

NSWRU Annual Report

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2006 NSW Rugby Union

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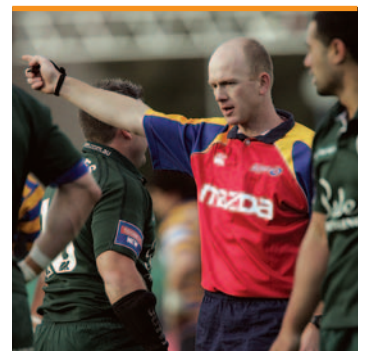
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Chairman's Report

2006 was another year of success for NSW Rugby as we continued to meet challenges both on and off the field.

For the third successive year we have generated a seven-figure operating surplus, allowing the Union to build on its future fund while also investing in shorter term initiatives.

The culture of excellence reflected in our on field performance was mirrored by further growth in participation numbers across the state, which were further refined following the rearrangement of boundaries that took place during 2005. The figures achieved during 2006 will in future years provide a benchmark upon which further growth can be measured.

The HSBC Waratahs enjoyed another successful year, leading the Super 14 competition into the final fortnight of the regular season before finishing in third place overall.

The massive inroads achieved during our breakthrough 2005 season were built upon, and while our finishing position was one place lower than the previous season the growth in the squad and in particular its leaders was immeasurable.

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Skipper Chris Whitaker was as inspirational as ever in his final year at the helm, and working in tandem with head coach Ewen McKenzie and the Waratah leadership group they built a solid core that served the team well throughout the season.

While the ultimate goal of a maiden Super 14 title eluded us, the team showed more than enough character in good times and bad to fill any supporter with hope for the future.

The conclusion of Super 14 competition was by no means the end of the road for the Waratahs in 2006.

A significant number of Waratahs gained selection in the national squad and played for the Wallabies mid year, recognising the excellent work carried out by the coaching staff during the Super 14 season. Our non-

Wallabies combined with a group of talented club players at the Sydney Cricket Ground in June for the traditional clash with the New Zealand Maori, while later in the season they took part in the Australian Provincial Championship, finishing in third place.

In October the Waratahs again headed to Europe, with the 2006 Gulf Air Development Tour exposing a talented band of youngsters to the rigors of international competition. Matches against strong scrummaging sides from the UK and Ireland gave the team a unique insight into northern hemisphere play, while also galvanising the team as a unit.

Back at home we witnessed two of the most entertaining club competitions seen in many years. The Shute Shield, won in an outstanding final by Eastwood, featured country teams Illawarra and the Central Coast for the first time, with both teams experiencing wins over quality opposition.

The Tooheys New Cup was one of the most open in memory, with reigning champion Sydney University toppling minor premier Randwick in a Grand Final of gladiatorial proportions at Aussie Stadium.

Financially 2006 was a year of consolidation, coming on the back of the improved financial performances of both 2004 & 2005. We invested heavily in the development of the game and at the same time managed to bank a surplus of \$1.6 million, which will go towards the goal of building our Special Reserve Fund for the future.

This is yet another satisfying result for a Union that not so long ago was in the red.

The start of construction of our new Centre of Excellence is a physical example of our drive to secure Rugby a future in New South Wales. The second half of 2006 saw the site, next door to our current home base at Aussie Stadium, transform from car park into something that more closely resembles the finished product.



Arvid Petersen

Designed specifically for Rugby operations, the ground floor of the new facility will feature a state of the art gym and team spaces, including treatment facilities, lounge and meeting rooms, changeroom and lockers, and a theatre for team presentations and post match media conferences.

Level one will bring all Sydney office staff together for the first time on one floor, allowing for better information flow and the sharing of ideas between departments.

When completed, the Centre of Excellence will be one of the world's top Rugby facilities and will foster the development of elite and Academy players for many years to come.

It was also a year of much challenge and debate. Tough decisions were made on an almost daily basis, with none bigger than those involving the establishment of a new elite competition for players with professional aspirations involving Super 14 and Test Rugby.

2006 began with the responsibility for growing the game and ensuring its long-term viability at the front of everyone's mind. With the golden days of the 2003 Rugby World Cup and its associated windfalls in the past, there was a need to secure the game's financial future in the face of ever-growing challenges from rival codes.



Tooheys New Cup winners Sydney University

Chairman's Report

Rugby's place in the sporting landscape has never faced a bigger threat than that posed by the financial muscle of the AFL, who in 2006 signed a new TV rights deal worth \$780 million, and soccer, which turned many decades of popularity at local level into mainstream success thanks to the Socceroos World Cup performance.

With the proceeds of these successes being pumped into junior development and grass roots participation programmes, it would have been negligent of us as Rugby administrators to do nothing. Bold decisions had to be made.

Establishing a new elite national competition upon which to grow the game was the first step in the process. Balancing the wants and needs of amateur players against those with higher aspirations was at the forefront of this, and the need to secure that balance was one of the motivators behind the engagement of leading international consultancy firm Capgemini to lead us through the difficult early design stages.

The much-maligned Capgemini summit in May allowed a professional approach to a problem that had been dogging the sport for more than a decade. 70 of Australia's foremost Rugby thinkers gathered for three days of discussions, the ultimate outcome of which was the design for the new Australian Rugby Championship (ARC), which is set to kick off in 2007.

This was not an easy process, and no one involved got exactly what they wanted. However, common sense prevailed and I believe the outcome achieved will be the best for all involved.

I would like to at this time thank all those who helped us make this historic decision possible.

The Rugby stakeholders involved in the Capgemini summit worked hard to embrace ideas and concepts that at times seemed contrary to their own best interest in order to achieve positive change for Rugby in Australia. Their support for the concept and vision for the future made consensus possible and for that I thank them all.

The committed individuals at Capgemini stopped at nothing to ensure that the best possible outcome, encompassing the views and beliefs of a wide ranging and diverse bunch of people, was achieved. Cool heads and clear thinking was required and was in each case delivered.

The Sydney premiership clubs have been forthcoming in their support for the ARC concept and for that I thank them deeply. In aligning with the three NSW based ARC teams they have ensured a healthy feeder

system and a geographic footprint for the new competition in this state. Contrary to the views of some, the new national competition has not and will not prove a death sentence for club Rugby and we look forward to a renewed and exciting Tooheys New Shute Shield competition in 2007 and beyond.

And finally, a big vote of thanks must go to the players themselves.

The ARC is about the players first and foremost. It was devised to provide them with a clear and appropriate pathway to higher honours and, in turn, provide the Super 14 teams and the Wallabies with a larger pool of players from which to select from.

A total of 224 players will take part in the ARC in 2007, with just under 100 of those to come from Super 14. More than 500 expressions of interest were received to fill the remaining 130 positions, which is a sure indication of the level of interest that exists in this new competition.

A strong national competition is just one plank in the ongoing development of Rugby in NSW. As an organisation we have to constantly be looking for ways to entice young players to our game and to help this along the Western Sydney project was launched.

The potential for growth in Sydney's west is undeniable. The sheer volume of talented young players coming out of the area can be seen in the influx of western Sydney based players in Waratahs high performance programmes. The likes of Tatafu Polota-Nau, Sam Wykes, Alfi Mafi, Pelea Afu, Rodney Ma'a, and Ben Coridis have all stepped up over the past 24 months after coming to prominence while playing for schools and clubs based in the west.

The Western Sydney Project was established to tap this undoubted potential and provide the resources to enhance its flow. Based at Homebush, the project encompasses all levels of Rugby with a particular emphasis on schools. A team of nearly 30 tertiary students has been working with primary schools in the Penrith area with a view to establishing a new Rugby competition in time for the start of the 2007 season. It is expected this will be the first of many such projects across the western suburbs in the months and years to come.

2006 certainly was a big year for NSW Rugby Union, and the successes of the past 12 months would not have been possible without the talent and dedication of CEO Fraser Neill and his staff. Significant growth has occurred in not just the quality but also the scope of the services NSWRU has provided over the past 12 months and the



Leading by Example... Outgoing skipper Chris Whitaker

game is much richer for it.

To my fellow board members I thank you for your input and assistance over the past year. We have worked together to build a better future for Rugby in NSW and indeed Australia and it has been an honour to stand beside you during this time.

It goes without saying that we are incredibly grateful to Ewen McKenzie and Chris Whitaker for yet another year of outstanding performance from the Waratahs. A particular highlight of the season just passed was Chris becoming the most capped Waratah in history, finishing with 118 caps for his state.

With Chris now plying his trade in Ireland I look forward to a long and fruitful association with Ewen and new captain Phil Waugh in the years to come.

In summing up it would be remiss of me not to pay tribute to the large and ever growing army of volunteers that form the backbone of Rugby in NSW. Without you the job of running the game would be near impossible and I thank you for your dedication and commitment. It does not go unnoticed.

**Arvid Petersen
Chairman**



2007 captain Phil Waugh

CEO's Report

2006 marked yet another strong year for the game in NSW.

Participation numbers grew by 5.1%, a strong showing given the highly competitive sports market in NSW and with the 2003 Rugby World Cup well and truly behind us.

Construction commenced on our multi-million dollar centre of excellence and the HSBC Waratahs reached the semifinals of the inaugural Tooheys New Super 14, the strong performance of the team enabling the Union to post a \$1.6 million dollar profit on the back of a \$3 million dollar surplus in 2005.

The Tooheys New Cup produced a gripping final between Sydney University and Randwick while the Shute Shield, which introduced sides from the Central Coast and Illawarra also reached dramatic heights with Eastwood prevailing over Uni.

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I will return to these points later, the most significant event of 2006 for Australian Rugby was the creation of the Australian Rugby Championship.

There was much debate about what form a new competition to bridge the gap between club and Super 14 Rugby should take. Something had to change, all parties at least agreed on this much. Through the exhaustive Capgemini process our community was challenged in a way never seen before.

The 70 key Rugby stakeholders involved can look back at the Capgemini gathering as a pivotal moment in the history of our game. All those who attended should be congratulated for putting the good of the game first. It's easier to make the hard decisions when times are tough, it takes real courage to make these decisions when the perception is that "everything's fine mate." With the current Broadcast agreement finishing in 2010 it is vital Australian Rugby is proactive and puts initiatives in place to

be in the strongest possible position for what ever the new environment may look like.

The work of our Chairman Arvid Petersen during this time was admirable. It was his leadership that ensured an outcome that would at last move the game forward at this level.

The Australian Rugby Championship is not a result in the favour of any one party. It is a composite between club, state union and national body structures for the betterment of the game overall.

I sense a genuine will in the media and wider community for the ARC to succeed and the clubs to also benefit from their alignments.

At the core of this new competition are the players. They have been waiting for this for some time and have embraced the concept wholeheartedly. A true pathway to the Waratahs and beyond has begun to emerge and that is the ultimate goal.

Club Rugby will continue to play a critical role in the development pathway. We are proud of the Sydney premiership from the Tooheys New Cup down through all the grades. It takes pride of place for a substantial part of the year and shares top billing with the Waratahs at other times, including continued excellent coverage on ABC television.

From a financial point of view NSW Rugby is in good shape. Our investment in the three NSW teams is underwritten by the Australian Rugby Union. There are setup costs of course but already there is strong corporate interest from a sponsorship and



Fraser Neill

media perspective.

NSW Rugby would not survive without our sponsors who are listed in detail in this report. Our major partner HSBC has been on board since 2002 and continues to leverage their sponsorship with their outstandingly well run FreeKick Clinics and other initiatives. These events have been highly successful in bringing the Waratahs and HSBC's association closer to the community and the future of our game – the kids themselves.

Tooheys New and its sponsorship of the Super 14 concluded in 2006 but the commitment shown by Tooheys to NSW Rugby continues unabated in various forms including the Sydney Premiership. Tooheys is deeply rooted in the culture of our game.

Mazda, through the provision of NSWRU vehicles, provides us with great visibility on the roads not just in Sydney but in the far



(From Left) Tony Dempsey (RUPA), Fraser Neill, Theo Psaros (QRU), Gary Flowers (ARU), Peter O'Meara (Rugby WA), & Andrew Fagan (ACTRU) following the Capgemini Summit

CEO's Report

flung regions of state where the game is played.

This year will see the commencement of our new partnership with ISC following on from Canterbury in 2006.

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NSW Rugby is fortunate to have some of the most respected Rugby personnel working in the game today.

The Commercial & Operations division led by Dave Gibson continues to create new products and campaigns to promote the Waratahs and other areas of the organisation. Dave's team introduced a new level of servicing for our sponsors and runs a slick operation on match days.

Todd Day and his finance team have continued to improve the record keeping and efficiency of our monetary matters. A major initiative of the department was to restructure the Unions accounting systems to ensure we could produce stakeholder specific accounts. Todd's diligence ensures a tight rein over our fiscal commitments. A \$1.6 million surplus in a year with minimal home matches was an outstanding result.

The Rugby departments once again excelled in their dealings on and off the playing field. Tony D'Arcy as General Manager of the High Performance Unit presided over



The HSBC Free Kick Clinics provide excellent leveraging for our main corporate partner

highly successful year for the NSW Waratah Academy and NSW A teams, with eight Academy members securing full professional contracts for the 2007 season.

The Waratahs under Ewen McKenzie continued to set the standard for the other Australian provinces to follow. Ewen, Chris Whitaker and the team were disappointed not to have made another final but we can be extremely proud of their accomplishment of making the semifinals. The appointment of Phil Waugh to succeed Chris as captain opens another chapter for the Waratahs with much expectation.

Chris Whitaker's departure deserves special mention. He leaves the Waratahs as the most capped player in history, with 118 state matches to his name, and probably the most liked. Chris was especially great with kids and I wish him and his family well for the future. He will be missed.

Ewen's resurrection of the Waratahs as a respected force in the game has required some tough decision making but admirably he has never shied away from his responsibilities on this front.

Michael Doyle and the coach education team continued to churn out qualified coaches and officials. Their effort in 2006 to get every coach in the state Smart Rugby qualified was truly an outstanding achievement and for this they deserve high praise. They are an extremely dedicated group with great communication skills.

The Western Sydney project headed up by Peter Colquhoun has started to pay dividends. Peter's team has created a number of initiatives to increase the popularity of Rugby in the western region of Sydney.

One of those projects is Rugby Tag. Its aim is to engage the community in a fun, non-contact form of touch Rugby. It now has a foothold in the west and this is only the beginning for Rugby in the talent rich area as it eagerly awaits its own Australian Rugby Championship side.

The Western Sydney project is a long-term investment that will see Rugby better positioned to compete with other, ever more aggressive football codes.

Our relationship with the Rugby media is a positive and enjoyable one. Media & Communications General Manager Djuro Sen has worked hard in this area so that NSW Rugby can once again earn the respect of our Rugby and journalistic colleagues.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the NSW Rugby Board of Directors. The drive for change and newfound success is only



Chris Whitaker lifts the Templeton Cup after defeating Queensland

possible with the Board's input and support. The NSW Board has many stakeholders to care for and I believe they have served them well in 2006.

To fans and the large volunteer force in the community we thank you. Your support for the Waratahs and the game of Rugby in general is cherished. As we close the door on 2006 we look forward to an even brighter 2007, culminating with the Rugby World Cup.

Fraser Neill
Chief Executive Officer



Adam Freier and David Lyons break ground on the Centre of Excellence

President's Report

2006 was a year of achievement for Rugby in NSW.

2006 was a year of achievement for Rugby in NSW. On field, the HSBC Waratahs again reached the playoff stages of the Super 14 competition, Sydney University won an entertaining and highly competitive Tooheys New Cup, and Eastwood took out the Shute Shield. Off the park NSW Rugby continued to go from strength to strength, with solid financial performance and well considered governance standing the Union in good stead as it heads into 2007 and beyond.

The 2006 Super 14 saw the Waratahs stand alone as Australia's premier team for the second straight season. Victories at home and away against the Reds, Force and Brumbies extended the Waratahs undefeated Super Rugby record against domestic opposition to two seasons, helping the team qualify for its second straight semifinal berth. History will show that NSW finished third in 2006, and it's hoped that new personnel and a few minor changes to the team's approach in 2007 will produce the desired result.

It would be remiss of me at this time not to pay tribute to Chris Whitaker, the ever-popular Waratahs skipper. 2006 marked the end of a decade long journey for Chris in Waratah colours, and it is unfortunate that we couldn't send such a loyal servant to the game off a winner. However glory, even that of championship victory, can be fleeting, and what Chris gave the game in NSW will endure much longer than that which can be gained from a piece of silverware. His leadership and dedication to the team was paramount, and his humble nature belies

his standing as one of the Waratahs best ever. His all-time record of 118 matches in Cambridge blue will stand for at least the next few seasons and in holding it, he remains as much a part of the Waratahs as those seeking to replace him as the most capped Waratah in history.

2006 was a significant year for milestones. On top of his caps record, Chris Whitaker became the longest serving and most successful Waratah captain in history; Adam Freier brought up 50 state, Super 14 and Waratah caps, as well as taking out both the Matthew Burke and Herald Cups; Peter Hewat became the second highest pointscorer in NSW history, behind only Burke; Morgan Turinui broke 100 points for NSW while also playing his 50th state match; Al Baxter recorded his 50th Super Rugby cap; Mat Rogers scored his 200th Waratah point and Lote Tuqiri his 100th; and David Lyons moved into fifth on the all time Waratah caps list, Phil Waugh equal seventh and Matt Dunning ninth.

Milestones are one thing. A continued record of achievement and excellence is something completely different. And for this thanks must go to our outstanding coaching & management team. Ewen McKenzie and his team have constructed programs, tactics and strategies to keep this team performing at a high level, and the success of their efforts can be seen in the fact the Waratahs have made the knockout stages in each of the past two seasons. Thanks to Ewen and his assistant coaches Les Kiss and Steve Tynman, the strength and conditioning team led by Head Coach Peter McDonald, the medical staff of Dr. Sharron Flahive and Physiotherapist Stuart Pavely, Team Manager Scott Harrison, Assistant Manager Geoff Threlfo, Media & Communications Manager Djuro Sen, Waratah High Performance Manager Tony



Ken Catchpole

D'Arcy and the staff of the NSW Waratah Academy. All of the people listed above are at the head of their field and without them the team wouldn't function to the level at which it currently does.

2006 saw the hosting of the inaugural NSW Rugby Union Gala Awards night featuring the Ken Catchpole Medal. This black tie event at Darling Harbour saw all levels of Rugby in NSW come together under the one roof to recognise their best and fairest of the past twelve months.

While a lack of space precludes me from listing the fourteen winners in detail here, tribute must be paid to those who headlined the night's events.

Outstanding Waratah and Manly fullback Peter Hewat capped what has been a remarkable two years by taking out his first Ken Catchpole medal for the best player in the Tooheys New Cup. Hewat's efforts across the season – during which he spearheaded the Marlins into the Tooheys New Cup semifinals – along with his on-field leadership as Manly captain culminated in him winning the referee's vote, edging out a classy field of contenders.

Randwick's run to the Tooheys New Cup Grand Final saw its debutant Coach Todd Loudon take out the David Brockhoff Medal for the Gulf Air Coach of the Year. Loudon took over the helm at Coogee Oval at the end of 2005 and turned the Galloping Greens from a team that missed that year's semis into minor premiers and title favourites. Indeed, if it wasn't for a super determined Sydney University side Loudon would have added premiership winner to his list of achievements for 2006.

The last of the three major awards for the evening saw the ushering in of something of a new era for NSW Referees. The retirement of three-time referee of the year John McCarthy at the end of the 2005 season



Best & Fairest... Adam Freier accepts the Matthew Burke Cup



Farewell Chris Whitaker... the long-serving skipper bows out in Wellington

President's Report

meant a new winner was assured, with experienced whistleblower George Ayoub taking out the 2006 Dick Byres Medal for the Mazda Referee of the Year.

Returning to the field of play for a moment, and we welcomed 20 new Waratahs to the fold during 2006. Josh Mann-Rae, Beau Robinson, Nick Reily, Shawn Mackay, Tim Davidson, David Haydon, Lachlan Turner, Jeremy Tilse, John Adams, Scott Fardy, Pelea Afu, Jackson Mullane, Ed Jenkins, Ofa Fainga'anuku, Sam Wykes, Josh Weeks, Patrick McCabe, Nigel Staniforth, Laurie Weeks and Dan Kelly all made their debuts over the course of the year.

As always, the HSBC Waratahs and the great state of NSW provided their share of players to national teams from the underage ranks to the Wallabies. Waratahs Alastair Baxter, Rocky Elsom, Adam Freier, Wycliff Palu, Benn Robinson, Mat Rogers, Brett Sheehan, Lote Tuqiri, Josh Valentine, Daniel Vickerman and Phil Waugh all served their country with distinction throughout the year. Similarly, eight more players aligned with Tooheys New Cup clubs wore the Wallaby gold during 2006, which is yet again a ringing endorsement of the calibre and quality of our club competition.

Deserving of special mention are our 2006 Wallaby debutants Wycliff Palu, Benn Robinson and Brett Sheehan, along with Phil Waugh and Daniel Vickerman who were both vice-captains during the year. Waugh also led his country for the first time at Wallaby level in the Test against Wales on the spring tour.

