Tulk, Gary Toledo-Fahey. Coach – Raymond Husband.



STRATHFIELD RAIDERS



PADDINGTON COLTS

## South Eastern Under 15 Gold

**STRATHFIELD RAIDERS 18 (Sean Saade, Salem Yacoub, Cameron Kanaan tries; 3 goals) defeated PADDINGTON COLTS 16 (Zac Sarfati, Kade Maguire, Zane Rugless tries; 2 goals).**

STRATHFIELD RAIDERS – Cameron Kanaan, Charlie Khamis, Sean Saade, Christos Vournovas, Patrick Cleary, Christian Sarkis, Zach Hayek (C), Hamze Najjarine, Jude Chalhoub, Aidan Harb, Angus Gray, Sam Schmitzer, Salem Yacoub, Steve Wehbe, Majid Gebara, Jacob Bechara, Hadi Margan, Danny Eid, Zavier Alam, George Joseph. Coach – Mark Tumeth.

PADDINGTON COLTS – Jackson De Lisle, Lenny Filipek, Sonny Galea, William Handford, Joel Jacobs, Leo Jaques, Kakile Leha, Kade Maguire, Julius Mitchell, Cyril Mundine, Eden Potter, Dylan Roach, Ethan Roberts, Zane Rugless, Zac Sarfati, Noah Steel, Jacob Veiru. Coach – Troy Rugless.

# Balmain Junior League Grand Finals



**CLOVELLY CROCODILES**



**MOOREBANK RAMS**

## Combined Under 17 Blues Tag

**CLOVELLY CROCODILES 28 (Ella Mackay, Scarlett Graham, Ruby Thomasyu 3 tries; 4 goals) defeated MOOREBANK RAMS 10 (Danni-Elle Carnovale, Tiana Romeo tries; 1 goal).**

CLOVELLY CROCODILES – Bronte Booth, Sophie Bruce, Ella Gollan, Scarlett Graham, Keira Herford, Holly Hinds, Ella Mackay, Ellie Norburn, Talia Shapiro, Eva Smith, Ruby Thomasyu, Riley Tobin, Jade Tran, Abby Vincent, Giorgi Parkes, Georgia St John, Scarlett Fletcher. Coach – Paul Hinds.

MOOREBANK RAMS – Caitlin Morgan, Tanisha Saunders, Salma Nour, Annika Stig, Danni-Elle Carnovale, Jamie-Lee Stewart-Weller, Mercedes Griffiths, Kyla Foley, Jolanta Majewski, Takali Hoogendyk, Kailenn Harvey, Tiana Romeo, Emily Tennyson. Coach – Sam Carnovale.



**LEICHHARDT WANDERERS**

## Combined Under 14 Girls

**LA PEROUSE UNITED 48 defeated LEICHHARDT WANDERERS 10 at Redfern Oval.**

LA PEROUSE UNITED – Merinda Mihajlovic, Tahlya Dower, Zoey Goodall, Veronica Tawake Saukuru, Tahlia Brown-Sait, Lillie Mclean, Jacinta Laverance, Kasey Allison, Keilani Manu, Jenaya Kelly, Olivia Jarrett, Zoe Allison, Rastalia Smith. Coach – Nathan Dower.

LEICHHARDT WANDERERS – Mia Brown, Jade Bilich, Taylor Nickson, Ellie Barnett (C), Eve Restuccia, Sienna Wright, Katie Kyneur, Mali Matthews Nakalevu, Elsie Gray, Dena-Leigh Broughton, Alavina Tu'ifua, Tamara Chuproff. Coach – Craig Barnett.



**RYDE EASTWOOD HAWKS**

## Combined Under 20 Gold

**ROUSE HILL RHINOS 20 defeated RYDE EASTWOOD HAWKS 14 at Old Sales Yard.**

ROUSE HILL RHINOS – Sean Russell, Roland Podesta, Joshua Doughty, Uinitoni Mataele, Solomoni Naiduki, Keahlan Bray, Jake Arthur (c), Koevy Lemusu, Bailey Nouredine, Jontay Junior Betham-misa, Desmond Raukete, Peter Taateo, Aitasi James, Drew Lloyd, Jai Vakai, Leonard Skelton, Kalah Lemusu, Samuel Loizou. Coach - Craig Brennan.

RYDE EASTWOOD HAWKS – Tony Maroun, Samuel Kanaan, Livai Saukuru, Joshua Boumelhem, Ayden Leyshon, Tallis Smith, Jesse Provan, Arthur Tuakalau, Matthew Craparotta, Jason Mignacca, Ryan Garner, Simote Sitauti, Kane Watling, Jay Watling, Joseph Ibrahim, Cougar Wheeler, Ryan Joynes, Kobe Rodger, Clyde Muller. Coach - Shannon Rushworth



**LEICHHARDT JUNIORS**

## North Eastern Open Age Silver

**LEICHHARDT JUNIORS 14 defeated SOUTH EASTERN 10 at Redfern Oval.**

LEICHHARDT JUNIORS – Michael Mealey, Eremasi Rahim, Dwayne Peters, Lee Johnston, Ratu Tokalaulevu, Samugla Wara, Marc Russell, Dionysios Fildississ, James Daniels, Jeffrey Tuitavuki, Kennedy Stewart, Caine Wynyard (c), David Fauonuku (c), Talakai Fauonuku, Sunia Koro, Clayton Byrne, Soakimi Tuitavuki, Luke Montgomery-Nardella, Tyler Stevens, Zion Epiha. Coach - Dennie Gock, Cheyne Harrison.