The Waratahs were once again well represented in both the Australia A and Prime Minister's XV games during 2006. Congratulations to Al Baxter, Will Caldwell, Matt Dunning, Josh Holmes, David Lyons,

Sam Norton-Knight, Wycliff Palu, Tatafu Polota-Nau, Benn Robinson, Mat Rogers, Brett Sheehan, Morgan Turinui, and Josh Valentine, all of whom won Australia A selection during the year, and Will Caldwell, Adam Freier, Daniel Halangahu and Peter Hewat, who were the Waratahs representatives in the Prime Minister's XV clash with Japan in November.

NSW had seven representatives in the Australian U19's in 2006 and ten in the Australian U21's. Undoubtedly the highlight of the year from a state perspective was Josh Holmes' winning the IRB under 19 player of the year award, a just reward for a young man who represented Australia at every level from U19 to A in 2006 and was in line for a Test call up towards the end of the Tri-Nations.

It was with great sadness that we marked the passing of a number of Rugby identities during the past 12 months.

Our oldest living Waratah, Mr. Jim Young, passed away in June at the age of 96. Jim played eight games for the Waratahs between 1931 and 1934 and was also the editor of Rugby News over that time. Indeed, his dedication to the Sydney club Rugby bible ultimately cost him the chance for further honours, after he was forced to turn down the opportunity to tour with the Wallabies to South Africa in 1933 due to work commitments.

Honorary life member and long-time club administrator, Mr. John Carroll passed away in November aged 88. John was instrumental in the growth of the game, having played leading roles in the establishment of Norths Juniors, Warringah, and the Sydney "Second Division". He was also a referee of some 20 years service and rarely missed a Waratah or Wallaby home game.

Five-time Waratah and former Anglican Bishop for Western Sydney, Bishop Brian King, passed away in November after a long battle with cancer. Bishop King represented NSW out of the Gordon club in 1960, for which he played some 161 grade games, with 109 of those in first grade. Brian was ordained as a Minister late in his playing days, earning himself the nickname "The Reverend Lock".

I would also like to acknowledge the passing of NSW Suburban Rugby life members John Barraclough AM and Ron McLean. Both had long associations with the game and both will be greatly missed.

With 2007 now upon us, we can look



Will Caldwell claims the lineout in front of a big Bathurst crowd

back on the achievements of the year just passed with some satisfaction. NSWRU remains one of Australia's best performed sporting bodies, thanks in no small part to the efforts of the staff, management, and board of directors. Thanks to everyone involved in the business for your efforts over the course of 2006, I look forward to an even bigger and better year in 2007.

Ken Catchpole OAM
President



King of the kids... Chris Whitaker steals the show at the HSBC Free Kick Clinic



First Cap... Wycliff Palu was one of three Waratahs to make their test debut during 2006

Waratahs 2006



Hooker Adam Freier is congratulated by Al Baxter after scoring against the Blues

2006 began in sombre circumstances with the sudden death of Mat Rogers' father. The high profile tragedy challenged the players and management to do the best thing by Mat and the best thing by the team.

We gave Mat his space and after missing the opening four matches he slotted straight back into the side, warmly welcomed by his teammates and the fans.

It would be the first of several off-field challenges that would confront us during the season.

Round one was particularly pleasing. Defeating the Reds in Brisbane was another first for the Waratahs in Super Rugby and one that underlined our developing consistency and character.

For the second year running we accounted for all the other Australian provinces and finished in the finals. Oddly, this dominance would not initially be reflected in Wallaby selections but as the Test season wore on, more and more Waratahs were rewarded for their outstanding season with Australian duty.

Accounting for the Brumbies and Force with bonus point victories is an indication of the



Wendell Sailor was outstanding on the field for the Waratahs

toughness of the Waratahs. You need to win these games to make the playoffs.

As I mentioned at the start, 2006 wasn't a season without its challenges.

The loss of Wendell Sailor on the day of the match against the Hurricanes can be noted as a turning point in the season.

It's my firm belief that the Waratahs got Wendell playing his best Rugby. He played a vital role in pushing our team forward and his sudden loss due to a positive drug test was a setback.

But that can't be used as an excuse. The very next week we led the Hurricanes in the semifinal in Wellington with only a few minutes to play. A penalty goal from halfway denied the Waratahs a second consecutive showdown against the Crusaders in the final but the lessons have been learned.

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The maturing of the Waratah forward performance has been especially pleasing to see. Issues at Test level have not been evident with this squad. We have a proud dedication to forward play led by our assistant coach Steve Tynman.

Our win over the Highlanders in freezing, wet Dunedin comes to mind but the best manifestation of this work ethic was in round seven. It was our biggest win in history over the Auckland Blues (43-9) and one of the Waratahs finest forwards displays.

Adam Freier was a standout performer on that night. He led the pack brilliantly around the damp field to secure what I rate as our best game of the year both skill wise and tactically. Adam impressed his teammates too.

There can be no greater acknowledgement for a Waratah than being named the Matthew Burke Cup winner by your peers as Adam was this year.

We played to the conditions and with more consistency in that area we should produce more victories like it in the future. The ability to win in all weather conditions is an attribute we have developed.



Ewen McKenzie

A year ago I wrote in the annual report that attitude summed up the 2005 season.

In 2006 that word summed up defence.

Our defence was yet again a trademark of the season. With the exception of our loss to the Chiefs, we only conceded a try a game on average, for the best defence in the competition.

So much depends on attitude in this game but it's in the defensive line when it matters most. The challenge for our team is to ensure that our attitude is right every time we run onto the field, no matter who we play.

We were also the most disciplined Super 14 team. Sometimes we would concede as little as four or five penalties a game. This was a good effort but we must continue to whittle that number down.

This has been the successful domain of assistant coach Les Kiss who has expanded his responsibilities to skills and other areas of coaching.

I'd like to officially acknowledge the efforts of Les, Steve Tynman and Brian Melrose who are incredibly dedicated and passionate about the Waratahs and NSW Rugby as a whole.

I rely greatly on the assistant coaches to perform and develop their roles, challenge conventional thinking and inspire the players to greater heights.

This brings me to the wider support staff that help make the Waratahs one of the most successful sporting teams in Australia today.

The NSWRU Board, led by Arvid Petersen, are quite frankly, the best in the business. They have presided over a period of unprecedented growth and profitability and they allow the Waratahs do, what they do best.

In a similar vein, CEO Fraser Neill deserves high praise. Fraser's unwavering support for the Waratahs and NSW Rugby is appreciated by me, the staff and players.

Waratahs 2006



Chris Whitaker led the team with distinction throughout 2006

We know that we are dealing with a tough marketplace in Sydney. The concentration of professional sports teams is unique in Australia and not one for the fainthearted.

Despite this we have been able to begin construction of a truly world-class Centre of Excellence at Aussie Stadium.

The design and outfitting of this building is particularly important to me. In recent years we have performed at the top end of the scale with bottom end facilities.

Now we are building a future, not just for me and the players here right now, but for the long term good of the game in NSW.

But steel and concrete mean little without people who are talented and devoted to the goal we all share in Rugby.

Tony D'Arcy, General Manager of HPU, the Academy coaching team and support staff have played a vital role in finding, training and retaining players that have or will become Waratahs and Wallabies.

The NSW A team was the dominant team in Australia, proof that our development programme is on the right track.

In 2006 the integration of the Academy into the Waratah programme was even tighter. The stadium precinct is dominated by Waratah colors and activity.

The Gulf Air Development tour once again saw players and staff emerge with greater leadership credentials. Les Kiss and Steve Tuynman were head coaches while players like Sam Norton-Knight and Will Caldwell experienced tour leadership just as Adam Freier and Shaun Berne did on previous tours.

In 2007 we will rely on new leadership with the moving on of Shaun and Chris Whitaker. I'd like to pay tribute to both men, for they more than most, embodied the Waratahs spirit and NSW Rugby will miss them dearly.

To the Waratahs management team I express my deepest gratitude. Team manager Scott Harrison made some outstanding calls on

the run when planes and weather conspired against us. Geoff Threlfo deserves special praise as assistant manager who put significant personal hardships aside to ensure the team's needs were always met.

Doctor Sharron Flahive and Stuart Pavely managed our players' brilliantly throughout the season as did strength and conditioning coach Peter McDonald.

Djuro Sen's media guidance and output ensured we were always on top of the issues and always newsworthy. Managing expectation is a key element here and an essential part of the business.

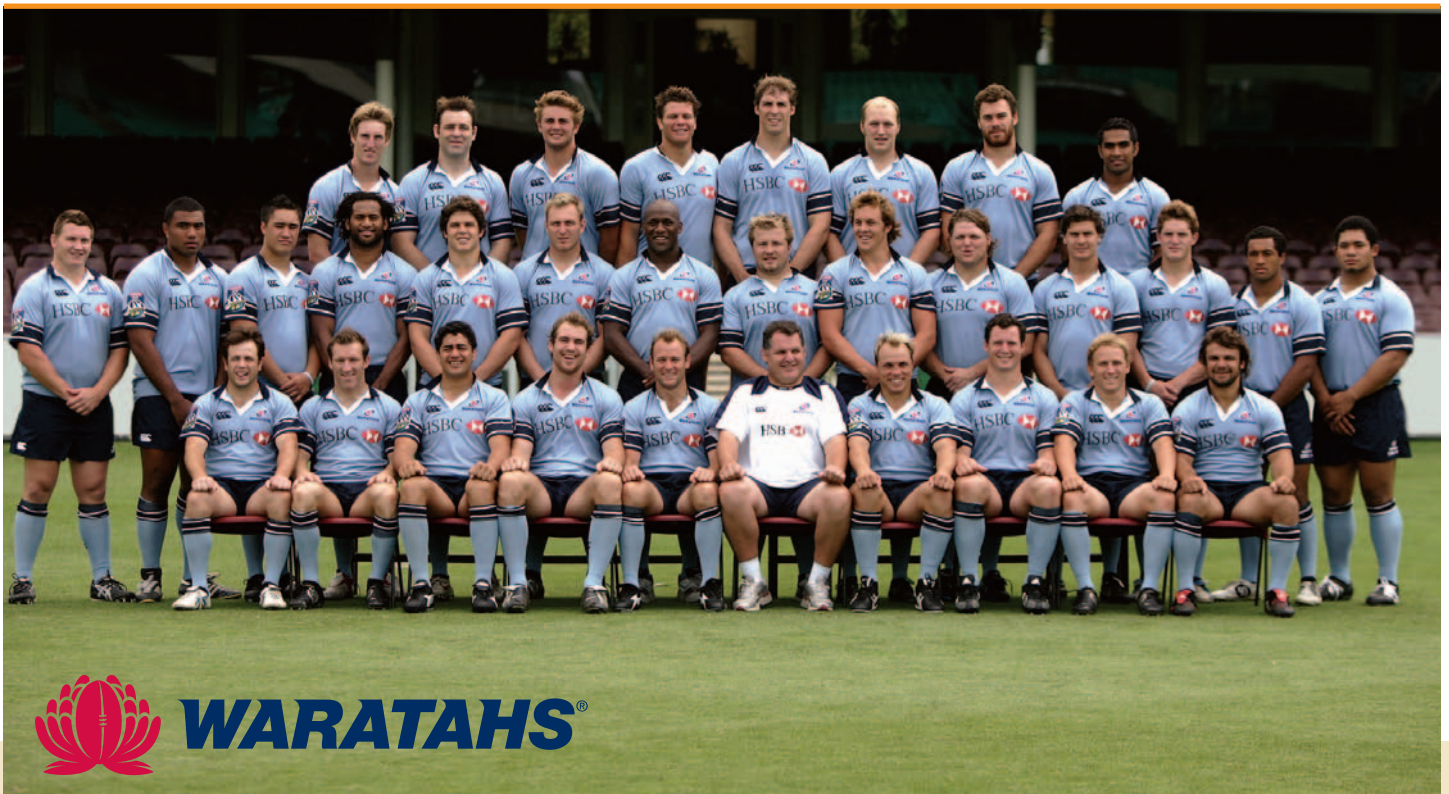
Kylie Madden must be singled out for her tireless work. Kylie keeps the whole Waratah operation running smoothly which extends to the players' partners and family members.

Of course there were many other staff members who played various but significant parts in helping the Waratahs reach a second consecutive finals appearance and I thank you all.

And finally I would like to thank the sponsors and people of NSW for supporting the Waratahs in 2006.

We have made great strides and the work continues.

Ewen McKenzie
Head Coach



HSBC WARATAHS 2006

Awards 2006

MATTHEW BURKE CUP

Hooker Adam Freier capped off his best ever season in Waratahs colours by taking out the Matthew Burke Cup for 2006.

Freier polled 162 peer votes to finish just three votes clear of fellow tight five star Daniel Vickerman, the race one of the tightest in the award's history.

"I really am lost for words," an emotional Freier said after receiving the award from head coach Ewen McKenzie.

"I'm humbled to be considered up there with past winners like Phil Waugh and Nathan Grey and inspirational characters like Chris Whitaker, it's a real honour."

Freier started every Waratah match during the 2006 Super 14 season, his first full year in the Waratah number two jersey. He scored four tries, including a double against the Cats in round five. He also claimed man of the match honours against the Cats and Cheetahs.

Former winner Phil Waugh finished in third on 143 votes, with skipper Chris Whitaker polling 111 to finish fourth.



Adam Freier, Matthew Burke Cup & Herald Cup Winner 2006

Points were awarded on a 3-2-1 basis for each game, with all members of each match day 22 getting a vote.

Two other awards were handed out at the presentation evening, with Vickerman named best forward and Whitaker, in his final season in sky blue, named best back.

The Matthew Burke Cup night was also a farewell of sorts for Whitaker and fellow

long-term servant Shaun Berne, ahead of their departure for Leinster and Bath respectively.



TOOHEYS NEW SUPER 14 AWARDS



Ewen McKenzie, Coach of the Year

The HSBC Waratahs were again well-represented at the Tooheys New Super 14 Awards, taking out four of the gongs on offer.

Benn Robinson capped off a remarkable debut season in Cambridge blue by taking out the Rookie of the Year title. The 22-year old loosehead prop beat Reds youngster Berrick Barnes to take out the award, the second such win for the Waratahs in as many seasons following Peter Hewat's win in 2005.

For the second straight year Ewen McKenzie took out the Coach of the Year title, the Waratahs coach gaining due recognition for guiding the side to its second straight finals series.

Sam Norton-Knight took out the try of the series for his week ten touchdown against the Brumbies. After good lead up work Norton-Knight chased down his own kick, reaching out to put downward pressure on the ball as Stirling Mortlock looked to shepherd it into touch. The five pointer gave the Waratahs a vital psychological edge, heading into half time at 14-all after trailing 14-6 not long before.

And ever-popular winger Lote Tuqiri confirmed his status as a crowd favourite by taking out the Tooheys New Medal – Peoples Choice award.



Ben Robinson, Rookie of the Year



Sam Norton-Knight, Try of the Year



Lote Tuqiri, Peoples Choice Award

Awards 2006

NSWRU AWARDS GALA KEN CATCHPOLE MEDAL

Manly's Peter Hewat beat a class field of contenders to claim the 2006 Ken Catchpole Medal for the Tooheys New Cup player of the year.

The Marlins skipper polled 18 referee votes to take out the prestigious award, finishing four votes clear of Randwick lock and Australian sevens representative Shawn Mackay.

Hewat polled three votes on five separate occasions during the season, winning the award despite missing two matches during the Marlins campaign.

The race was tight heading into the final round of the season, with Hewat on 15 votes ahead of Randwick half Patrick Pibbs on 13 and Mackay on 12.

Hewat polled three votes in Manly's final round win over Parramatta to put victory beyond doubt, the haul his fifth full compliment of the season.

Hewat's Catchpole win rounded out a big night at the inaugural NSW Rugby Union Gala Awards at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition



Peter Hewat, Ken Catchpole Medalist

2006 NSW Rugby Union Gala Awards Night	
Ken Catchpole Medal, Tooheys New Cup Player of the Year	Peter Hewat, Manly
David Brockhoff Medal, Gulf Air Coach of the Year	Todd Loudon, Randwick
Dick Byres Medal, Mazda Referee of the Year	George Ayoub
The Waratah Medal	Chris Whitaker
The Chris Whitaker Aspiring Waratah Award NSW Waratah Academy Player of the Year	Lachlan Turner
NSW Rugby Union Team of the Year	Avoca Beach First Grade
The Eric Spilsted Memorial Medal for Media	Jim Davis, Rugby News
NSW Rugby Union Honorary Life Member Induction	Dick Hart
The Spirit of Rugby Award – Volunteer of the Year	Stephen Rowntree, Sydney University
The Kentwell Medal NSW Suburban Rugby Union Player of the Year	Kurt Sproule, St. Pats
The Will Tanner Award NSW Country Rugby Union Player of the Year	Paul Elliott, Central West
NSW Rugby Union Women's Player of the Year	Kristy Frogley, West Harbour
NSW Rugby Union Schoolboy Player of the Year	Robert Horne, George's River College, Oatley Senior High Campus
NSW Rugby Union Junior Player of the Year	Mitchell Greenway, Warringah

Centre at Darling Harbour, the ceremony also featuring the David Brockhoff Medal for the Gulf Air Coach of the Year and Dick Byres Medal for the Mazda Referee of the Year.

Randwick's Todd Loudon claimed the Brockhoff Medal for guiding the Galloping

Greens to the minor premiership and the Tooheys New Cup Grand Final in his first year at the helm.

Whistleblower George Ayoub took out the Byres Medal, outpolling a talented field of nominees that included Stuart Dickinson, Matt Goddard and James Leckie.



George Ayoub, Referee of the Year



Todd Loudon, TNC Coach of the Year

HERALD CUP

Adam Freier's stellar run continued when he was named winner of the 57th Herald Cup, the Sydney Morning Herald award for best Waratah of the 2006 Tooheys New Super 14.

Votes are awarded by Herald Chief Rugby Correspondent Greg Growden on a 3-2-1 basis after each Waratah match, with Freier finishing on 12 for the season, two clear of closest rival Peter Hewat.

First awarded in 1949, the Herald cup was originally for the most outstanding NSW Club Player, with past winners including the likes of Ken Catchpole, Russell Fairfax and Peter Crittle.

It has gone to the most outstanding Waratah since the advent of professionalism in 1996,

and was won in 2005 by Daniel Vickerman and 2004 by Phil Waugh.

Randwick skipper Chris Houston capped an outstanding season by being named NSW Club Player of the Year, while Southern Districts winger and Australian Schoolboy Andrew Barrett claimed the Rookie of the Year gong.

Other winners on the night included Sydney University (Club of the Year), Westfield Sports High School's Rodney Ma'a (Schoolboy Player of the Year), and Eagle Vale High School's Teina Clark (Schoolgirl Player of the Year).

West Harbour's Kristy Frogley claimed back to back Women's Rugby Player of the Year awards.

HERALD CUP AWARD WINNERS

Adam Freier
Waratah of the Year

Chris Houston (Randwick)
NSW Club Player of the Year

Andrew Barrett (Southern Districts)
Rookie of the Year

Sydney University
Club of the Year

Kristy Frogley (West Harbour)
Women's Player of the Year

Rodney Ma'a (Westfields Sports High)
Schoolboy Player of the Year

Teina Clark (Eagle Vale High)
Schoolgirl Player of the Year

Tooheys New Super 14 2006



Match winner... Flanker Rocky Elsom is mobbed after scoring the match winner against the Reds

WEEK ONE

Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane

Saturday 11 February, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 16, Reds 12

The Waratahs scored a hard fought 16-12 victory over Queensland at Suncorp Stadium in week one, a Rocky Elsom try 12 minutes from time sealing the win and also the Templeton Cup for 2006.

Tensions were high from kickoff as the Waratahs struggled to crack the defence, the first half a penalty shoot-out that saw the teams locked at 6-all at the break.

The Reds enjoyed the better field position after the resumption, two more penalties seeing them leading by 12-6.

In the end Elsom's try was the difference,

handing the Waratahs a 13-12 lead. A Peter Hewat penalty two minutes from time secured Waratahs their first win in Brisbane since 1995.

HSBC Waratahs 16

Rocky Elsom try; Peter Hewat conversion, 3 penalty goals.

Reds 12

Elton Flatley 4 penalty goals.

Crowd 38,947

Referee Matt Goddard (Australia)

Man Of The Match

Sam Cordingley (Reds)

WEEK TWO

Newlands Rugby Stadium, Cape Town

Saturday 18 February, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 32, Stormers 26

The Waratahs scored their first bonus point in week two with a 32-26 victory over the Stormers in Cape Town. Crossing for four tries in total – three of those in the second half – victory was only secured six minutes from full time.

Behind 20 points to 10 at half time and 26-20 inside the final quarter, the Waratahs took the lead through a try on debut to Daniel Halangahu in the 69th minute.

Six minutes later a five pointer to man of the match Sam Norton-Knight sealed the win, the Waratahs making it two from two for 2006.

HSBC Waratahs 32

Chris Whitaker, Morgan Turinui, Daniel Halangahu, Sam Norton-Knight tries; Peter Hewat 3 conversions, 2 penalty goals.

Stormers 26

Jonghi Nokwe, Bolla Conradie tries; Peter Grant 2 conversions, 3 penalty goals; Werner Greef drop goal.

At Newlands Rugby Stadium, Cape Town

Crowd 35,000 (Approx)

Referee Bryce Lawrence (RSA)

Man of the Match

Sam Norton-Knight



Perfect Start... Daniel Halangahu crosses on debut in Cape Town

WEEK THREE

Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria

Saturday 25 February, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 17, Bulls 26

The Waratahs roll was halted in week three, losing 26-17 to the Bulls in Pretoria. A late fightback restored respectability for the visitors after they trailed 26-3 nearing fulltime.

Four Derick Hougaard penalties saw the Bulls lead 12-3 at half time, while converted tries to JP Nel and Bryan Habana after the break secured the win.

Tries to David Lyons and Peter Hewat late in the match got the Waratahs close, however they couldn't stop the Bulls charging to victory.

The lowest point came after fulltime, Rocky Elsom and Matt Dunning suspended by the SANZAR Judiciary for four and one weeks respectively fighting.

HSBC Waratahs 17

David Lyons, Peter Hewat tries; Peter Hewat 2 conversions, 1 penalty goal.

Bulls 26

JP Nel, Bryan Habana tries; Derick Hougaard 2 conversions, 4 penalty goals.

Crowd 45,000 (Approx)

Referee Kelvin Deaker (NZ)

Man of the Match

Bakkies Botha (Bulls)



Sidelined... Rocky Elsom and Matt Dunning were suspended following a brawl in the loss to the Bulls

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WEEK FOUR

Aussie Stadium, Sydney

Saturday 4 March, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 31, Sharks 16

The Waratahs scored a well earned 31-16 victory over the Sharks at Aussie Stadium in week four, the win also marking the return to the field of Mat Rogers following the death of his father Steve in January.

Four Peter Hewat penalty goals and a converted Shaun Berne try saw the Waratahs lead 19-3 at half time. Rogers was introduced to the action shortly after the break, bringing the crowd to its feet with a line break on his first touch of the ball.

Tries to Lote Tuqiri and Stephen Hoiles ensured the Waratahs victory, while Percy Montgomery scored the Sharks only try, snaring an intercept and sprinting 70 metres to score.

HSBC Waratahs 31

Shaun Berne, Lote Tuqiri, Stephen Hoiles tries; Peter Hewat 2 conversions, 4 penalty goals.

Sharks 16

Percy Montgomery try; Ruan Pienaar conversion, 2 penalty goals; Percy Montgomery penalty goal.

Crowd 25,619

Referee

Bryce Lawrence (NZ)

Man of the Match

Peter Hewat



Welcome home... Mat Rogers makes his return to action against the Sharks in Sydney

WEEK FIVE

Aussie Stadium, Sydney

Friday 10 March, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 50, Cats 3

The Waratahs broke records in week five, thrashing the Cats 50 to 3 at Aussie Stadium. The victory was their biggest ever in Super Rugby, eclipsing a 53-7 defeat of the Bulls in 2001.

Hooker Adam Freier bagged two of his side's tries to take out man of the match honours while Peter Hewat finished with 20 points for the match, moving him into third on the all time list of pointscorers for NSW.

Flyhalf Mat Rogers – in his first starting appearance of the year – crossed in just the third minute and from there it was all one way traffic as the home side powered on to their fourth win of the season.

HSBC Waratahs 50

Adam Freier 2, Mat Rogers, Peter Hewat, Wycliff Palu, Benn Robinson, Daniel Halangahu tries; Peter Hewat 6 conversions, penalty goal.

Cats 3 Earl Rose penalty goal

Crowd 23,986

Referee Steve Walsh (NZ)

Man of the Match Adam Freier



Record breaking... Peter Hewat is all smiles after crossing in the record win over the Cats in week five

WEEK SIX

Subiaco Oval, Perth

Saturday 18 March, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 32, Force 7



A Force to be Reckoned With... Making his return from a three week suspension, Winger Wendell Sailor crossed for two tries in the Waratahs week six victory in Perth

The Waratahs scored their first win over new Australian franchise the Western Force in week six, returning home from Subiaco Oval with a bonus point 32-7 victory in the bag.

The Waratahs led 10-nil inside ten minutes thanks largely to Al Kanaar's first try in Super Rugby, and extended their lead to 18 nil at the half after Wendell Sailor crashed over for his first try in Waratah colours.

Another five pointer from the big winger ten minutes from the finish extended the visitors lead further, while lock Will Caldwell rounded out a night of firsts with his debut Super Rugby try just before the full time siren.

HSBC Waratahs 32

Wendell Sailor 2, Alex Kanaar, Will Caldwell tries; Peter Hewat 3 conversions, 2 penalty goals.

Force 7

Haig Sare try; Brock James conversion.

Crowd

26,140

Referee

Scott Young

Man of the Match

Peter Hewat

Tooheys New Super 14 2006



Number One... A 28 point haul from Peter Hewat sees the Waratahs thump the Blues, moving them into top spot

WEEK SEVEN

Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane

Friday 24 March, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 43, Blues 9

A 28-point haul from Peter Hewat led the Waratahs to victory over the Blues in week seven. Hewat scored a try and finished with a 100 percent record with the boot, potting four conversions and five penalty goals to move past Marty Roebuck into second on the NSW all time pointscorers list.

Converted tries to Adam Freier and Lote Tuqiri, combined with three Hewat penalties saw the Waratahs lead 23-9 at the break, while Hewat and Wendell Sailor went over in the second to take the score along to 43-9 at fulltime.

The win was the Waratahs fourth bonus point victory of the year and secured them top spot on points differential from the Hurricanes.

HSBC Waratahs 43

Adam Freier, Lote Tuqiri, Peter Hewat, Wendell Sailor tries; Peter Hewat 4 conversions, 5 penalty goals.

Blues 9

Luke McAlister 3 penalty goals.

Crowd 30,978

Referee Craig Joubert (RSA)

Man of the Match Peter Hewat

WEEK EIGHT

Aussie Stadium, Sydney

Friday 31 March, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 26, Cheetahs 3

Torrid defence and stalling allegations were the underlying themes as the Waratahs scored an ugly but effective 26-3 victory over the Cheetahs of South Africa 26-3 in week eight.

The visitors, playing their first competitive match outside South Africa and clearly struggling from jetlag, faded after half time with many of their number needing assistance as the game wore on.

The first try of the match – scored by Wendell Sailor – didn't come until the 69th minute of play, and was followed soon after by an intercept try from Peter Hewat, who also added 2 conversions and 4 penalty goals for a personal haul of 21 points.

HSBC Waratahs 26

Wendell Sailor, Peter Hewat tries; Peter Hewat 2 conversions, 4 penalty goals.

Cheetahs 3

Willem de Waal penalty goal.

Crowd

25,296

Referee

Chris Pollock (NZ)

Man of the Match

Adam Freier



Cheetahs Never Prosper... Phil Waugh sprints away in the Waratahs' dour win over the Cheetahs

WEEK NINE

Jade Stadium, Christchurch

Friday 7 April, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 11, Crusaders 17

The HSBC Waratahs went down fighting against the Crusaders in week nine, losing 17 points to 11 at Jade Stadium. The home side led 14-nil lead after half an hour, only to be reigned in by a determined Waratahs outfit.

Morgan Turinui bagged the only try of the match for the visitors, getting them to within a converted try of the lead at 14-8 early in the second half.

Daniel Carter kicked the Crusaders clear again soon after, and while Peter Hewat added one more of his own it would be as close as the challengers would get despite pressing the line for all of the final ten minutes of the match.

HSBC Waratahs 11

Morgan Turinui try; Peter Hewat 2 penalty goals.

Crusaders 17

Chris Jack, Leon McDonald tries; Daniel Carter 2 conversions, penalty goal.

Crowd

33,300 (Approx.)

Referee

Jonathon Kaplan (RSA)

Man of the Match

Not Awarded



The Last Crusade... Tryscorer Morgan Turinui looks for a break against the Crusaders

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WEEK TEN

Aussie Stadium, Sydney

Sunday 16 April, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 37, Brumbies 14

The Waratahs got another one up on their fierce rivals the Brumbies on Easter Sunday, the 37-14 result at Aussie Stadium the Waratahs third straight victory over the men from the national capital.

The Waratahs fought their way back from 14-6 down, heading into half time tied up at 14-apiece thanks to a brilliant individual try to Sam Norton-Knight. Soon after the resumption of play Lote Tuqiri opened up a decisive break, scoring off a blockbusting run out wide.

In the finish the Waratahs scored four tries to the Brumbies two to take maximum points out of the match, seeing them head into the bye week flying high on the competition ladder.

HSBC Waratahs 37

Sam Norton-Knight, Lote Tuqiri, Morgan Turinui, Rocky Elsom tries; Peter Hewat 1 conversion, 5 penalty goals.

Brumbies 14

Sterling Mortlock, Adam Wallace-Harrison tries; Sterling Mortlock 2 conversions.

Crowd 36,656

Referee

Scott Young

Man of the Match

George Smith (Brumbies)



Heartbreaker... Lote Tuqiri hands the Waratahs a decisive break in the win over the Brumbies

WEEK ELEVEN

Carisbrook, Dunedin

Friday 28 April, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 20, Highlanders 3

Defence as much as attack secured the Waratahs a 20-3 victory over the Highlanders in week 12, torrential conditions in Dunedin making the going particularly difficult for both sides in the contest.

At one point the Waratah defenders repelled 10 phases within a metre of their own line, which all but frustrated the home side out of the match.

In the finish tries to Morgan Turinui and Sam Norton-Knight proved more than enough to get the Waratahs home, while Peter Hewat was again on target with the boot, finishing with a 100 percent record.

HSBC Waratahs 20

Morgan Turinui, Sam Norton-Knight tries; Peter Hewat 2 conversions, 2 penalty goals.

Highlanders 3 Ben Blair penalty goal.

Crowd 7,500 (Approx.)

Referee

Mark Lawrence (RSA)

Man of the Match

Not Awarded



Wet Track... Sam Norton-Knight gets his kick away in torrential conditions in Dunedin

WEEK TWELVE

Waikato Stadium, Hamilton

Saturday 6 May, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 33, Chiefs 37



Touchdown... Mat Rogers scores a spectacular try against the Chiefs in Hamilton

The Chiefs spoiled the party for the Waratahs in week 13, picking up a 37-33 win in skipper Chris Whitaker's 116th match for NSW. Whitaker set a new record for most appearances for the state in the match, breaking the mark set by close friend and former team mate Matt Burke.

The Waratahs crossed for five tries in the match to at least secure two bonus points for their troubles, however missed tackles and mistakes at the breakdown would cost them dearly.

In the end the Chiefs scored four tries, goal kicker David Hill getting them home with a perfect seven from seven performance.

HSBC Waratahs 33

Mat Rogers, Adam Freier, Lote Tuqiri, Tatafu Polota-Nau, Rocky Elsom tries; Peter Hewat 1 conversion, 2 penalty goals.

Chiefs 37

Mils Muliaina 2, Sam Tuitupou, Sitiveni Sivivatu tries; David Hill 4 conversions, 3 penalty goals.

Crowd 13,000 (Approx.)

Referee Jonathon Kaplan (RSA)

Man of the Match Not Awarded

Tooheys New Super 14 2006



Farewell Sydney... Chris Whitaker leaves Aussie Stadium for the last time following the week 14 loss to the Hurricanes

WEEK FOURTEEN

Aussie Stadium, Sydney

Saturday 13 May, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 14, Hurricanes 19

The regular season finished on a low note for the Waratahs and their home town fans, losing 19-14 to the Hurricanes in front of the biggest Aussie Stadium crowd of the season.

With semifinal hosting rights up for grabs the Hurricanes scored three times in the first half to lead by 19 points to 7 at half time. After the break they were just as determined, holding firm in the face of ever mounting pressure from the Waratahs.

In the end the home side would cross the tryline just once more, leaving them five points shy of the Hurricanes at full time. The loss also meant that the semifinal rematch between the two sides would be held in Wellington.



Sam Norton-Knight touches down to keep the home side's hopes alive



Chris Whitaker jolts the ball from Tana Umaga's grip

HSBC Waratahs 14

Phil Waugh, Sam Norton-Knight tries; Peter Hewat 2 conversions.

Hurricanes 19

Shannon Paku, John Schwalger, Jimmy Gopperth tries; Jimmy Gopperth 2 conversions.

Crowd 37,042

Referee Craig Joubert (RSA)

Man of the Match Ma'a Nonu (Hurricanes)



Mat Rogers ponders what might have been



The look says it all... Vice-Captain Phil Waugh after full time



Full House... The Hurricanes get the jump on the Waratahs in front of a packed Aussie Stadium

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SEMI FINAL NUMBER ONE

Westpac Stadium, Wellington

Friday 19 May, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 14, Hurricanes 16



The HSBC Waratahs bowed out of the race for the 2006 Tooheys New Super 14 title on a cold night in Wellington, coming up short against the Hurricanes for the second successive week.

The Waratahs were in the hunt throughout the match, a Jimmy Gopperth penalty ten minutes from time proving decisive in the 16-14 result.

The match began with the Hurricanes on the attack, consecutive penalty goals inside ten minutes seeing the home side lead by 6 points to nil.

The visitors crossed first – some excellent backline play putting Peter Hewat over in the corner on 14 minutes – while a Hewat penalty midway through the half put the Waratahs into the lead at 8-6.

However the Hurricanes hit back through Lome Fa'atau to go into half time ahead 13-8.

The Waratahs turned the pressure back on the home side after the break, Hewat steering his side into the lead with two penalties in the space of three minutes, the second from the sideline 12 minutes out from full time.

Then came the decision that would ultimately decide the match, referee Jonathon Kaplan handing the Hurricanes a shot at goal after penalising prop Al Baxter for collapsing on the Waratahs feed.

Gopperth's strike from half way put the Hurricanes out to what would later prove a match winning lead.

The loss was a disappointing way for most capped Waratahs Chris Whitaker to finish his Super 14 career, the skipper bringing down the curtain on a ten year career in sky blue at the conclusion of the match.

HSBC Waratahs 14

Peter Hewat try; 3 penalty goals.

Hurricanes 16

Lome Fa'atau try; David Holwell 1 conversion, 1 penalty goal; Piri Weepu penalty goal; Jimmy Gopperth penalty goal.

Crowd 34,500 (Approx)

Referee

Jonathon Kaplan (RSA)

Man of the Match

Not Awarded



On Target... Peter Hewat steers the Waratahs into the lead in the semifinal in Wellington



Tatafu Polota-Nau looks to spark the Waratahs into action



Super 14 Over... Phil Waugh cuts a dejected figure

Season 2006 Match Reports

INBOUND TOUR



Heavy Going... Ross Filipo and Ben Hand go up as the rain comes down at the SCG

CHURCHILL CUP WARM UP MATCH

Sydney Cricket Ground

Friday 2 June, 2006

**HSBC Waratahs 16,
New Zealand Maori 20**

Wet and wild conditions greeted the first Rugby match to be played at the Sydney Cricket Ground in over 20 years, the rain pouring in as the New Zealand Maori proved too strong for the Waratahs, winning 20 points to 16.

With 7,800 hardy souls looking on, the Maori scored three tries to one to give themselves the perfect lead into the Churchill Cup tournament.

The Waratahs remained in the hunt thanks to a string of penalty goals to Peter Hewat, however a 13-man rolling maul would prove decisive in the finish, Maori replacement Luke Mahoney scoring with two minutes remaining to seal victory.

HSBC Waratahs 16

Ben Jacobs try; Peter Hewat conversion, 3 penalty goals.

New Zealand Maori 20

Pehi Te Whare, Thomas Waldrom, Luke Mahoney tries; Callum Bruce conversion, penalty goal.

Crowd 7,800

Referee

Matt Goddard

Man of the Match

Callum Bruce (Maori)



Break in the weather... Clint Eadie searches for an opening

AUSTRALIAN PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Welcome Return... Former Waratah, Sea-Eagle and Tiger Sam Harris makes his return to Rugby against the Brumbies

GAME ONE

Viking Park, Canberra

Friday 8 September, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 13, Brumbies 14

The Brumbies got one up on the Waratahs in the opening game of the Australian Provincial Championship, reversing a recent run of outs with a 14-13 victory on a wet spring night in Canberra.

The teams traded penalty goals early, the first try of the night coming on the cusp of half time when referee Paul Marks awarded the Waratahs a penalty try after Gene Fairbanks knocked the ball down from an offside position.

Another penalty after half time put the Waratahs ahead 13-6, however a late try to James McCormack and a penalty to Julian Huxley got the Brumbies home 14 points to 13.

HSBC Waratahs 13

Penalty try; Peter Hewat conversion, 2 penalty goals.

Brumbies 14

James McCormack try; Julian Huxley 3 penalty goals.

Crowd 2,000 (Approx)

Man of the Match Not Awarded

Referee Paul Marks



David Lyons makes his return from injury

Season 2006 Match Reports

APC Continued

GAME TWO

Bluetongue Central Coast Stadium,
Gosford

Sunday 17 September, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 17, Reds 39

The Waratahs slumped to their second straight defeat in week two of the Australian Provincial Championship, losing 39-17 to the Reds in Gosford.

After opening the scoring with a penalty in the second minute the Waratahs conceded five straight tries to head into half time trailing by 32 points to three.

The misery continued after the break with another Reds try taking the score along to 39-3, before converted tries to Adam Freier and Daniel Halangahu put some respect into the final scoreline.

The only high points of the afternoon were the successful comeback from injury of Sam Norton-Knight and the attacking form of new recruit Sam Harris.

HSBC Waratahs 17

Adam Freier, Daniel Halangahu tries; Peter Hewat conversion, penalty goal; Daniel Halangahu conversion.

Reds 39

Caleb Brown 3, James Horwill, Henari Veratau, John Dart tries;
Lloyd Johansson 3 conversions, penalty goal.

Crowd 3,065

Man of the Match

Not Awarded

Referee

Matt Goddard



Sam Norton-Knight is felled in his comeback match from injury, against the Reds in the APC



New Blood... Lachlan Turner was just one to earn his Waratah debut during the APC

APC Continued

GAME THREE

Carrington Park, Bathurst

Saturday 23 September, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 41, Western Force 33

17 points off the bench from Peter Hewat helped the Waratahs open their Australian Provincial Championship account in Bathurst, downing the Western Force 41-33 in front of over 4,000 appreciative fans.

Hewat scored two tries and kicked two conversions and a penalty goal in just over 20 minutes on field, providing the perfect finish to a hard-won victory over the men from the west.

The see-sawing match – over the course of which the Waratahs crossed six times to the Force's five – was only secured inside the final ten minutes of play when Hewat crossed for his double.

HSBC Waratahs 41

Peter Hewat 2, Tim Davidson, Benn Robinson, Morgan Turinui, Ben Jacobs tries; Peter Hewat 2 conversions, penalty goal; Daniel Halangahu 2 conversions.

Western Force 33

Cameron Shepherd 2, Scott Daruda, Matt Henjak, Tai Mclsaac tries; Scott Daruda 4 conversions.

Crowd

4,323

Man of the Match

Not Awarded

Referee

James Leckie



In The Clear... Peter Hewat sets a new Waratah record for most points off the bench against the Force in Bathurst



Tour Match Reports

GULF AIR DEVELOPMENT TOUR



On Target... Daniel Halangahu helps kick the Waratahs to victory against Saracens A

GAME ONE

HSBC WARATAHS V SARACENS A

Woollams Paying Fields, St. Albans School, St. Albans, England

Thursday 28 September, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 39, Saracens A 7

The HSBC Waratahs opened their four match tour to the UK and Ireland with a comprehensive 39-7 victory over Saracens A at St. Albans, north of London.

The Waratahs scored five tries to one, setting up victory with a commanding first half performance that saw them head into half time leading 20 points to nil.

Winger Jackson Mullane scored two tries on debut while vice captain Daniel Halangahu added 14 points off the boot through four conversions and two penalty goals.

The match was the first in NSW colours for seven of the match day 22, and was also Les Kiss' first in the role of head coach.



Happy... head coach Les Kiss and skipper Dean Mumm after the win over Saracens A

HSBC Waratahs 39

Jackson Mullane 2, Dean Mumm, Al Manning, Ed Jenkins tries; Daniel Halangahu 4 conversions, 2 penalty goals.

Saracens A 7

Nick Lloyd try; Alex Goode conversion.

GAME TWO

HSBC WARATAHS V NORTHAMPTON WANDERERS

Franklin's Gardens, Northampton, England

Monday 2 October, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 6, Northampton Wanderers 24

An outstanding and relentless display of forward muscle saw the Northampton Wanderers inflict the HSBC Waratahs first loss on tour, the home side grinding out a well deserved 24-6 victory in damp conditions at Franklin's Gardens.

The Waratahs led 6-nil early through a pair of Lachlan Turner penalty goals, however the Wanderers soon had the match in their keeping with their forwards doing the bulk of the damage.

The home side scored four tries including a penalty try awarded after the Waratah scrum fractured close to the line, while the Waratahs lost prop Ofa Fainga'anuku and number eight Pelea Afu to tour-ending injuries.

HSBC Waratahs 6

Lachlan Turner 2 penalty goals.

Northampton Wanderers 24

Penalty try, Seamus Mallon, Johnny Howard, Damien Browne; Johnny Howard 2 conversions.



Mammoth Effort... The Waratahs pack faces up to the massive Northampton Wanderers front row

Tour Match Reports

GAME THREE

HSBC WARATAHS V ULSTER A

Ravenhill, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Friday 6 October, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 7, Ulster A 13

An uncharacteristically error prone performance on a cold and blustery Belfast night resulted in the Waratahs second loss

on tour, the visitors going down to Ulster A 13-7 at Ravenhill.