SOUTH EASTERN – Richard Chan-Hampton, Troy Reardon, Dean Richards, Jeremy Faulkner, Jordan Fitzgerald, Connor Higgins, Kurtis Preece, Fraser Graham, Damon Alley-Tovio, Derick Peachey, Allen Horsfield, Hayden Taylor Ky Bouris, Jarrod Stevens, Stephen Koutalis, James Hemingway, Matthew Fisher, Kye Black, Conor Fitzgerald, Jake North. Coach - Kevin Heath.



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## Tribute to Tigers and Ryde Eastwood legend

# JACK KING

By CHRIS KARAS

BALMAIN rugby league fraternity is mourning the death of Junior League and Ryde Eastwood Football Club icon Jack King OAM at the age of 92.

Small in stature, Jack was a tireless servant of rugby league in the Balmain District for his entire life - as a player, coach, team official and administrator.

He was one of the biggest names to come out of the Leichhardt Wanderers and Ryde Eastwood Leagues and Football Club movement.

Jack proved a tyro for the Hawks in his role as Football Club president and Leagues Club director and boasted a 70 year involvement with rugby league.

During an illustrious career he established something of a record in life memberships. He had six of them – life membership of the Balmain Junior League (1959); Leichhardt Wanderers JRLFC (1959); Ryde Eastwood Football Club (1971); Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club (1973); NSW Rugby League (2004) and Balmain District Football Club in 2018.

One of his proudest moments was being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2019 for distinguished service to the code.

Jack worked with the Sydney City Council before devoting all his time to both the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club and Ryde Eastwood Football Club as a long-standing director.

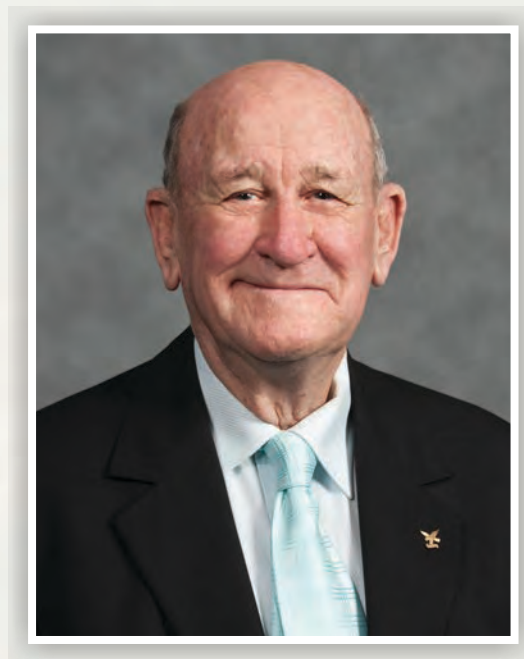
His association with the Football Club dates back to 1964 when he joined as a foundation director and held the positions of treasurer, assistant secretary and president as well as managing the Hawks to numerous premierships.

Jack who grew up in the inner city suburb of Glebe, started his administrative career with Leichhardt Wanderers in 1950 as an ambulance officer – having been in the St John Ambulance Brigade from the ages of 14 to 17 – and spent 13 seasons with the famous club.

"I was approached by a couple of Wanderers footballers, who lived in the same street, to take on the role of first aid officer" Jack once told me.

In 1951 he was elected to the Wanderers' committee and in 1952 became assistant secretary, a position he held until the end of the 1963 season.

Jack was elected to the Balmain Junior League management committee in 1952 and appointed judiciary secretary for seven years.



He was made a life member of the Balmain Junior League in 1959, the same year he obtained life membership of the Wanderers club.

Jack was a selector for Balmain's champion 1959 Presidents Cup team and the 1957 squad that finished runners up to Reg Gasnier's St George outfit at the SCG.

When the King family moved to Gladesville, he was approached by an official of a new club (Ryde-Eastwood) being formed to play Second Division rugby league that was seeking officials.

At the first annual meeting he was elected treasurer for the 1964 season.

He was also a long time president and assistant secretary of the Hawks Football Club (18 years in each role) and past winner of the Tom Bellew Medal for services to NSW Rugby League.

Jack – who was was president of the Metropolitan League during the 1970s – coached Holy Cross College Ryde for nine years and both the Gladesville Bowling & Sports and North Ryde Junior Rugby League clubs.

He was awarded an Australian Sports Medal for outstanding service to rugby league and a Centenary Medal for his contribution to Australian society and government in 2001 – the 100th anniversary of Federation.

Jack remained an active director on both the Ryde Eastwood Leagues and Football Club boards until his recent death with strong links to the Balmain Tigers and Junior League.

A perpetual trophy in Jack's name is awarded each season to the Balmain Junior League's U/16 Player of the Year.





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