The Waratahs went 7-nil down after nine minutes when winger Paul McKenzie went over out wide, the counter-attacking try converted from the sideline by New Zealand-born Ulster skipper Adam Larkin.

Ben Hand opened the scoring for the Waratahs late in the first half, however two Larkin penalties after the break – coupled

with a mountain of squandered possession by the Waratahs – handed Ulster victory.

HSBC Waratahs 7

Ben Hand try; Daniel Halangahu conversion.

Ulster A 13

Paul McKenzie try; Adam Larkin conversion, 2 penalty goals.



Dave Rimmer fires a pass at training



Will Caldwell calls the lineout in Belfast

GAME FOUR

HSBC WARATAHS V LEINSTER A

Coolmines RFC, Dublin, Ireland

Sunday 8 October, 2006

HSBC Waratahs 20, Leinster A 17

The HSBC Waratahs ensured their 2006 development tour finished on a high, scoring a hard-fought 20 to 17 win over Leinster A in Dublin.

With former Waratahs skipper Chris Whitaker – now plying his trade with Leinster – looking on from the sidelines, the Waratahs trailed by as much as seven points on three separate occasions before fighting their way back into the lead late in the match.

Tries either side of half time to Patrick McCabe and Clint Eadie kept the Waratahs in the hunt, while a 68th minute penalty goal to Daniel Halangahu sealed the win.

The win was the first for head coach Steve Tynman, who assumed control from Les Kiss for the Ireland leg of the tour.

HSBC Waratahs 20

Patrick McCabe, Clint Eadie tries; Lachlan Turner 2 conversions, penalty goal; Daniel Halangahu penalty goal.

Leinster A 17

Neil Ronan, Ross McCarron tries; Fergus McFadden 2 conversions, penalty goal.



Hands on... Ben Hand gets a facial from former NSW A team mate Adam Byrnes



Travelling fans... Waratahs supporters in Dublin

NSW Waratah High Performance Unit



NSW A Halfback Dave Rimmer scoots against Queensland A in Sydney

The principal objectives of the Waratahs High Performance Unit, encompassing the NSW Waratah Academy and NSW A programs, are:

1. Support the Waratahs in their quest to win the Super 14 Championship; and
2. Ensure the on-going success of Waratahs by identifying potential Wallabies who adhere to the Waratah code, preparing players for professional Rugby, and then contracting the best of the best.

In 2006 we set out to achieve these goals through effective recruitment, best practice training and education methods, and a top quality match program.

The 2006 NSW Waratah Academy intake of 41 players was made up of the following:

- ▲ Eight from the 2005 Academy Squad (20% of total intake)
- ▲ Nine from Sydney Premier Rugby (22%)
- ▲ Ten from Sydney Colts Rugby (24%)
- ▲ Twelve from Australian Schools or Australia A Schools (29%)
- ▲ Two from Rugby League, who had formerly represented Australia at Schoolboy Rugby level (5%)

...no NSW-based Australian Schoolboys were poached by Rugby League clubs

One of the most pleasing aspects to come out of 2006 was the fact that no NSW-based Australian Schoolboys were poached by Rugby League clubs, which is both a ringing endorsement for the sport and also the work being done by the NSW Waratah Academy.

Of the 2006 Academy intake, the following won professional contracts for 2007 and beyond:

- ▲ Waratahs: Daniel Halangahu, Ben Hand, Al Manning, Beau Robinson, Jeremy Tilse, Lachlan Turner
- ▲ Other Super 14: AJ Gilbert, Troy Takiari
- ▲ Overseas: Fotu Alelua, Tim McGann

From a teams perspective, 2006 was immensely successful, with both NSW A and the NSW Waratah Academy finishing the year as the most successful teams in

Australia. NSW A won five of its six games for the year, while the Academy won four out of five.

The 2006 HSBC Waratahs Gulf Air Development Tour can also be classed as a great success with two wins out of four matches against some tough opposition. The touring party featured nine professional players (including three rookie contract holders), eight NSW Waratah Academy players, and 12 players from Sydney Premier Rugby. Of the 12, ten have accepted places in the Academy for 2007.

The tour was a valuable exercise from a development perspective because each player was challenged in every match. Wins were achieved against Saracens and Leinster, while losses came against Northampton and Ulster. How the players handled the challenges that came their way, particularly in the matches lost, taught the coaching staff a lot about their suitability at the next level.

The tour was a valuable exercise from a development perspective...



Success... the Waratah Academy after defeating NSW Country at Forshaw Rugby Park

NSW Waratah High Performance Unit

As a High Performance Unit, we have a responsibility to devise initiatives that will continually keep us ahead of our rivals, both within Rugby and sport in general. During 2006 the following initiatives were implemented in order to achieve this aim.

HSBC Waratahs Professional Academy

The step up from the Academy program to the Waratahs is a big one physically, mentally and from a skills perspective. The ability of a player to make this step up is often difficult to predict accurately because players are going from a part time to full time environment. In order to minimise the risk associated with contracting players unaccustomed to the rigors of professional Rugby, a Waratah Professional Rugby Trainee position has been created to work alongside Waratah contracted players 27 through 33, otherwise known as the "Professional Academy." The NSW Waratah Academy's role in this process is to screen players we believe have Wallaby potential then send them to the finishing school that is the Professional Academy.

HSBC Waratahs Rehabilitation Coordinator

In the past, the Waratahs have had an excellent record of treating injuries and reducing the number of games missed through injury. However, it is not always easy to find the man hours required to rehab a player back to his pre-injury levels of conditioning and skills. Given at any one time upwards of 20% of the full time squad can be out through injury, the special role of Waratah Rehabilitation Coordinator was created.

NSWRU Mentoring Program

Following on from the work done during 2005, the NSWRU mentoring program continued in 2006 to establish a consistent flow of information from the Waratahs through to the Academy and its players. The program involves Waratah Head Coach Ewen McKenzie mentoring his assistant coaches Steve Tuynman & Les Kiss, who in turn spend time each week working with Academy coaches Joe Barakat, Greg Mumm and Shannon Fraser. The Academy coaches then take the information they have gained and pass it on to the 13 athletes they are in charge of mentoring on a one on one basis.

Statewide Talent Identification Network

An official link between NSW Rugby and Hurlstone Agricultural High School, a state-



The Waratah scrum prepares for impact against Leinster A in Dublin

run boarding school in Sydney's south west, was established in late 2006. Up to ten boarding spaces in years 11 and 12 have been made available to young country-based players, with direct interaction between the NSW Waratah Academy, the school and the players a feature of the program. The Waratahs will also be fitting out a gymnasium at the school in early 2007.

The express intention of this program is to provide a steady flow of talent for the school and the Waratahs. A statewide network of talent spotters has been established to ensure the best players feed into the NSW development pathway.

Long Term Athlete Development Program

In conjunction with Knox Grammar School, NSW Rugby is developing a long term athlete development program designed to take players from year seven right through to professional Rugby. The program is broken down into physical competencies & skills, fundamental skills, individual skills, set piece skills and tactical knowledge.



Waratah Academy coach Shannon Fraser helps out NSW Schools at the Australian Championships

2006 has been a year of change, initiatives and learning in which the HPU has taken a number of significant steps forward in its quest to be recognized as one of the leading benchmarks in High Performance Sport. If the spirit, the will to win and the will to excel displayed by players and staff in 2006 is used as a predictor of future performance, then 2007 promises to be a very exciting year.

Tony D'Arcy

Waratah High Performance
General Manager



Nigel Staniforth goes over for NSW A against NSW Country in Bathurst

Club Rugby

PREMIERSHIP 2006

The 2006 Sydney Club Rugby season will go down as one of the most exciting in recent history. From the early days of the Shute Shield to the pinnacle, the Tooheys New Cup Grand Final, the club competition had it all – action, drama, upsets and intense debate were recurring themes throughout the season.

The new format Shute Shield was far and away the highlight of the first half of the year,



Daniel Halangahu opens the scoring in the Tooheys New Cup Grand Final

with the splitting of the competition into two pools and the inclusion of new teams Illawarra and the Central Coast proving to be a great success. The new teams were tested by the step up in competition and yet both registered wins. The Sydney clubs also benefited from the exposure, with some including players from the Central Coast and Illawarra in their Tooheys New Cup squads.

Congratulations to Eastwood for its victory over Sydney University in the Shute Shield Final. The result while a surprise to some was a fitting send off for departing skipper Tim Donnelly, who is now plying his trade in France. It was also a victory for Eastwood's talent identification program, with many in the Woodies lineup aged 21 or under.

Sydney University turned the tables on the Woods a week later in the opening round of the Tooheys New Cup, scoring a 49-3 victory in what would be a portent of the future for the eventual back to back champions. However the Students far from had the competition their own way, coming up against talented and determined sides from Randwick, Eastern Suburbs, and Manly among others during the season.

The Grand Final between Uni and minor premier Randwick was one for the ages,

with the Students spending almost the entire second half on their own line before holding on for a 16-10 victory. It was a fitting end to the season for Australia's oldest club, which also claimed the Colin Caird Shield, Henderson Cup and Colts II titles to finish both Club Champions and Colts Club Champions for 2006.

Congratulations to our award winners for 2006. Manly Captain and HSBC Waratahs fullback Peter Hewat was announced as the winner of the 2006 Ken Catchpole Medal; Randwick's Todd Loudon claimed the David Brockhoff Medal for Coach of the Year; and George Ayoub was awarded the Dick Byres Medal for Referee of the year.

Randwick's Mark Sweeney took out the 2006 Rosco Fahey Trophy for the competition's highest pointscorer; Eastern Suburbs claimed the Roden Cutler Shield on its way to the TNC preliminary final; and Sydney University's Steven Rowntree was rewarded for years of faithful service by being awarded the NSW Rugby Volunteer of the Year award.

Recognition should also go to the clubs, who were quick to accept an offer to host Semi Final and Preliminary Final matches in 2006. North Sydney Oval and Coogee Oval both played host to outstanding Semi Final crowds, with a combined total nearing eight thousand people in attendance. West Harbour's hosting of the Preliminary Final saw a large and vocal contingent from Sydney's east attend a gripping match between Randwick and Eastern Suburbs.

As always, thanks must go to our valued sponsors for all their help throughout the season. A massive thanks once again to Tooheys, without whom the Tooheys New Cup could not have reached the heights of 2006 or previous seasons. We look forward to our association continuing in the years to come.

Thanks too to the ABC for its continued and highly valued coverage of the Sydney Club competition. A massive thank you must go out to presenters Jim Maxwell, Brett Papworth, Toby Lawson, John Morrison and Nick Edwards, and control room gurus Michael Hines and Janet Gill, without whom the Sydney competition would not have the level of exposure and prestige it currently enjoys.

And finally, thanks to the hard working and dedicated staff of NSW Rugby & NSW Suburban Rugby for all their efforts in ensuring the Sydney Club Competition is a beacon for others to aspire to in the Australian Rugby landscape.

Matt Want
Premiership Competition Manager



Eastwood first grade celebrates victory in the Shute Shield Final



West Harbour takes out the 2006 Henderson Shield

Club Rugby

TOOHEYS NEW CUP

Sydney University claimed a classic Tooheys New Cup Grand Final against Randwick at Aussie Stadium on September 2, grinding out a 16-10 victory established on the back of a near-impregnable defensive line.

Despite spending almost the entire second half camped on their own line, the Students fitness and resolve shone through in the face of a determined and increasingly desperate Randwick attack.

In the end a Randwick dropped ball deep into injury time secured Uni its second straight title, sparking rapturous scenes both on the field and amongst many of the 8,215 strong crowd.

Uni's victory was constructed in the first half, where they managed to upset Randwick's natural rhythm by denying ball to its famed backline.

Julian Huxley penalties in the 12th and 19th minutes put Uni out to an early 6-nil lead, while Randwick missed an opportunity when Matt Carraro went wide with his first shot at goal.

Uni lost hooker Digby Beaumont to the sin bin 14 minutes out from the break for a ruck infringement, however the loss didn't prevent them from drawing Randwick into a forward oriented game, thus minimising the opportunities available to the minor premiers.

The Students rolling maul was outstanding, at one stage going for thirty metres to deep inside Randwick territory. It was on the back of one such movement that Referee Matt Goddard went to the pocket again, Randwick prop Sean Baker sent to the bin for collapsing.

Sensing weakness Uni struck, flyhalf and man of the match Daniel Halangahu mesmerising the defence with a dummy before scoring under the posts untouched. Huxley converted, giving the defending champions a commanding 13-nil lead at the break.

Randwick opened its account with a penalty shortly after half time, however Uni was soon right back on the attack and looked certain to score on at least two occasions.

Randwick then went the closest it had gone to scoring in the match thus far, Morgan Turinui unable to cleanly regather the ball one metre out after chasing down a Tim Wright kick.

Upping the intensity again Randwick made it across the line with 15 to go through tireless skipper Chris Houston, only for the TMO to rule that he'd lost the ball in the motion of scoring.



Sydney University players celebrate back to back Tooheys New Cup Premierships

Uni was struck a blow with 12 minutes left on the clock when they were again reduced to 14 men, centre Luke Inman yellow carded for a deliberate knock down.

Randwick took just 90 seconds to capitalise, centre Carraro touching down out wide after standing up the desperation defence of David Lyons. Sweeney converted, taking the score along to 13-10 with ten minutes left to play.

A penalty for holding on in the ruck gave Uni the opportunity for breathing space, Huxley making no mistake from 35 metres to make it 16-10.

Randwick spent almost all of the time remaining pressing the Uni line, however as the final siren sounded they still trailed by six points.

With one last throw of the dice available to them the minor premiers continued the assault, multiple phases at the Uni line coming to nothing as play broke down, handing Uni the Tooheys New Cup.

The win was a fitting end to the day for the Students, who had earlier picked up their second straight Colin Caird Shield premiership courtesy of a 35-20 win over Manly.



High tension... Luke Inman is yellow carded 12 minutes from full time

TOOHEYS NEW CUP GRAND FINAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY – 16

Tries: Daniel Halangahu
Conversions: Julian Huxley 1
Penalty Goals: Julian Huxley 3

RANDWICK – 10

Tries: Matt Carraro
Conversions: Mark Sweeney 1
Penalty Goals: Mark Sweeney 1

AT AUSSIE STADIUM

Half Time: Sydney University 13-0

Crowd: 8,215

Man of the Match: Daniel Halangahu
(Sydney University)



Adam Freier looks to spark a comeback for Randwick

SHUTE SHIELD

Two tries inside the final 20 minutes of play saw Eastwood claim the Shute Shield for 2006, downing arch rivals and hot favourites Sydney University 17-10 at TG Millner Field.



Departing Eastwood skipper Tim Donnelly lifts the Shute Shield



Full time... Eastwood players celebrate victory

Trailing 10-3 at half time, tries to scrumhalf Ben Wakely and replacement centre Chris Donnelly secured Eastwood victory on a day when the Students were left to rue lost opportunities.

Eastwood's chase began poorly, a first minute penalty to Nigel Staniforth putting Uni out to a 3-nil lead.

However the home side retaliated through a penalty to departing flyhalf Tim Donnelly, laying the platform for a relatively even first half hour.

Uni scored the opening try of the match in the lead up to half time, Michael Griffin doing the honours after a neat piece of counter attack from Dean Mumm.

Backing up on the inside, Griffin – playing his 200th first grade game for the Students – was handed an easy run to the line, his converted try taking the score along to 10-3 in favour of Uni.

There it remained until well after half time, the Students denied a try in the eighth minute of the half after Nick Haydon's last pass to Dan Kelly was ruled forward.

Eastwood got right back in the hunt 19 minutes from time, scrumhalf Wakely scampering across for a converted try to level the scores at 10-all.

Staniforth skewed two shots at penalty in the run in to full time, the Students missing a golden opportunity to re-take the lead.

With the clock running down and Uni attacking Eastwood's line, an outstanding hit from Woods flanker Gareth Palamo on Uni centre Tom Carter saw the underdogs secure a turnover just as the Students appeared set to crack the defence.

With momentum swinging their way the

Woods kicked deep, Chris Donnelly charging down an attempted clearance by Daniel Halangahu to score his side's second – and match winning – try.

Fittingly, the final word went to Tim Donnelly, the skipper converting his brother's try to hand his side a 17-10 victory in his last final for Eastwood before flying out to join French club Brive.

SHUTE SHIELD GRAND FINAL

EASTWOOD – 17

Tries: Ben Wakely, Chris Donnelly
Conversions: Tim Donnelly [2/2]
Penalty Goals: Tim Donnelly [1/3]

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY – 10

Tries: Michael Griffin
Conversions: Nigel Staniforth [1/1]
Penalty Goals: Nigel Staniforth [1/3]

AT TG MILLNER FIELD

Half Time: Uni 10-3
Referee: James Leckie



Sydney Uni try scorer Michael Griffin on the attack

THE AUSTRALIAN RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP – A CHRONOLOGY

The Australian Rugby Championship, Australia's new national Rugby competition to begin in August 2007, had its genesis during 2006. The chronology below charts the early evolution of the Championship, from theory to reality and beyond.

June 1: The plan for a new eight team national Rugby competition is announced following a three day workshop held in Sydney and featuring some 70 stakeholders from all levels of Australian Rugby. It is also announced that three of the eight teams will be based in NSW.

June 22: NSWRU meets with the Sydney Club Presidents to discuss a way forward

for the new national competition – which would later be named the "Australian Rugby Championship" – the Shute Shield, and the Tooheys New Cup.

September 6: The Board of the Australian Rugby Union officially endorses the ARC. NSWRU announces the location of the three NSW teams, being Sydney*, West Sydney* and the Central Coast*.

September 25: The NSW Rugby Union Board gives its endorsement to the ARC and also the location of the three NSW teams.

September 27: The Sydney Premiership clubs pass a motion of support.

October 6: Coaching positions are advertised, and a call is made for expressions of interest from players wanting to take part in the ARC.

Some 29 coaching applications are received for the three NSW teams, while 480 players nationwide submit expressions of interest.

October 25: Sydney clubs officially align with their respective ARC teams. Northern Suburbs, Manly, Gordon and Warringah align with the Central Coast; Eastern Suburbs, Randwick, Sothern Districts and Sydney University align with Sydney; and Eastwood, Parramatta, Penrith, and West Harbour join West Sydney.

November 8: The last of the three NSW venues is decided, with Parramatta Stadium (West Sydney) to join Bluetongue Central Coast Stadium, Gosford (Central Coast) & North Sydney Oval (Sydney) in hosting NSW teams.

*Sydney, West Sydney & Central Coast are working titles only.

Club Rugby

LOWER GRADE GRAND FINALS

COLIN CAIRD SHIELD

Sydney University claimed back to back second grade premierships with a 35-20 defeat of Manly in the Colin Caird Shield Grand Final at Aussie Stadium.

The Students hit the lead early through a penalty goal to Chris Cawte, then followed it up with back to back tries to Cawte and Joey Phillippe.

Cawte added one conversion and another penalty goal, while Manly got on the board through a penalty and dropped goal to Stephen Locke, seeing the score along to 18-6 at half time.

Manly was unable to halt the slide in the second half, Uni extending its lead to 30-6 through four pointers to David Haigh and Brock Bailie.

The Marlins eventually got over the tryline through veteran prop Damien Cummins, and then edged even closer after winger Stephen Scolles crossed.

However the Students never lost control, skipper Marc Avery scoring Uni's final try to see the score finish at 35-20 in favour of the Students.



COLTS I

EASTWOOD 29
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 25
At Concord Oval
Sunday 27 August

COLTS II

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 28
EASTWOOD 8
At Concord Oval
Sunday 27 August

COLTS U19

RANDWICK 14
EASTWOOD 10
At Concord Oval
Sunday 27 August

COLIN CAIRD SHIELD

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY – 35
Tries: Joey Phillippe, Chris Cawte, David Haigh, Brock Bailie, Marc Avery
Conversions: Chris Cawte 2
Penalty Goals: Chris Cawte 2

MANLY – 20
Tries: Damien Cummins, Stephen Scolles
Conversions: Stephen Locke 2
Penalty Goals: Stephen Locke 1
Dropped Goals: Stephen Locke 1

AT AUSSIE STADIUM
Half Time: Sydney University 18-6

JR HENDERSON SHIELD

WEST HARBOUR 24
NORTHERN SUBURBS 16
At Concord Oval
Saturday 26 August

HENDERSON CUP

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 27
MANLY 5
At Concord Oval
Saturday 26 August



West Harbour skipper John Pretorius with the spoils of victory



Sydney University celebrates victory in the Colin Caird Shield Grand Final



Eastwood No. 8 Brock McDermott delightfully holds his team's Premiership trophy aloft



Eastwood First Grade Colts - Premiers, 2006

Commercial & Operations



Caring for Kids...
Former skipper Chris Whitaker lends a hand at the HSBC Free Kick Clinic at Chatswood Oval

Commercial & Operations

In 2006 the NSWRU Commercial and Operations department continued to provide enhanced and more practical services to our Commercial Partners, Members and supporters.

The prime focus during 2006 was to examine all aspects of our operations, seeking feedback through research where necessary. As a result, the match day experience was extensively reviewed, as were all aspects of food and beverage services at home games. We also worked closely with the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust and Premiers Department to improve traffic strategies in and around Aussie Stadium.

We are fortunate to have a wealth of experience and dedication in our Commercial and Operations staff, who are committed to providing leading edge service to ensure that all stakeholder expectations are met.

Marketing

Early in 2006 an audit of the Waratah and NSW Rugby brands was undertaken to assess our standing in what is an increasingly competitive marketplace. The



Les Kiss spreads the wealth at HSBC Free Kick

audit identified the need for a new brand architecture for the Waratah and NSW Rugby brands, including the updating of both logos. This brand architecture has set the platform for future commercial growth of the Waratah brand.

Emerging forms of marketing were embraced during 2006, with the first half of the Super 14 season seeing an innovative multimedia campaign featuring Lote Tuqiri. "Where's Lote" was rolled out across print, TV, and the internet, with a heavy emphasis on the use of email to spread the message. The campaign was well received and culminated with two supporters picking up the major prize of a trip to Christchurch with the Waratahs.

For the first time this season a spectator satisfaction survey was undertaken, designed to obtain feedback on all facets of the game day experience. The results of the survey have helped the Union focus its efforts on the most significant drivers of overall satisfaction.

Media partnerships were further strengthened with Fairfax Publications and ZUE and we thank those organisations for their support.

The Tooheys New Cup competition was again the focus of a concerted print and radio campaign. The Union conducted weekly advertising through the Sydney Morning Herald, including a season launch and grand final lift-out. Radio presence was also maintained on both the AM and FM bands, with Waratah Peter Hewat and media identities Ben Kimber and Brett Papworth involved in providing weekly updates on ZUE, 2KY & 2SM respectively. From an FM perspective, both Triple M and WSFM provided terrific support throughout the year.

Sponsorship

From a sponsorship perspective, 2006 was about the following key priorities: Building Commercial Partner Relationships and Servicing; Providing Business to Business opportunities; & distributing research data and feedback to Commercial Partners.

The first key priority was achieved through dialogue with our current commercial partners. A series of workshops were conducted early in the year, new match day leveraging opportunities and joint sponsor partnerships were developed, while other existing promotional activities were continued, including:

- ▲ HSBC Flash for Cash
- ▲ HSBC Dash for Cash
- ▲ HSBC Score for Charity
- ▲ The Tooheys New Medal
- ▲ Vodafone interactive
- ▲ Mazda Island
- ▲ Coca Cola/Gulf Air "Scratch & Win"
- ▲ Coca Cola "Get Caught Red Handed"
- ▲ Sydney Morning Herald Thundersticks
- ▲ The Bundy Bar
- ▲ Herringbone "knot" giveaways
- ▲ ZUE Junior Waratah
- ▲ Bartercard mini quad bike

The following events were rolled out separate to game day:

- ▲ HSBC Free Kick Clinics
- ▲ Tooheys New Live and Kicking events
- ▲ Tooheys New co-branded promotions/advertising/packages
- ▲ HSBC integrated advertising campaign
- ▲ Yalumba's involvement with the Lady Waratahs
- ▲ Sydney Morning Herald "GO WARATAH" sticker giveaway
- ▲ Bundaberg Rum – SMS Ticket promotion
- ▲ Player appearances – corporate/public

Another measure of the strength of the Waratah brand is the loyalty and commitment shown by HSBC in renewing as our naming rights sponsor. Also, Vodafone's strong commitment to Rugby resumed in taking on the Waratahs sleeve sponsorship. Other partners to renew with during 2006 include Mazda and Coca-Cola.

2006 saw the end of more than a decade of cooperation between the Waratahs and clothing manufacturer Canterbury (CCC). I would like to at this time express my thanks to Howard Goldberg and Steve Guise for their assistance over the seasons and I wish them all the best for their future endeavors.

Commercial & Operations

Ticketing and Memberships

2006 was a strong year for Ticketing & Memberships. Renewals increased by 174 with 3,323 members renewing in 2006, up from 3,149 in 2005. In addition we secured 202 new Life Members, finishing at 3,337 for the year.

The introduction of the Lady Waratah Membership in 2006 generated a great deal of interest from a previously untapped supporter base. Two very different launch events were held during the year, and the addition of new memberships catering to all demographics will be a priority in 2007.

Licensing

2006 was a year of development for our Licensing program. Since bringing Licensing management in-house we have spent the year dedicated towards rebuilding all aspects of the merchandising landscape, bringing it to a deserved level of competitiveness within the sporting market.

The highlights of the past 12 months include:

- ▲ Increasing our licensee base and extending our product range to cover identified holes in the program
- ▲ Waratahs Official Online Store – launched in February 2006 after signing Playbill as our online merchandising partner
- ▲ The signing of new apparel sponsor ISC
- ▲ The development of an official NSWRU Style Guide, including logo and licensing guidelines, brand architecture attributes, and the updating of the Waratah logo and colour palette

In 2006 nine key licensees covered all mainstream product categories:

- ▲ Canterbury – Apparel
- ▲ Gilbert – Footballs
- ▲ ACP Magazines – Match Day Programs
- ▲ Skye Group – Ties
- ▲ Fabric (Aust.) – Flags
- ▲ Trofe – Pins, Keyrings, Collectibles
- ▲ Papermoon – Mugs, Glassware, Novelty Products
- ▲ Burley Sekem – Scarves, Beanies
- ▲ iSports Marketing – Fanbanas, Thundersticks

Events & Operations

2006 proved to be a solid season for match attendances with an average crowd of just under 30,000. While matches involving South African teams failed to draw big

crowds due primarily to scheduling issues, matches against the Blues, Brumbies and Hurricanes were well-supported with crowds averaging just under 35,000.

2006 saw the implementation of a number of initiatives designed to make the match day experience better for all. The establishment of a number of Rugby specific bus services on game day went some way to alleviating



All Fired Up... Match Day at Aussie Stadium



Young fans wield Sun Herald Thundersticks



Value Adding... Sponsors get more than just a name on a jersey - Here fans take part in the HSBC "Flash for Cash" promotion

ongoing traffic problems both in and around the Aussie Stadium precinct. These services gained in popularity throughout the season with the final take up by patrons reaching 10 percent of the average crowd attendance. It is hoped that these services will become more popular with patrons and substantially reduce Stadium ingress and egress issues in 2007.

Hospitality

The Union once again exceeded budget for match day hospitality sales, working in conjunction with the SCG Trust and Aussie Stadium sales team. The SCG Trust team must be commended for its ongoing work in customer relations and sales in catering for clients.

The sale of this inventory continues to create revenue that is split between ourselves and the Trust. Demand is increasing for hospitality at Waratah games and it is important to be looking for ways in which we can expand and adapt to client needs.

2006 also saw a number of new functions created to better service the needs of sponsors and clients. The NSW Rugby Union Awards Gala Evening featuring the Ken Catchpole Medal and a new Sponsors Bowls Day were two of the more notable successes on this front.

A prime objective in 2007 will be to create various stand-out functions, including new food, beverage and entertainment sites inside the Aussie Stadium precinct on match days.

Dave Gibson
General Manager
Commercial & Operations

Media & Communications



In demand... Lote Tuqiri faces the media scrum

The construction of a new website and the creation of several exciting media products underscored another 12 months of extremely high productivity for the Media and Communications department.

The debut of Tah TV hosted by Phil Waugh on www.waratahs.com.au attracted enormous interest from fans, sponsors and even television production houses eager to expand on the concept.



The Waratahs season guide gave fans an early season insight into the team

The behind the scenes programme was delivered via high quality streaming networks and opened the door on Rugby life through the eyes of the players.

NSW Rugby has aggressively moved into new media...

NSW Rugby has aggressively moved into new media with one of the more popular programmes being Tah Talk, the official NSW Rugby Podcast.

Critical to the success of Tah Talk is its frankness and freshness. Starting in April the programme continues to grow in audience numbers and production values.

Podcasting is relatively new and is still making its way into the mainstream community but its potential is enormous.

Tah Talk has meaningfully engaged the Rugby community and many of our journalistic colleagues. From a few hundred downloads in April when launched, the show hit 2000 downloads a month in November and kept going up in the off-season. The programme 'broke' several stories during the year and was widely quoted in the Sydney Morning Herald and Daily Telegraph.

Podcasting serves many other uses from product promotion to media training for players and officials.

Tah TV, Tah Talk and other projects are now possible with improved connectivity, i.e. broadband speeds in Australia and overseas. Rugby is no longer at the mercy of conventional media programming decisions, opening a whole new range of opportunities to reach fans.

The NSWRU media unit is committed to filling the gaps in the Australian media landscape through these projects.

Without initiatives like television news vision and photographic supply, the Waratahs simply would not have received the coverage at the levels we've seen in last few years.

Experienced television news cameramen Greg Parker (7 Network) and Phil Cartwright (CNN & 7 Network) joined the Waratahs on separate tours this year.

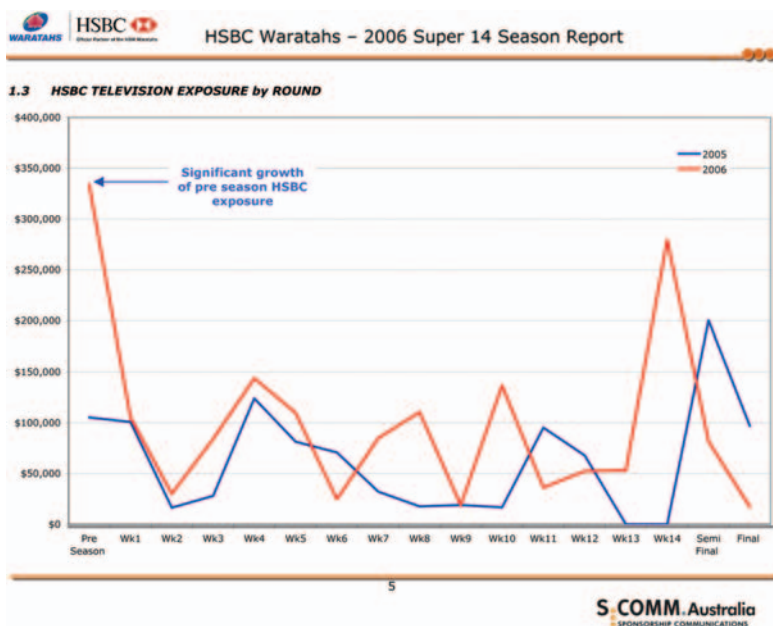
Both donated their time and considerable experience as sports shooters to provide vision and interviews to Australian TV networks.

Using the latest in store and forward compression technology and broadband connectivity the media unit is now able to supply material via the internet savings tens of thousands of dollars.

This also enabled better coverage on Australia's flagship programme Inside Rugby on Fox Sports.

In dollar terms the improved editorial coverage in both TV and print media equated to a \$500 000 increase in value for our principal sponsor HSBC.

The graph below shows just how valuable editorial media coverage has been to the



Big business... media exposure equals dollars for our sponsors

Media & Communications

Waratahs naming rights partner HSBC in 2006 benchmarked against 2005.

Commercial aspects aside, 2006 was a challenging year for issues management.

Before the season began the Waratahs had to deal with the loss of Mat Rogers for an extended period due to well-publicised personal reasons. We were extremely pleased with the media's understanding during this period. This ensured that it was business as usual for Mat when he returned from compassionate leave.

Issues involving Wendell Sailor also placed the union in the media spotlight.

Announcing the indefinite standing down of Wendell just hours before the clash with the Hurricanes in Sydney was a delicate, almost surreal moment.

Confidentiality restrictions made for a challenging media conference but one that CEO Fraser Neill and Chairman Arvid Petersen handled admirably.

Wendell was later suspended for two years for a positive drug test.

It should be noted, however, that the massive pre-season spike in positive media coverage was mainly due to Wendell Sailor in anticipation of his NSW debut.

Club Rugby was once again supported heavily by the media unit with comprehensive online coverage by Ross Smart and free distribution of high-resolution photos each week through Paul Seiser.

This is a significant investment each year to improve the accessibility to match images.

Peter Hewat also secured a weekly segment on Radio 2UE's Sports Today programme to specifically publicise the Tooheys New Cup. Peter proved so successful that 2UE kept him on well after the season ended.

Once again we extend our thanks to Michael Hines and his dedicated team at the ABC for their outstanding coverage during the Shute Shield and Tooheys New Cup competitions.

The 'rugby wrap' during the halftime break gave free-to-air coverage to many other areas of the game including women's, country, schoolboys and Rugby 80.

NSW Rugby owes a great debt to Greg Clark, chief caller for Fox Sports' Super 14 coverage. Greg has always made himself available to host major NSW announcements and functions. A special note should also go to Matt McKeown (Executive Producer) who ensured minimum disruption to the team when producing the match day broadcasts and appearances on Inside Rugby.

The media unit produced the first ever Waratahs season guide and autograph book in 2006, which proved a hit with fans and media. Mark Cashman's role was critical in making this venture a success. Mark's expertise with the match programme ensured that ACP produced an outstanding product worthy of the Waratahs' brand. That was followed up with a high quality coffee table photo book, which also received positive reviews.

The introduction of a media medal for the NSW Awards Night was also warmly received. Jim Davis, publisher of Rugby



Regional reach... Peter Hewat chats with NBN TV in Gosford

News, was a worthy inaugural winner and our appreciation goes to Jim Webster for presenting the award.

Ewen McKenzie continued to forge a strong reputation as a columnist with the Sydney Morning Herald. Ewen's insights into the Super 14 and Test seasons reached a huge audience in the Saturday SMH and online with Rugby Heaven.

One of the most important web-based applications for fans and the media is the 'live match call'.

This text-based play-by-play description drove high traffic to the website with one match day reaching close to a million hits. But the 'live match call' is most valuable when the Waratahs are playing in non-televised matches.

APC games in Canberra, Gosford and Bathurst were constantly updated on the site as were the tour matches in England and Ireland.

Another tireless worker who deserves high praise is Shaun Luttrell of SportsMedia. Shaun is the Webmaster of NSW Rugby and is on-call 24 hours a day to ensure that NSW Rugby's virtual shop front is always updated and well presented.

2006 was significant year for the media unit but once again without the assistance of the players, coaching staff, management and the Board we would have achieved very little. We would also like to thank the various media outlets for their coverage and cooperation during the entire year not just the Super 14 season.

Djuro Sen
Media & Communications Manager

Life of a Waratah - 2006 in Pictures



Official Publication of NSW Rugby
Pictures by Djuro Sen and Getty Images

Life of a Waratah... new coffee table book for 2006

Development & Training



Keeping NSW up to date... NSWRU Development & Training

The ten months since the Development & Training department came into being has been intense, with foundation, SmartRugby and Level Two courses being run by NSWRU staff on an almost non-stop basis throughout metropolitan Sydney and across NSW.

As a department, one of our key objectives is to ensure coaches across NSW are fully up to date with the latest coaching methods. Huge leaps forward in the provision of these methods have been achieved, primarily throughout the SmartRugby program.

SmartRugby is Australian Rugby's occupational health & safety program.

SmartRugby is Australian Rugby's occupational health & safety program. It is a compulsory minimum requirement for every coach and referee participating in Rugby where there is a tackling component. Of the 1531 Rugby teams in the state for whom compliance was mandatory, an incredible 99.2% now have a SmartRugby accredited coach.

In 2006 alone, a total of 3457 people attended a SmartRugby course in NSW. An additional 1169 people attended a Foundation Course (which incorporates SmartRugby). Therefore, a total of 4626 people have been made SmartRugby compliant in NSW in the past 12 months.

In order to achieve this, a total of 134 SmartRugby courses were held across the state, with 60 in the Sydney metropolitan area, 47 in regional NSW, and 27 in schools and Universities.

Such wide-ranging implementation could not have been achieved without the NSW Rugby Union Board's adoption of the ARU's SmartRugby policy. The immediate result of this decision was the incorporation of the policy into the competition rules of all unions under the NSWRU umbrella, including NSW Suburban and NSW Country. A range of sanctions were then able to be imposed for non-compliance including the withdrawal of teams from competitions, the inability to earn competition points, and the withdrawal of referees for non-compliant teams – after which no match could take place.

To our knowledge no other major sporting code of our size has undertaken a project which sees every team in the state coached

by a person who has undertaken a minimum safety standard course.

I would like to thank everyone involved in SmartRugby's implementation...

This certainly was a great achievement and I would like to thank everyone involved in SmartRugby's implementation. Credit must go to Jamie McGregor, from NSWRU Referees, whose drive and enthusiasm kept everyone pushing towards this goal. The coach education team of Michael Magriplis and Matt McGoldrick also did an outstanding job, achieving results beyond expectation in their first year.

The development of Rugby in NSW was in a revision and restructuring stage in 2006, and as we head into 2007 the new regime is still in its infancy. Through careful revision and planning we are sure that the new structure will provide vast improvements for all stakeholders across the board in the coming years.

However this change has not come easily. Some areas of the Rugby landscape are growing used to receiving less attention than in the past. Tough decisions have had to be made. I do not apologise for this, for part of NSWRU Development & Training's brief is to service all areas of Rugby in NSW and I believe as we move forward into 2007 and beyond, the new structure will provide



Waratah head coach Ewen McKenzie and assistant coach Les Kiss help out at a SmartRugby session in Sydney

Development & Training

results that have not been seen in many years at New South Wales Rugby.

The aim of the new structure will be to provide suitably qualified personnel and resources to improve the quality and quantity of Rugby throughout regional and metropolitan NSW. Development Coordinator James Bush has been appointed and his role is to create and oversee development strategies throughout NSW.

While based out of the Sydney office James is working closely with regional staff to develop 12 month plans, with input from stakeholders, to improve the games' development throughout the whole of NSW. In the city he is working closely with metropolitan stakeholders to understand their wants and goals and assist them in the achievement of them. He will also investigate and report on all NSWRU funded stakeholders in regard to accountable for their grants.

In regional NSW there will be six Rugby managers located as follows:

- ▲ **Eastern Region:** Taking in Central Coast, Newcastle/Hunter and Lower Mid North Coast. Based in Newcastle.
- ▲ **North Coast Region:** Taking in Far North Coast and Mid North Coast. Based in Coffs Harbour.
- ▲ **North Western Region:** Taking in Central North and New England. Location TBC.
- ▲ **Western Region:** Taking in Central West and Western Plains. Located in Dubbo.
- ▲ **Southern Region:** Taking in Illawarra and South Western Sydney. Based in Wollongong.

Supporting these Rugby Managers will be five regional development officers. These positions will be accountable to the regional Rugby managers. Their brief will be to work with the Rugby managers and each other to continue development of Rugby in their regions.

Regional development officers will be located in:

- ▲ Far North Coast
- ▲ Central Coast
- ▲ Newcastle/Hunter
(Taking in the Lower Mid North Coast)
- ▲ Central West
- ▲ New England

With this spread of personnel we will offer a much improved service to all zones.

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The development landscape in respect to staffing in the Sydney metropolitan area is still being assessed, with advice currently being gathered from stakeholders in all levels of Rugby. Once this process is completed a details plan will be drawn up.

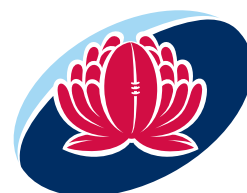
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the regional development staff for their commitment to development in their areas and also for their support through the restructure of their roles and responsibilities during 2006. I look forward to a bumper 2007 in development throughout NSW.

Finally I would like to thank everyone at NSW Rugby, the affiliate unions, and the Rugby public who have welcomed me and offered their advice over the past ten months. I have learnt a vast amount about the wants and needs of our stakeholders throughout the state and I look forward to working with all of them, along with the Development and Training team, in satisfying as many of those requests as humanly possible next year.

Michael Doyle
General Manager,
Development & Training



Development Coordinator James Bush gets a feel of the Rugby landscape



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Development & Training GM Mike Doyle gets involved

Projects & Youth Rugby



Schools Success... Players from St Stanislaus College celebrate with Waratah David Lyons after winning the Shield bearing his name in Bathurst

Season 2006 has been largely satisfying from a Projects & Youth Rugby perspective. Much has been done to improve the administration, structure and approach to youth Rugby in NSW, however this process has not been without its share of frustrations, stresses and resistance.

Moving forward as an effective youth organisation in the face of growing challenges from rival codes has meant we've had to come together as never before. Under these threats we need to ensure that we are well administered, and the experience of business and sport alike tells us that this can not happen until there is general acceptance of four guiding beliefs:

- ▲ We must have good rules that have been well thought through,
- ▲ These rules need to be expressed well and published widely,
- ▲ There must be a culture of compliance, and
- ▲ There must be an understanding that consequences follow from non-compliance.

The NSW Rugby Union now has a higher level of interest in youth Rugby than ever before. The Board has conquered many problems inherited from the past and it has the time and opportunity to understand and direct many more Rugby matters than in recent years. In addition, there is a general acceptance that our future dominance of provincial Rugby depends on the quantity and quality coming through the youth ranks – in both schools Rugby and juniors

The schools system is to be congratulated for its on-field achievements at national level carnivals: the NSW Primary Schools team dominating its carnival; the U16 team winning the ARU National Championship for the third year running; and the Open NSW Schools teams performing well at their carnival to finish runner-up to a determined and capable Queensland outfit. Further to this, improvements in selection processes, the trial arrangements for the U16 age group and the progressive thinking behind efforts to reshape some areas of private school Rugby are to be commended.

In 2006 we introduced the Elite CHS Rugby Schools Competition for year seven/ U13 students. As a first step in developing a Rugby competition for state schools that will eventually emulate the private school associations, selected high schools were invited to participate in a competition that culminated with Hills Sports High winning a

grand final played as a preliminary match to a Tooheys New Cup fixture. In 2007, the competition will bring in new schools and will be held across both U13 and U14 age groups.

From a structure perspective, perhaps the greatest achievements in Youth Rugby have resulted from a youth workshop we initiated and hosted in October 2006 that addressed the transition from junior to senior Rugby (often referred to as the black hole). We have persuaded Premier Rugby to introduce Premier U19's (achieved in 2006). In addition, in 2007 Premier Rugby clubs have agreed to play Colts I and II as U21 competitions. To complete the task, we have yet to put in place an inter-district U17 competition, but work is in progress to assess the feasibility of fast tracking this for 2007.

NSW Junior Rugby Union has had a big year both on and off the field.

NSW Junior Rugby Union has had a big year both on and off the field. The Dolomatrix NSW U17 team defeated CHS First XV for the first time in a number of years and followed this up with an undefeated tour of New Zealand. With six wins from six starts, coach Tony Munro and his support staff can feel satisfied that they have made a significant contribution to the development of the players under their charge. The on-field achievements of the U17 team were preceded by success in bringing two new sponsors into junior Rugby. Whilst Dolomatrix took the naming rights sponsorship, SNP (formerly Sydney Night Patrol) also assisted with financial support, provided quietly and without fuss. Thanks to both sponsors for 2006 and for their planned support in 2007.

2006 saw a resumption of sorts in the rivalry between NSW and Queensland at underage level. The inaugural Sonja St Leon Trophy was contested between U15 teams in October, with Queensland winning an entertaining match 34-22. Reg St Leon's vision in proposing the event and his contribution in promoting it was enormous and we thank him for his efforts. We look forward to working with Reg to ensure that the 2007 event is successful both as a Rugby contest and as an event to drive his wider charitable aspirations.



Breaking Ground... a St. Dominic's Penrith player sprints away at the launch of Rugby Tag

Projects & Youth Rugby

The Rugby Club City v Country Gala day was again conducted in the competitive yet sporting spirit that we have come to expect of these events. The Waratah-sponsored NSW State Championships were conducted in challenging weather conditions that tested the skills of the players and the administrators alike. Congratulations to all involved.

At the younger end of the player spectrum, NSWJRU conducted the inaugural Walla Gala Day (U6 and U7 age groups) and followed up a week later with the inaugural State Mini Gala Day (U8 and U9 age groups). Both of these events were sponsored by Dolomatrix and attracted over 30 teams per day. With these events being identified on the Pathway Rugby calendar for 2007 it is anticipated that much larger events will provide a fitting climax for the age groups that do not play finals at the end of the season.

Off the field there have been a number of major changes that represent progress for Youth Rugby. In particular there has been a major effort to ensure that the paid staff understand they are primarily there to support the competent administration of the game by the volunteers.

Financial transparency across Youth Rugby was a priority goal for 2006, and is an important element in ensuring that everyone understands what resources are available, what it costs to do things, and what our agreed priorities are. In keeping with this approach the Youth Rugby budget for 2007 has been a cooperative effort that has involved both paid staff and selected volunteers. This is an important progress as we endeavour to ensure Rugby achieves its true potential.

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The NSW juniors' raffle, which was outsourced for the first time in 2006, raised in excess of \$200,000 for grass roots Rugby and provided an additional income stream to assist state, city/country and zone/district level Rugby organisations. We will follow the same approach in 2007, adding the Rugby Youth Foundation as a beneficiary and

expecting sales growth of 15 – 25% as well.

On the project side, since February our attention has been focused almost exclusively on the Western Sydney Rugby Development Project. Designed with the express intention of taking Rugby to areas such as Parramatta, Blacktown, Penrith, Windsor, Liverpool, Campbelltown and Camden, the scope of the project includes all levels of Rugby: senior, junior and Pathway Rugby, schools Rugby at primary and secondary level, high performance/academy level, as well as professional/semi professional Rugby.

The project has generated a workforce of nearly 30 tertiary level students who are being used to take Rugby to selected primary schools with a view to creating a new competition in the Penrith area for 2007. A bold approach in conjunction with the South West Sydney Academy of Sport sees the introduction of a Tight 5 Development Program in place of the previous academy program. Engagement between the project and the Western Sydney National Competition franchise will see a number of initiatives that will help develop Rugby in the west, and improve the commercial viability of the franchise.

In conclusion I would like to thank all of the volunteers who give so much to Rugby at club and representative level. Those of us in administration, both volunteers and paid staff alike, have an obligation to do everything in our power to help you in your efforts to develop our players and grow the game.

Peter Colquhoun
General Manager
Projects & Youth Rugby



All Ages... A Warringah player forges ahead in the under 11 stats championships



Parramatta's Chris Rakete claimed the NSW U17 player of the year award in 2006



Undefeated Run... The Dolomatrix NSWJRU Under 17's take on Canterbury on their undefeated tour of New Zealand

NSW Suburban



Victory... Drummoyne adds the 2006 Kentwell Cup to its 2004, 2000 and 1947 titles

2006 proved to be a busy and productive year for Suburban Rugby.

Congratulations to Drummoyne, who lost just one match all season on their way to winning the Kentwell Cup. Congratulations also to Knox Old Boys, Division One Club Champions for the first time in the club's history.

Barker Old Boys will take part in the Kentwell Cup next year for the first time after winning the Division Two Club Championship at their first attempt, while Briars (Division Three), Fairvale (Division Four) and Roseville (Division Five) all tasted Club Championship success.

Kurt Sproule (St Patricks) won the Kentwell Medal for player of the year, whilst Scott Monaghan (Drummoyne) took the "Golden Boots" as man of the match in the Kentwell Cup Grand Final. Off the field, Jerry Liutaki (Canterbury) was named Rugby Club Coach of the Year, Blue Mountains Secretary Chris Moloney claimed the Service to Rugby Award, and Beecroft took out Club of the Year.

2006 saw the running of the inaugural



Interstate Battle... NSW goes down to Queensland, losing the Barraclough Shield for the first time in 14 years

U85KG competition. The competition was won by Beecroft 13-10 over Mosman in front of more than 500 people at Rawson Park. The competition will be run again in 2007.

Five players from this competition were selected to represent NSW at the 80-80 World Championships in Thailand in October. The 'Trim-Tahs' returned triumphant, going through the tournament undefeated.

The U19 representative program was resurrected in 2006 for two games against NSW Country. Although beaten on both occasions we now have a platform on which to build for future years. Unfortunately the senior representative team also lost to Queensland for the first time in 14 years. Rest assured plans are already afoot to reclaim the Barraclough Shield next year.

NSWSRU took over the running of the NSW Rugby Union Premiership Competition in 2006, with Matt Want appointed NSWRU Premiership Competition Manager. Responsible for all aspects of the competition, Matt experienced a very steep learning curve and handled the new position most professionally and is to be congratulated.

Some NSWRU events work was also undertaken by NSWSRU for the first time, and included Tim Richards working in match day management for Super 14 and International fixtures. David Livanes joined the NSWSRU to help with the increased workload, while Tim also continued in his role as Suburban Competition Manager.

The Union re-signed major sponsor Data Solutions for another two years and we thank David Webb and Suzanne Pence for their support. International Sports Tours also came on board in 2006. Thanks to Interfuse, Canterbury, Coca-Cola, Gilbert, Icons of Sport, Woodwin Vision, The Rugby Club, Leuko (Beiersdorf Australia) and Australian Rugby News & Review for their continued support.

The Union acknowledges the passing of Suburban Rugby life members Mr John Barraclough AM and Mr Ron McLean. John was also a life member of NSWRU and Woollahra Colleagues and was President of NSWSRU from 1964 to 1989 and then Patron from 1990 to 1999. Ron was also a life member of the Petersham RFC, and was vice-president of NSWSRU from 1970-1996.

The Union introduced the David Swan Shield for Division Five Club Champions in memory of former CBOBS and Refereeing identity David Swan. In a fitting tribute to David,



Golden Boots... Kentwell Cup Grand Final man of the match Scott Monaghan

his wife Lesley and children presented the Shield on Kentwell Cup Grand Final day to Roseville.

The Union acknowledges the administrative and financial help of NSWRU, and thank in particular Chairman Arvid Peterson and CEO Fraser Neill and their staff for their support of Suburban Rugby. To the Union's volunteer Judiciary and Appeals Tribunal members thank you for doing a difficult job well. To the Suburban Board of Directors led by Chairman Ian Ross and President Dan Moore thank you for taking the time to ensure that the Union is run in the best possible manner.

I look forward to your continued support of Suburban Rugby in the future.

Mark Green
Executive Director
NSW Suburban Rugby Union

Featherweights Do It Again

For the second straight year the NSW under 85 kilogram team – or the "Trim Tahs" as they're affectionately known – returned triumphant from the World Rugby 80 championships in Thailand.

Featuring players drawn from the Sydney Premiership and NSW Suburban Rugby, the Trim Tahs defeated Sri Lankan Defences 78-nil, Royal Thai Navy 33-nil, Sri Lanka Central 79-16 to progress to the final against fellow Australian team the Lloyd McDermott Dingoes.

There the run continued, NSW remaining undefeated for the second straight year thanks to its 57-7 victory.

The 2006 season again saw many changes to the New South Wales Country Rugby Union landscape.

The Central Coast and Illawarra zones accepted an invitation from NSW Rugby to participate in the revamped Shute Shield competition. Both exceeded expectations and were competitive, registering victories in their respective pools. The participation and competitiveness of the zones in the competition showcased and enhanced the zones and Country Rugby.

Country's season opened with the traditional Landmark Country Championships, and after three weeks of competitive Rugby the Central Coast claimed back to back Caldwell Cups, Western Plains won the Richardson Shield and Newcastle Hunter the U20 title. The championship season wound up with Newcastle Hunter taking out both the U19 and Women's Titles.

Country's four representative teams had mixed success...

Country's four representative teams had mixed success on the field, with the Landmark NSW Country Cockatoos knocked out of the Australian Rugby Shield by Melbourne in a semifinal upset.

The Toyota Financial Services U20's had mixed results in a somewhat disjointed program, the Rugby Club U19's again performed well at the QRU Transitional Program, while the Women retained the Southern Championship title and finished fourth at the National Championships.

The highlight of the year on the representative scene was the selection of seven Country Women players in the Wallaroos training squad, which ultimately saw five of these players go on to represent Australia at the iRB World Cup in Canada.

Country's representative program wrapped up with the Cockatoos development tour of Fiji during October. The tour was the first for the Cockatoos since 1998, and provided an opportunity for younger players to stake their claims for selection in 2007. The standard of the opposition was high and provided the coaching staff with an accurate tool with which to measure the standard of aspiring players.



Country Pride... the NSW Country Cockatoos on tour in Fiji

At zone and club level the ongoing drought continued to have an effect, with fuel costs and declining work opportunities eating into the availability of players. Player registrations in rural areas showed a decline however this was offset with increased registrations and the formation of new clubs in coastal areas.

Country Rugby could not continue to function without the ongoing financial support provided by New South Wales Rugby Union and our group of long term sponsors. NSWRU provides direct funding in the form of grants, and indirectly with the placement of development personnel across rural NSW. Our sponsors continue to provide additional funding, which enables Country Rugby to maintain the level of our operations and representative programs.

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of major sponsor Landmark an AWB company, together with Beiersdorf, Best Western, Classic Sportswear, Gilbert, GrainCorp, InFarmation, International Sports Tours, Kelly Travel, QantasLink, The Land Newspaper, The Rugby Club and Toyota Financial Services.

The long term Landmark sponsorship finishes in 2006. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all at Landmark and the various other AWB companies who have supported Country Rugby over the course of this long running partnership.

The administration of the Union remains in good hands. Thanks to the Board of Directors, Sponsorship Officer Terry Orman and Executive Officer Terry Woodward for their efforts throughout the year.

2007 will bring new challenges for Country Rugby, with the impact of the ongoing drought a major concern. The sourcing of a new major sponsor is of the utmost importance, as without these much needed funds the Union will need to re-address its on and off field activities.

While the future at the moment may seem full of obstacles, Country Rugby has endured these challenges in the past, and will overcome them again in the future.

Laurie Maher
President
NSW Country Rugby Union



Paul Elliott, Will Tanner Award Winner 2006

Will Tanner Award

Dubbo Kangaroos scrumhalf Paul Elliott took out the 2006 Will Tanner Memorial Award for NSW Country Player of the Year after an outstanding debut season for the Cockatoos.

The 24 year old held off strong challenges from 2005 winner Ross Duncan (Western Plains) and hooker Jay Tregonning (Illawarra) to claim the prestigious award, named in honour of former Quirindi, Central North and Country prop Will Tanner, who was killed in a horse riding accident in 1996.



Man in the Middle... Leading Sydney referee James Scholtens

The NSWRU Referees department has had a full and rewarding 2006. A great amount has been achieved and the improvements made are there for all to see.

Our main aim for 2006 was to improve refereeing across the state. A number of strategies have been implemented to achieve this, with new benchmarks in coach to referee ratios and level 2 to level 1 referee ratios just two of those set out for associations to achieve.

The department has instituted and maintained development programs and produced education modules for use across the state. NSWRU has already in place a development program for referees, split into three groups: the Talent Identified Referee Program (TIRP), Promising Referee Program (PRP) and the Premiership Panel (PP). These initiatives will be joined by post ARU Scholarship Panel in 2007, aimed at developing new referees straight out of high school.

In 2006 NSWRU conducted the Advanced Referee Program, the aim of which is to

up-skill one referee and one referee coach from each country association. A total of 19 referees and referee coaches attended a three-day program held in Sydney, during which they were exposed to current trends in game understanding and best practice methods of referee management. They then refereed or coached a referee at a match in Sydney.

NSWRU instituted a new development program for young referees in 2006 called the District Advancement Program (DAP). This program complements the ARU Scholarship Program in that the participants are chosen from those young referees in District Associations at the year 10 and 11 levels.

Across NSW there has been greater emphasis placed on coaching of referees rather than simple assessment.

Across NSW there has been greater emphasis placed on coaching of referees rather than simple assessment. There has also been an upgrading of the average level of accreditation within the coaching panel, with a minimum of Level 2 Referee Coach Accreditation being applied. There has also been an increase in the number of Level 3 Referee Coaches on the panel.

Likewise, a much greater emphasis has been

placed on game understanding for referees appointed by NSWRU. NSWRU staff Tony D'Arcy, Michael Doyle and Matt McGoldrick have conducted sessions on the scrum, tackle and back play for referees which was greatly appreciated.

Refereeing in NSW gained a new sponsor in 2006. Mazda provided funding to the department to assist in outfitting about 1150 referees and 900 Touch Judges across the state.

Two major milestones achieved by our members should be acknowledged. James Leckie was appointed to his first Super 14 match and then his first International during 2006, while George Ayoub won the Dick Byres Medal for the best referee in the Sydney Premiership. This effort is of particular merit as George was only available to referee eight first grade matches in 2006 due to other commitments.

Recruiting and retention remain the challenges and focus for 2007. With better planning and a more concerted effort by the refereeing community as a whole, it is hoped that these twin ills can be overcome in 2007 and beyond.

Ron Mancell
Referee Manager

DICK BYRES MEDAL



George Ayoub, Dick Byres Medal Winner 2006

Experienced referee George Ayoub became only the second winner of the Dick Byres Medal for NSW Referee of the Year, beating a class field to succeed retired former winner John McCarthy.

Ayoub was unable to attend the medal presentation due to his being selected to officiate at the 2006 iRB Women's Rugby World Cup in Edmonton, Canada.



Breakthrough Year... Referee James Leckie officiated in his first Super 14 and International match during 2006, a fair indication of the depth of talent to be found in NSW



Determined... Gordon and Warringah go head to head in the under 17 division of the 2006 state championships

NSW Junior Rugby Union, in conjunction with its Sydney and Country affiliates, provided Rugby competitions for over 18,000 registered junior players in NSW during 2006.

Some 135 village clubs competed across 20 districts for five months of the year, while a small army of volunteers worked behind the scenes to ensure each game, age group, competition, and division ran smoothly.

One of the undoubted highlights of 2006 from a NSW Juniors perspective was the success of our flagship team, the NSWJRU DoloMatrix U17's. After a very successful domestic season, during which the boys defeated NSW CHS, the side embarked on an undefeated three-match tour of New Zealand. The highlight of almost two weeks on the road was the defeat of a powerful Christchurch Metro U17's 36 points to 22.

For the first time in many years a NSW U15 side played Queensland, contesting the inaugural Sonja St Leon Memorial Trophy. The match was the showpiece event of the first annual All Schools carnival, held as a fundraiser for the Eating Disorders Research

Unit at Sydney University and the Sonja St Leon Memorial Eating Disorders Research Fund. Unfortunately we lost an entertaining match 34-22. Next year we expect that our U17's will play the West Australian U17's as part of the same day's activities.

This year the State Championships were sponsored by the Waratahs. Over the long weekend in June in excess of 2000 players representing 88 teams from Sydney, NSW Country, ACT, Victoria and South Australia converged on Sydney to take part in the Championships.

Congratulations to our 2006 State Champions:

- ▲ Under 11's: Illawarra
- ▲ Under 12's: Warringah
- ▲ Under 13's: Southern Districts
- ▲ Under 14's: Gordon
- ▲ Under 15's: ACT
- ▲ Under 16's: Eastwood
- ▲ Under 17's: Warringah

For the first time we conducted State Mini and State Walla Gala Days and this will continue next year with bigger representation from clubs in the area.

The Annual City versus Country clash, sponsored by the Rugby Club of NSW was held at Forshaw Park with the following results:

- ▲ Under 14's (Tim Gavin Shield): Sydney
- ▲ Under 15's (Steve Tuynman Cup): Sydney
- ▲ Under 16's (Ella Cup): Country
- ▲ Under 17's (Michael Brial Cup): Country

The NSWJRU U15 Regional Championships were held at Nelson's Bay and they were won by Metropolitan Northern Zone.

The Annual U17 Gala Day was held at Vikings Rugby Club in Wollongong and it was here where the NSW U17's defeated CHS 1st XV for the first time since 1999, winning 28 – 24.

This year we have been very fortunate to enjoy outstanding corporate support. Thank you to DoloMatrix, SNP Securities, the Rugby Club of NSW, the HSBC Waratahs & NSW Rugby.

Our thanks also go to our loyal and long term sponsors, Spartan Sports and Classic.

In terms of higher honours one of our U17's Codee Towney was selected in the Australian Sevens squad whilst the captain of the team Mitchell Greenway was named NSW Junior Player of the year.

Our harmonious relationships continue with our brother unions and I thank Fraser Neill and Peter Colquhoun at NSWRU for their support, openness, honesty and willingness to tackle the tough issues. Many thanks too to NSWRU Youth Rugby Administrator Lachlan McBain for his efforts throughout the year.

We look forward to 2007 being even bigger and better again.

Michael Minns
NSWJRU President



On the Attack... An Illawarra player kicks ahead at the state championships



Spreading it wide... West Harbour on the attack

HERRON & CARBINE CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded by the Rugby Club of NSW, the Justice Sir Leslie Herron Scholarships are based on nominations from the NSWCJRU and SJRU Committees for academic, community and Rugby achievements.

The 2005 recipients were Mitchell Greenway (SJRU) and Kieran Wallace (NSWCJRU). Both winners receive \$2500 a year for two years to aid their personal development, and both went on to win NSW U17 selection in 2006, with Greenway named captain.

The Carbine Club scholarships are similar in nomination and criteria to the Herron scholarships and are awarded by the Carbine Club to players in the U17 age group. In 2006 Robert James (Southern Districts) and Rowen Jones (Port Macquarie) were announced as the winners, and were awarded \$1200 each to provide assistance in their future endeavours.

Sydney Women's



Sydney's Ruan Sims makes a break for Australia at the RWC

The 2006 season was one of change and challenge for Sydney Women's Rugby. The Sydney domestic competition changed shape while on the representative front solid beginnings ultimately ended in disappointment at the National Championships.

The Sydney competition saw all clubs compete in the one division after a number were unable to field a side. It was very pleasing to see the former second division



Country representative Rebecca Trethowan in the thick of it against the USA



Australian vice-captain Cheryl Soon beats the USA Defence at the Rugby World Cup in Canada

clubs rise to the challenge and gave some former first division outfits a tough time of it on the field.

The 2006 grand final was played between Warringah and Parramatta with Warringah running out a 31-3 winner. Waverly defeated Wollongong Vikings in the Plate Grand Final whilst Brisbane Waters was too strong for Penrith in the Bowl Grand Final.

On the representative front Sydney again fielded two representative teams in the ARU National Championships. Sydney Firsts were once again afforded the opportunity on playing the Brumbies Women's team on Bruce Stadium, this year as a curtain raiser to the Brumbies/Highlanders Super 14 game. In a dominant display, Sydney held the Brumbies side scoreless winning 43-0.

Not content with that win, Sydney then went on to defeat NSW Country and Hunter in the lead up to the ARU National Championships.

Sydney Seconds, or Sydney Blue as they were better known, were also relentless in their charge towards the National Championships. Under the guidance of Coach Michael Kelynack, ably assisted by John Rownes (Assistant Coach) and Kelly Rees-Zarb (Manager), the Blues defeated both NSW Country and Hunter Development Squad in convincing fashion.

Chasing an unprecedented fourth national title Sydney Firsts were again on target until a lost opportunity against Victoria denied them that chance, however it should be noted that the standard of play by all interstate teams has lifted and tested both Sydney teams during the Championships.

Sydney Seconds achieved their best result ever and won two of their pool games with every player giving their best.

The Wallaroo side to contest the World Cup in Canada was announced at the conclusion of the event, with 8 Sydney players gaining selection.

They were:

Cheryl Soon	Ruan Sims
Kristy Frogley	Alex Hargraves
Rachelle Pirie	Kelly Ross
Lisa Fialo	Paige Butcher

A further five country based players made up the NSW contingent at the World Cup.

They were:

Rebecca Anderson	Alicia Frost
Tobie McGann	Alana Thomas
Rebecca Trethowan	

Whilst the Wallaroos were unable to claim victory in the World Cup they were never disgraced and ensured that their opposition knew they had been in a game of Rugby.

Kristy Frogley was named the Outstanding Female Sydney Rugby player for 2006

Kristy Frogley was named the Outstanding Female Sydney Rugby player for 2006 during the inaugural NSW Rugby Gala Presentation night at Darling Harbour in September. This capped a great year for Kristy who also captained the Sydney 1st XV, and came as some consolation for her missing the chance to represent Australia at the World Cup after she sustained a last-minute knee injury.

In closing I would like to particularly thank Mark Green for all his assistance during the season. My thanks also go to Craig Scott for acting as runner/trainer during the representative season and also to all the club delegates who sacrificed their time to attend various committee and other meetings during 2006.

This was my first season as Chairman and I want to thank all the players, club officials and NSWSRU office staff for their assistance during this season.

Tony Beger
SWRU Chairman



NSW Rugby Women's player of the year Kristy Frogley on the attack for Sydney against the ACT

For NSW Schools Rugby 2006 was a year that simply refused to go to plan.

NSWSRU firsts failed to reach the final of the ARFSU Championships, having been ambushed by a committed Queensland seconds in the opening match. NSWSRU seconds gained some consolation by making the final, only to become the second NSW team in three days to be rolled by Queensland seconds.

It was also a year of challenges, with the introduction of the 'Two Year Window' policy – which created administrative headaches across the state – and the imposition of the ACTRU 'Footprint' on the map of NSW. This meant that players who attend schools governed by the NSW Department of Education and Training were ineligible to represent NSW.

There were, however, a number of positives arising out of 2006.

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The NSWSRU U16's, coached by Peter Reeves, Ashley Johansen and John Guy, won the Australian Championships for the third consecutive year; and NSW Primary Schools won the final of the Primary Schools Interstate Challenge held in South Australia.

Credit must go to our various representative administrators who give unselfishly of their time for no reward other than the fact that they have contributed to the development of the players and the game itself.

Thanks to our dedicated coaching & management teams.

- ▲ NSWSRU Firsts: Graeme Dedrick (Coach), Geoff Melville (Assist. Coach), Paul Geddes (Manager), Narelle Ververka (Physio)
- ▲ NSWSRU Seconds: Chuck Ardron (Coach), Tim Wallace (Assist. Coach), Jed Hogan (Manager), Andrew Ryan (Physio).

Particular mention must also be given to Andrew Elliot, Greg Bamford and Greg Gerrard who helped select all of our representative teams.

The outstanding quality of our representative

teams is due primarily to the efforts of Chuck Ardron, an organizer without peer. Appreciation must also be extended to Knox Grammar School and Macquarie Sports for their ongoing support.

The winners of the various competitions conducted during the season were as follows:

- ▲ Combined Associated Schools (CAS): Barker College
- ▲ Greater Public Schools (GPS): Shore, St. Ignatius, St. Josephs
- ▲ Independent Schools Association (ISA): St. Stanislaus
- ▲ Waratah Shield: Barker College
- ▲ Robson Shield: Endeavour Sports HS
- ▲ Shaw Shield: Warilla HS
- ▲ Buchan Shield: Endeavour Sports HS
- ▲ Palmer Shield: Manly West PS
- ▲ Yeates Shield: Illawarra Sports HS
- ▲ Wiburd Shield: Nowra HS
- ▲ Fester Shield: All Saints College, Maitland

The NSWSRU once again received financial and technical support from NSWRU for which it is most grateful.

I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to outgoing Country Schools Convener, Don Wiburd. Don has been the heart and soul of Country Schools for longer than anyone can remember. His commitment and passion will no doubt continue as a Life Member of the NSWSRU and the CSRU.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the outgoing Committee for their support throughout the year. Once again the greatest burden is carried by our Secretary, Greg Gerrard and Treasurer, Andrew Elliot



NSW Seconds centre Alfi Mafi heads for the tryline against Queensland 2

and they gave cheerfully, enthusiastically and professionally.

There are enormous challenges that lie ahead for administrators at every level of the game. The Rugby community can rest easy in the knowledge that the NSWSRU will do its part without fear or favour.

Colin Murray
President, NSWSRU



Nine-time Australian Schoolboy Kurtley Beale celebrates a try against Tonga



NSW Firsts pose for a team photo at Nationals

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COMBINED ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS

CAS again enjoyed a very strong and competitive season, with all 6 first XV teams enjoying success at various stages through the season. In addition, all schools achieved success down the age groups during 2006.



Barton Jones... CAS

Barker College was again the stand out first XV team in 2006, claiming the Henry Plume Shield after finishing the season on top of the CAS 1st XV competition. The Barker team, coached by Mr Phil Brown, was also victorious in the Waratah Shield competition and enjoyed success in preseason competition against teams from GPS and ISA. As a result Barker was rewarded with many players selected for representative teams in June.

The representative season was again played against CHS and GPS with mixed success. CAS 1st XV defeated a strong CHS squad at Knox College, but GPS proved too strong in the traditional clash held at St. Josephs College.

The U16's also continued their development programme with trials at Knox. Both CAS teams enjoyed success against ISA and CCC resulting in good representation in the NSW Schools U16 teams for the National Championships.

Thanks must go to a number of people who helped make 2006 the success it was:

- ▲ Mr Col Murray – NSWSRU
- ▲ Mrs Robin Timmins – NSW Referees
- ▲ Mr Mark Ticehurst (GPS) & Mr Glenn Clayton (CAS) for their help in organising representative fixtures.
- ▲ All first XV coaches for their help and advice through the year.
- ▲ Mr Peter Wilkins – squad manager of CAS
- ▲ All members of the CAS Rugby "Think Tank" Chaired by Dr R. Kefford.
- ▲ The 6 CAS Sports masters for their continued support

Martin Haywood, Convener

COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES

2006 proved to be a very successful year for CCC Rugby. Our calls for extra fixtures and stronger opposition saw our U16's clash with NSW Country and our Opens play an extra trial against ISA.

Weather played havoc with our selection trials, which had to be postponed due to rain. Our thanks go to the TG Millner field ground staff who allowed us to play the following week, even though the grounds were still very soft. Thanks also to the teams who were very patient and flexible.

The trials saw the selection of two very strong squads – The Opens, coached by Steve Mitchell and Nick Lah, and the Under 16's, coached by Andy Culhane and Mick Rooley.

The Opens began their NSW All-Schools campaign with a hard fought win over ISA seconds. This was followed, unfortunately, by a heavy loss to an exceptional CHS seconds. The final game resulted in a comfortable victory over AISES. While CCC was unable to supply any players to NSW Schools this season, the boys will be much better players for the experience.

It was a different story for the Under 16s who had six players selected for the NSW All Schools side, with several others narrowly missing out on honours. This team was certainly the surprise package of the tournament and the future looks very bright.

Thank you to all coaches, managers and conveners for 2006, and thanks also to the CSSA/CCC staff who provided much guidance and support throughout the year – Kym Skerritt in particular.

Finally, thanks must go to the NSW Schools Rugby and NSW Rugby for their excellent organisation and ongoing support for CCC Rugby.

Andy Martin, CCC Rugby Convener



John Kennedy... CHS

COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS

2006 was another busy and successful year for NSWCHS.

The NSWCHS Championships were held at Camden in May, with Sydney South West downing North West in the final. From that carnival teams were selected to compete in the NSWSRU trials at Knox in June, with 17 lads winning selection in either NSW Firsts or Seconds for the Australian Schools Championships.

The following boys won Australian Schools selection in 2006:

- ▲ Andrew Barrett (Illawarra Sports HS)
- ▲ Gareth Birch (Pittwater HS)
- ▲ Duncan Chubb (Coffs Harbour Senior College)
- ▲ Ben Coridis (Westfields Sports HS)
- ▲ Robert Horne (George's River College, Oatley Senior Campus)
- ▲ Myles Hunkin (Hills Sports HS)
- ▲ Rowan Kellam (Cumberland HS)
- ▲ John Kennedy (Northern Beaches Secondary College, Balgowlah Boys Campus)
- ▲ Rodney Ma'a (Westfields Sports HS)
- ▲ Alfi Mafi (Granville Boys HS)
- ▲ Daniel Palmer (Warilla HS)
- ▲ Luke Smart (Endeavour Sports HS)
- ▲ Jeremy Sua (Westfields Sports HS)

Rodney Ma'a also took out the coveted Sydney Morning Herald Schoolboy Rugby Player of the Year award, and the Bronze Boot in the Test between Australia & New Zealand.

The following CHS schools won state knockouts in 2006: Endeavour Sports HS (Robson & Buchan Shields), Warilla HS (Shaw Shield), and Mitchell HS (u15 Girls).

Congratulations to all players who represented NSWCHS in 2006, and a big thank you to our dedicated coaches, managers, selectors, and referees at zone, area and state level. Thank you so very much for your hard work and support.

Glenn Clayton, NSWCHS Convener

GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Congratulations to Shore, St Ignatius College and St. Joseph's College who were the joint Premiers in the Challenge Shield for 2006. The season concluded with a massive crowd at Northbridge to see St Ignatius' defeat Shore, and in the process produce a three-way tie. Kings finished fourth, Grammar fifth, Scots sixth, Newington seventh and High eighth.

The Combined GPS Rugby fixtures were held at the conclusion of Term II at St Joseph's College. Three teams were chosen to represent the GPS with Kurtley Beale from SJC, Cameron

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Kurtley Beale... GPS, NSW & Australian Schools

Crawford from SGS and James Goswell from Shore captaining their respective teams.

GPS enjoyed a solid start to the representative season, defeating CAS in firsts, seconds and thirds. GPS Firsts were later beaten by an especially talented CHS Firsts team, while GPS seconds had more success, defeating CHS 27-10.

I would like to thank the coaches of the GPS teams for their time and expertise. Mr John Kinniburgh and Mr John Manenti (TKS), Br Anthony Boyd and Mr Jeremy Ticehurst (SJC) and Mr Greg Stores and Mr George Gavalas (NC) provided outstanding coaching and guidance to the boys and for that I am most grateful.

To Mr Shane Serhon, Chairman of Selectors and to the other selectors, Messrs Darren Junee, Rod Morrison and Paul Collins, congratulations and thank you for your professionalism and friendship throughout a very hectic period.

The following boys were selected to represent GPS Firsts:

First XV: P Ryan (J) P Hodgetts (J) P Mahoney (J) W Martin (K) H Hawkins (G) A Clifton [vc] (I) J McMahon (J) D Armstrong (J) J Ryan (J) K Beale [c] (J) A Taumoepeau (J) R Gray (J) M Inman (I) M Taylor (S) P Betham (J).

The following boys won NSW Schools Selection:

NSW Firsts: Patrick Ryan (SJC), Will Martin (TKS), James McMahon (SJC), David Armstrong (SJC), Jason Ryan (SJC), Kurtley Beale (SJC), Richard Gray (SJC), Mal Taylor (TSC), Peter Betham (SJC), Tom Coolican (SIC), Adam Campbell (SIC), Jordan Browne (SGS), Giles Gluszenko (SJC)

NSW Seconds: Patrick Hodgetts (SJC), Hugh Hawkins (SGS), Alistair Clifton (SIC), Afusipa Taumoepeau (SJC), Mitchell Inman (SIC), Luke Baker (Shore)

The following boys won Australian Schools selection:

ARFSU: Kurtley Beale (SJC), Peter Betham (SJC), Adam Campbell (SIC), Patrick Ryan (SJC)

AUSTRALIA A: Jason Ryan (SJC) Afusipa Taumoepeau (SJC)

Mark Ticehurst, Convener

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

The 2006 ISA competition opened in late May with trial form indicating any one of four schools could take out the title.

Early losses to St. Pius, St. Stanislaus, and St. Augustines saw defending premiers Oakhill out of contention by the term break, while Pius, Stannies and St. Patrick's all headed into the second half of the season undefeated.

The three frontrunners were all toppled when play resumed in late July, with Pius going down to St. Augustines, Pats beaten by Oakhill and Stannies losing the local derby against Kinross.

Kinross proved to be the form team of a second half dogged by bad weather, which resulted in the cancellation of two round six matches.

Round seven began with only Stannies and Kinross in the hunt for the title. Kinross had to defeat Chevalier with a bonus point, which they achieved, while hoping St. Stanislaus did not score a bonus point away to St. Pius.

Stannies did just that late in the game at Oxford Falls, ensuring the ISA Shield was Bathurst-bound. Congratulations to Peter Gibson and his players who have been the form team of recent years.

In the Division 2 Competition, Central Coast Grammar finished as premiers, ahead of Redfield College. The standard of the competition continues to improve with schools evenly matched across the ages.

Congratulations to all the players who featured in the ISA trial fixtures for 2006. All three teams performed admirably, with firsts defeating Sydney U17's 22-0, seconds losing to CCC 26-17 and the third scoring a 12-5 win over AICES.

Congratulations too to the players and coaching staff at St Patrick's College who once again secured the School Championship trophy with the most premierships across the ages.

Stephen Tulevski, ISA Convener

COUNTRY SCHOOLS

2006 began with the NSW Country Schools Development team undertaking a tour of Canada. The team, which was selected following the 2005 Country Schools Championships, enjoyed a successful run in all matches played and made some excellent Rugby contacts along the way.

Seven regional teams took part in the 29th Country Schools Championship at Narrabeen over the Queensland Birthday long weekend. Hunter Schools took out the Bernie McGrane shield with a 32-0 win over New England Schools in the Final.

In addition to the first XV named at the conclusion of the Championships, a Development team featuring players in year 11 and below was named to tour New Zealand in 2007.

The first XV represented the Union at the NSW Schools trials in June. Unfortunately both CHS and ISA proved too strong for our boys at the championships, and despite the best efforts of the team and coaching staff we were unable to get any boys selected for NSW Schools.

In late July NSW Country Schools played an international match against Japanese Schools at Terrigal, losing 53-10. The Union is most grateful to Mr & Mrs Grant Jackson for arranging this fixture, another memorable occasion for Country Schools.

Country Schools Competitions 2006.

Yeates Shield: Illawarra Sports HS 24 d Singleton HS 15

Wiburd Shield: Nowra HS 7 d San Clemente Mayfield 5

Fester Shield: All Saints College, Maitland 32 d Griffith HS 7

Don Wiburd OAM, NSWCSRU Convener

PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

2006 proved to be an action packed year for PSSA Rugby.

The PSSA knockout was once again well patronized with 71 teams taking part. The final came down to a clash between Manly West and Alstonville at Two Blues Park, Granville, with Manly West prevailing in a tight contest. In 2007 69 teams will take part, and we look forward to more entertaining and enterprising play then.

The state carnival returned to the city in 2006 with Sydney West and Two Blues Park playing host to teams from around the state. Sydney East was crowned champion after defeating CIS in the final, the winners providing six of 22 boys selected to represent NSW at the Interstate Exchange in September.

The Exchange was hosted by South Australian Juniors in Adelaide, with NSW PSSA, ACT PSSA, Victoria and South Australia all represented. NSW proved to be the dominant team over the four day carnival, winning back the Phil Waugh and Trevor Allen Shields. NSW will play host to the Interstate Exchange in 2007.

Grant Fuller, NSW PSSA Convener

2006 Results

HSBC WARATAHS V REDS

SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2006
SUNCORP STADIUM, BRISBANE

Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Will Caldwell ♦	Sydney University
Dan Vickerman	Sydney University
Rocky Elsom	Randwick
Phil Waugh [v-c]	Sydney University
David Lyons	Sydney University
Chris Whitaker [c]	Randwick
Tim Donnelly	Eastwood
Peter Hewat	Manly
Morgan Turinui	Randwick
Lote Tuqiri	West Harbour
Wendell Sailor ♦ ■	Northern Suburbs
Sam Norton-Knight ♦	Northern Suburbs

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau ♦	Parramatta
Benn Robinson ♦	Eastwood
Alex Kanaar	Sydney University
Wycliff Palu	Warringah
Stephen Hoiles	Randwick
Shaun Berne	Randwick
Daniel Halangahu ●	Sydney University

HSBC WARATAHS 16

Rocky Elsom try; Peter Hewat conversion, 3 penalty goals

REDS 12

Elton Flatley 4 penalty goals

HSBC WARATAHS V BULLS

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2006
LOFTUS VERSFELD, PRETORIA

Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Alex Kanaar	Sydney University
Will Caldwell	Sydney University
Rocky Elsom	Randwick
Phil Waugh [v-c]	Sydney University
Stephen Hoiles	Randwick
Chris Whitaker [c]	Randwick
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Lote Tuqiri	West Harbour
Shaun Berne	Randwick
Morgan Turinui	Randwick
Peter Hewat	Manly
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	Parramatta
Benn Robinson	Eastwood
Troy Takiari ♦	Northern Suburbs
Wycliff Palu	Warringah
David Lyons	Sydney University
Ben Jacobs	Warringah
Brett Sheehan	Warringah

HSBC WARATAHS 17

David Lyons, Peter Hewat tries; Peter Hewat 2 conversions, 1 penalty goal

BULLS 26

JP Nel, Bryan Habana tries; Derick Hougaard 2 conversions, 4 penalty goals



New Waratah Wendell Sailor takes on his former team



Never Say Die ... Rocky Elsom hangs on against the Stormers

HSBC WARATAHS V STORMERS

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2006
NEWLANDS RUGBY STADIUM, CAPE TOWN

Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Alex Kanaar	Sydney University
Dan Vickerman	Sydney University
Rocky Elsom	Randwick
Phil Waugh [v-c]	Sydney University
David Lyons	Sydney University
Chris Whitaker [c]	Randwick
Tim Donnelly	Eastwood
Lote Tuqiri	West Harbour
Shaun Berne	Randwick
Morgan Turinui	Randwick
Peter Hewat	Manly
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	Parramatta
Benn Robinson	Eastwood
Wycliff Palu	Warringah
Stephen Hoiles	Randwick
Brett Sheehan ♦	Warringah
Ben Jacobs ●	Warringah
Daniel Halangahu ♦	Sydney University

HSBC WARATAHS 32

Chris Whitaker, Morgan Turinui, Daniel Halangahu, Sam Norton-Knight tries; Peter Hewat 3 conversions, 2 penalty goals

STORMERS 26

Jonghi Nokwe, Bolla Conradie tries; Peter Grant 2 conversions, 3 penalty goals; Werner Greef drop goal

HSBC WARATAHS V SHARKS

SATURDAY 4 MARCH 2006
AUSSIE STADIUM, SYDNEY

Benn Robinson	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Alex Kanaar	Sydney University
Daniel Vickerman	Sydney University
Wycliff Palu	Warringah
Phil Waugh [v-c]	Sydney University
David Lyons	Sydney University
Chris Whitaker [c]	Randwick
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Lote Tuqiri	West Harbour
Shaun Berne	Randwick
Morgan Turinui	Randwick
Peter Hewat	Manly
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	Parramatta
Troy Takiari	Northern Suburbs
Will Caldwell	Sydney University
Stephen Hoiles	Randwick
Brett Sheehan	Warringah
Mat Rogers	Southern Districts
Ben Jacobs	Warringah

HSBC WARATAHS 31

Shaun Berne, Lote Tuqiri, Stephen Hoiles tries; Peter Hewat 2 conversions, 4 penalty goals

SHARKS 16

Percy Montgomery try; Ruan Pienaar conversion, 2 penalty goals; Percy Montgomery penalty goal



Lote Tuqiri tries to invent a win against the Bulls



Shaun Berne en route to the tryline against the Sharks

2006 Results



Mat Rogers collars Earl Rose of the Cats



Alex Kanaar safe off the top against the Force



Adam Freier touches down against the Blues



Judge Dread ... Daniel Halangahu on the charge

HSBC WARATAHS V CATS

FRIDAY 10 MARCH 2006
AUSSIE STADIUM, SYDNEY

Benn Robinson	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Alex Kanaar	Sydney University
Daniel Vickerman	Sydney University
Wycliff Palu	Warringah
Phil Waugh [v-c]	Sydney University
David Lyons	Sydney University
Chris Whitaker [c]	Randwick
Mat Rogers	Southern Districts
Lote Tuqiri	West Harbour
Shaun Berne	Randwick
Morgan Turinui	Randwick
Peter Hewat	Manly
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	Parramatta
Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Will Caldwell	Sydney University
Stephen Hoiles	Randwick
Brett Sheehan	Warringah
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Ben Jacobs	Warringah

HSBC WARATAHS 50

Adam Freier 2, Mat Rogers, Peter Hewat, Wycliff Palu, Benn Robinson, Daniel Halangahu tries; Peter Hewat 6 conversions, penalty goal

CATS 3

Earl Rose penalty goal

HSBC WARATAHS V BLUES

FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2006
AUSSIE STADIUM, SYDNEY

Benn Robinson	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Alex Kanaar	Sydney University
Daniel Vickerman	Sydney University
Wycliff Palu	Warringah
Phil Waugh [v-c]	Sydney University
David Lyons	Sydney University
Chris Whitaker [c]	Randwick
Mat Rogers	Southern Districts
Lote Tuqiri	West Harbour
Shaun Berne	Randwick
Morgan Turinui	Randwick
Wendell Sailor	Northern Suburbs
Peter Hewat	Manly

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	Parramatta
Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Will Caldwell	Sydney University
Stephen Hoiles	Randwick
Brett Sheehan	Warringah
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs

HSBC WARATAHS 43

Adam Freier, Lote Tuqiri, Peter Hewat, Wendell Sailor tries; Peter Hewat 4 conversions, 5 penalty goals

BLUES 9

Luke McAlister 3 penalty goals

HSBC WARATAHS V FORCE

SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2006
SUBIACO OVAL, PERTH

Benn Robinson	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Alex Kanaar	Sydney University
Daniel Vickerman	Sydney University
Wycliff Palu	Warringah
Phil Waugh [v-c]	Sydney University
David Lyons	Sydney University
Chris Whitaker [c]	Randwick
Mat Rogers	Southern Districts
Wendell Sailor	Northern Suburbs
Shaun Berne	Randwick
Morgan Turinui	Randwick
Peter Hewat	Manly
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	Parramatta
Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Will Caldwell	Sydney University
Stephen Hoiles	Randwick
Brett Sheehan	Warringah
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Ben Jacobs	Warringah

HSBC WARATAHS 32

Wendell Sailor 2, Alex Kanaar, Will Caldwell tries; Peter Hewat 3 conversions, 2 penalty goals

FORCE 7

Haig Sare try; Brock James conversion

HSBC WARATAHS V CHEETAHS

FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2006
AUSSIE STADIUM, SYDNEY

Benn Robinson	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Alex Kanaar	Sydney University
Daniel Vickerman [v-c]	Sydney University
Wycliff Palu	Warringah
Stephen Hoiles	Randwick
David Lyons	Sydney University
Chris Whitaker [c]	Randwick
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Lote Tuqiri	West Harbour
Shaun Berne	Randwick
Morgan Turinui	Randwick
Wendell Sailor	Northern Suburbs
Peter Hewat	Manly

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	Parramatta
Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Will Caldwell	Sydney University
Rocky Elsom	Randwick
Phil Waugh	Sydney University
Brett Sheehan	Warringah
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs

HSBC WARATAHS 26

Wendell Sailor, Peter Hewat tries; Peter Hewat 2 conversions, 4 penalty goals

CHEETAHS 3

Willem de Waal penalty goal

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HSBC WARATAHS V CRUSADERS

FRIDAY APRIL 7 2006
JADE STADIUM, CHRISTCHURCH

Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Alex Kanaar	Sydney University
Daniel Vickerman	Sydney University
Wycliff Palu	Warringah
Phil Waugh [v-c]	Sydney University
David Lyons	Sydney University
Chris Whitaker [c]	Randwick
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Lote Tuqiri	West Harbour
Shaun Berne	Randwick
Morgan Turinui	Randwick
Wendell Sailor	Northern Suburbs
Peter Hewat	Manly

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	Parramatta
Benn Robinson	Eastwood
Rocky Elsom	Randwick
Stephen Hoiles	Randwick
Brett Sheehan	Warringah
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs
Ben Jacobs	Warringah

HSBC WARATAHS 11

Morgan Turinui try; Peter Hewat 2 penalty goals

CRUSADERS 17

Chris Jack, Leon McDonald tries; Daniel Carter 2 conversions, penalty goal

HSBC WARATAHS V HIGHLANDERS

FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2006
CARISBROOK, DUNEDIN

Benn Robinson	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Alex Kanaar	Sydney University
Daniel Vickerman	Sydney University
Rocky Elsom	Randwick
Phil Waugh [v-c]	Sydney University
David Lyons	Sydney University
Chris Whitaker [c]	Randwick
Mat Rogers	Southern Districts
Lote Tuqiri	West Harbour
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs
Morgan Turinui	Randwick
Wendell Sailor	Northern Suburbs
Peter Hewat	Manly

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	Parramatta
Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Will Caldwell	Sydney University
Stephen Hoiles	Randwick
Brett Sheehan	Warringah
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Shaun Berne	Randwick

HSBC WARATAHS 20

Morgan Turinui, Sam Norton-Knight tries; Peter Hewat 2 conversions, 2 penalty goals

HIGHLANDERS 3

Ben Blair penalty goal

HSBC WARATAHS V BRUMBIES

SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2006
AUSSIE STADIUM, SYDNEY

Benn Robinson	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Alex Kanaar	Sydney University
Daniel Vickerman	Sydney University
Rocky Elsom	Randwick
Phil Waugh [v-c]	Sydney University
David Lyons	Sydney University
Chris Whitaker [c]	Randwick
Mat Rogers	Southern Districts
Lote Tuqiri	West Harbour
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs
Morgan Turinui	Randwick
Wendell Sailor	Northern Suburbs
Peter Hewat	Manly

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	Parramatta
Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Will Caldwell	Sydney University
Stephen Hoiles	Randwick
Brett Sheehan	Warringah
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Shaun Berne	Randwick

HSBC WARATAHS 17

Sam Norton-Knight, Lote Tuqiri, Morgan Turinui, Rocky Elsom tries; Peter Hewat 1 conversion, 5 penalty goals

BRUMBIES 14

Stirling Mortlock, Adam Wallace-Harrison tries; Stirling Mortlock 2 conversions

HSBC WARATAHS V CHIEFS

SATURDAY 6 MAY 2006
WAIKATO STADIUM, HAMILTON

Benn Robinson	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Alex Kanaar	Sydney University
Daniel Vickerman	Sydney University
Rocky Elsom	Randwick
Phil Waugh [v-c]	Sydney University
David Lyons	Sydney University
Chris Whitaker [c]	Randwick
Mat Rogers	Southern Districts
Lote Tuqiri	West Harbour
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs
Morgan Turinui	Randwick
Wendell Sailor	Northern Suburbs
Peter Hewat	Manly

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	Parramatta
Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Will Caldwell	Sydney University
Stephen Hoiles	Randwick
Brett Sheehan	Warringah
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Shaun Berne	Randwick

HSBC WARATAHS 33

Mat Rogers, Adam Freier, Lote Tuqiri, Tatafu Polota-Nau, Rocky Elsom tries; Peter Hewat 1 conversion, 2 penalty goals

CHIEFS 37

Mils Muliaina 2, Sam Tuitupou, Sitiveni Sivivatu tries; David Hill 4 conversions, 3 penalty goals



Dan Vickerman finds some support in Christchurch



Sam Norton-Knight and Chris Whitaker stop George Smith in his tracks



Will Caldwell braces for the conditions in Dunedin



Tatafu Polota-Nau burrows his way over against the Chiefs

2006 Results



Silver service ... Chris Whitaker against the Hurricanes



All over ... Alex Kanaar and Daniel Vickerman after the semifinal loss

HSBC WARATAHS V HURRICANES SUPER 14 SEMIFINAL FRIDAY 19 MAY 2006 WESTPAC STADIUM, WELLINGTON

Benn Robinson	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Alex Kanaar	Sydney University
Daniel Vickerman	Sydney University
Rocky Elsom	Randwick
Phil Waugh [v-c]	Sydney University
Stephen Hoiles	Randwick
Chris Whitaker [c]	Randwick
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Lote Tuqiri	West Harbour
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs
Morgan Turinui	Randwick
Peter Hewat	Manly
Mat Rogers	Southern Districts

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	Parramatta
Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Will Caldwell ●	Sydney University
David Lyons	Sydney University
Wycliff Palu	Warringah
Brett Sheehan	Warringah
Ben Jacobs ●	Warringah

HSBC WARATAHS 14

Peter Hewat try; 3 penalty goals.

HURRICANES 16

Lome Fa'atau try; David Holwell 1 conversion, 1 penalty goal; Piri Weepu penalty goal; Jimmy Gopperth penalty goal.

HSBC WARATAHS V NEW ZEALAND MAORI FRIDAY 2 JUNE 2006 SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND, SYDNEY

Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Al Manning	Northern Suburbs
Aaron Broughton-Rouse	Eastwood
Will Caldwell	Sydney University
Ben Hand	Eastwood
Dean Mumm	Sydney University
James Campbell	Manly
David Lyons [c]	Sydney University
Brett Sheehan	Warringah
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Chris Siale	Manly
Morgan Turinui [v-c]	Randwick
Ben Jacobs	Warringah
Tim Wright	Randwick
Peter Hewat	Manly

RESERVES

Josh Mann-Rae ■	Manly
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Tim McGann	Eastern Suburbs
Tom Egan	Sydney University
David Rimmer	West Harbour
Tom Carter	Sydney University
Clint Eadie	Warringah

HSBC WARATAHS 16

Ben Jacobs try; Peter Hewat conversion, 3 penalty goals

NEW ZEALAND MAORI 20

Pehi Te Whare, Thomas Waldrom, Luke Mahoney tries; Callum Bruce conversion, penalty goal

HSBC WARATAHS V REDS SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2006 BLUETONGUE CENTRAL COAST STADIUM

Aaron Broughton-Rouse	Eastwood
Al Manning	Northern Suburbs
Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Will Caldwell	Sydney University
Dean Mumm	Sydney University
Shawn Mackay	Randwick
David Haydon ■	Sydney University
David Lyons [c]	Sydney University
Josh Holmes	Eastwood
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Nick Reily	West Harbour
Morgan Turinui [v-c]	Randwick
Ben Jacobs	Warringah
Peter Hewat	Manly
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs

RESERVES

Adam Freier	Randwick
Matt Skillecorn	West Harbour
Ben Hand	Eastwood
Tim Davidson	Sydney University
Lachlan Turner ■	Eastwood
Sam Harris	Manly
David Rimmer	West Harbour

HSBC WARATAHS 17

Adam Freier, Daniel Halangahu tries; Peter Hewat conversion, penalty goal; Daniel Halangahu conversion.

REDS 39

Caleb Brown 3, James Horwill, Henari Veratau, John Dart tries; Lloyd Johansson 3 conversions, penalty goal.

HSBC WARATAHS V BRUMBIES FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2006 VIKING PARK, CANBERRA

Matt Dunning	Eastwood
Adam Freier [c]	Randwick
Aaron Broughton-Rouse	Eastwood
Ben Hand	Eastwood
Will Caldwell	Sydney University
Dean Mumm	Sydney University
Beau Robinson ■	Northern Suburbs
David Lyons	Sydney University
Josh Holmes	Eastwood
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Nick Reily ■	West Harbour
Tom Carter	Sydney University
Ben Jacobs [v-c]	Warringah
Lloyd Jones	Eastern Suburbs
Peter Hewat	Manly

RESERVES

Al Manning	Northern Suburbs
Matt Skillecorn	West Harbour
Shawn Mackay ■	Randwick
Tim Davidson ■	Sydney University
David Rimmer	West Harbour
Sam Harris	Manly
Morgan Turinui	Randwick

HSBC WARATAHS 13

Penalty try; Peter Hewat conversion, 2 penalty goals.

BRUMBIES 14

James McCormack try; Julian Huxley 3 penalty goals.

HSBC WARATAHS V WESTERN FORCE SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2006 CARRINGTON PARK, BATHURST

Benn Robinson	Eastwood
Adam Freier	Randwick
Al Baxter	Northern Suburbs
Will Caldwell [v-c]	Sydney University
Ben Hand	Eastwood
Tim Davidson	Sydney University
Beau Robinson	Northern Suburbs
David Lyons	Sydney University
Brett Sheehan	Warringah
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs
Lachlan Turner	Eastwood
Sam Harris	Manly
Morgan Turinui [c]	Randwick
Ben Jacobs	Warringah
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University

RESERVES

Al Manning	Northern Suburbs
Aaron Broughton-Rouse	Eastwood
Dean Mumm	Sydney University
Shawn Mackay	Randwick
Peter Hewat	Manly
Clint Eadie	Warringah
Josh Holmes	Eastwood

HSBC WARATAHS 41

Peter Hewat 2, Tim Davidson, Benn Robinson, Morgan Turinui, Ben Jacobs tries; Peter Hewat 2 conversions, penalty goal; Daniel Halangahu 2 conversions.

WESTERN FORCE 33

Cameron Shepherd 2, Scott Daruda, Matt Henjak, Tai McIsaac tries; Scott Daruda 4 conversions.

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HSBC WARATAHS V SARACENS A THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2006 WOOLLAMS PLAYING FIELDS, ST ALBANS SCHOOL, ST ALBANS, ENGLAND

Jeremy Tilse ■	Sydney University
Al Manning	Northern Suburbs
John Adams ■	Warringah
Dean Mumm [c]	Sydney University
Ben Hand	Eastwood
Scott Fardy ■	Warringah
Beau Robinson	Northern Suburbs
Pelea Afu ■	Parramatta
David Rimmer	West Harbour
Daniel Halangahu [v-c]	Sydney University
Jackson Mullane ■	Southern Districts
Sam Harris	Manly
Luke Johnson ■	Manly
Ed Jenkins ■	Sydney University
Lachlan Turner	Eastwood

RESERVES

Josh Mann-Rae	Manly
Aaron Broughton-Rouse ●	Eastwood
Shawn Mackay	Randwick
David Haydon ●	Sydney University
Nathan Sievert ●	Sydney University
Clint Eadie	Warringah
Sam Norton-Knight ●	Northern Suburbs

HSBC WARATAHS 39

Jackson Mullane 2, Dean Mumm, Al Manning, Ed Jenkins tries; Daniel Halangahu 4 conversions, 2 penalty goals

SARACENS A 7

Nick Lloyd try; Alex Goode conversion

HSBC WARATAHS V NORTHAMPTON WANDERERS MONDAY 2 OCTOBER, 2006 FRANKLIN'S GARDENS, NORTHAMPTON, ENGLAND

Ofa Fainga'anuku ■	Gordon
Josh Mann-Rae	Manly
Aaron Broughton-Rouse	Eastwood
Will Caldwell [c]	Sydney University
Sam Wykes ■	Parramatta
Shawn Mackay	Randwick
David Haydon	Sydney University
Pelea Afu	Parramatta
Nathan Sievert ■	Sydney University
Sam Norton-Knight [v-c]	Northern Suburbs
Lachlan Turner	Eastwood
Sam Harris	Manly
Josh Weeks ■	Parramatta
Patrick McCabe ■	Warringah
Nigel Staniforth ■	Sydney University

RESERVES

Al Manning	Northern Suburbs
John Adams	Warringah
Scott Fardy	Warringah
Beau Robinson	Northern Suburbs
David Rimmer	West Harbour
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Daniel Kelly ●	Sydney University

HSBC WARATAHS 6

Lachlan Turner 2 penalty goals

NORTHAMPTON WANDERERS 24

Seamus Mallon, Damien Browne, Johnny Howard tries; Penalty try; Johnny Howard 2 conversions

HSBC WARATAHS V ULSTER A FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER, 2006 RAVENHILL, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

Jeremy Tilse	Sydney University
Al Manning	Northern Suburbs
John Adams	Warringah
Will Caldwell [v-c]	Sydney University
Ben Hand	Eastwood
Scott Fardy	Warringah
Beau Robinson	Northern Suburbs
Dean Mumm	Sydney University
David Rimmer	West Harbour
Daniel Halangahu [c]	Sydney University
Ed Jenkins	Sydney University
Clint Eadie	Warringah
Luke Johnson	Manly
Jackson Mullane	Southern Districts
Nigel Staniforth	Sydney University

RESERVES

Josh Mann-Rae ●	Manly
Laurie Weeks ■	Sydney University
Sam Wykes	Parramatta
Tim Davidson	Sydney University
Nathan Sievert ●	Sydney University
Sam Norton-Knight	Northern Suburbs
Lachlan Turner	Eastwood

HSBC WARATAHS 7

Ben Hand try; Daniel Halangahu conversion

ULSTER A 13

Paul McKenzie try; Adam Larkin 1 conversion, 2 penalty goals

HSBC WARATAHS V LEINSTER A SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER, 2006 COOLMINES RFC, DUBLIN, IRELAND

Laurie Weeks	Sydney University
Josh Mann-Rae	Manly
Aaron Broughton-Rouse	Eastwood
Sam Wykes	Parramatta
Ben Hand [v-c]	Eastwood
Shawn Mackay	Randwick
David Haydon	Sydney University
Tim Davidson	Sydney University
Nathan Sievert	Sydney University
Sam Norton-Knight [c]	Northern Suburbs
Patrick McCabe	Warringah
Clint Eadie	Warringah
Josh Weeks	Parramatta
Ed Jenkins	Sydney University
Lachlan Turner	Eastwood

RESERVES

Al Manning ●	Northern Suburbs
Jeremy Tilse	Sydney University
Dean Mumm	Sydney University
Beau Robinson	Northern Suburbs
David Rimmer ●	West Harbour
Daniel Halangahu	Sydney University
Dan Kelly ■	Sydney University

HSBC WARATAHS 20

Patrick McCabe, Clint Eadie tries; Lachlan Turner 2 conversions, 1 penalty goal; Daniel Halangahu penalty goal

LEINSTER A 17

Neil Ronan, Ross McCarron tries; Fergus McFadden 2 conversions, 1 penalty goal.



Sam Norton-Knight trains with Australia A



Downpour ... Morgan Turinui takes on the Maori



Lote Tuqiri leaves England's Tom Vardell for dead



Wallaby Captain courageous ... Phil Waugh

2006 Results

AUSTRALIAN SQUAD REPRESENTATIVES 2006	
NAME	2006 TOTALS
Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Alister Campbell	(ACT, Sydney University)
Rocky Elsom	(NSW, Randwick)
Adam Freier	(NSW, Randwick)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)
George Gregan	(ACT, Randwick)
Nic Henderson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Stephen Hoiles	(NSW/ACT, Randwick)
Stirling Mortlock	(ACT, Gordon)
Wycliff Palu	(NSW, Warringah)
Tatafu Polota-Nau	(NSW, Parramatta)
Benn Robinson	(NSW, Eastwood)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)
Brett Sheehan	(NSW, Warringah)
Guy Shepherdson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
George Smith	(ACT, Manly)
Lote Tuqiri	(NSW, West Harbour)
Josh Valentine	(NSW, TBC)
Daniel Vickerman	(NSW, Sydney University)
Phil Waugh	(NSW, Sydney University)

AUSTRALIA V ENGLAND	
SUNDAY 1 JUNE, 2006	
TELSTRA STADIUM, SYDNEY	
Daniel Vickerman [v-c]	NSW, Sydney University
George Smith	ACT, Manly
Rocky Elsom	NSW, Randwick
George Gregan [c]	ACT, Randwick
Lote Tuqiri	NSW, West Harbour
Mat Rogers	NSW, Southern Districts
Stirling Mortlock [v-c]	ACT, Gordon
Mark Gerrard	ACT, Warringah
RESERVES	
Alastair Baxter	NSW, Northern Suburbs
Phil Waugh	NSW, Sydney University
Josh Valentine ▼	NSW, TBC

AUSTRALIA V ENGLAND	
SATURDAY 17 JUNE, 2006	
TELSTRA DOME, MELBOURNE	
Adam Freier	(NSW, Randwick)
Daniel Vickerman [v-c]	(NSW, Sydney University)
George Smith	(ACT, Manly)
Rocky Elsom	(NSW, Randwick)
Lote Tuqiri	(NSW, West Harbour)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)
Stirling Mortlock [c]	(ACT, Gordon)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)
RESERVES	
Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Wycliff Palu ▼	(NSW, Warringah)
Phil Waugh	(NSW, Sydney University)
George Gregan	(ACT, Randwick)

AUSTRALIA V IRELAND	
SATURDAY 24 JUNE, 2006	
SUBIACO OVAL, PERTH	
Guy Shepherdson ▼	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Daniel Vickerman [v-c]	(NSW, Sydney University)
George Smith	(ACT, Manly)
Rocky Elsom	(NSW, Randwick)
George Gregan [c]	(ACT, Randwick)
Lote Tuqiri	(NSW, West Harbour)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)
Stirling Mortlock [v-c]	(ACT, Gordon)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)
RESERVES	
Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Districts)
Wycliff Palu	(NSW, Warringah)
Phil Waugh	(NSW, Sydney University)

AUSTRALIA V NEW ZEALAND	
SATURDAY 8 JULY, 2006	
JADE STADIUM, CHRISTCHURCH	
Guy Shepherdson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Daniel Vickerman [v-c]	(NSW, Sydney University)
George Smith	(ACT, Manly)
Rocky Elsom	(NSW, Randwick)
George Gregan [c]	(ACT, Randwick)
Lote Tuqiri	(NSW, West Harbour)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)
Stirling Mortlock [v-c]	(ACT, Gordon)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)
RESERVES	
Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Phil Waugh	(NSW, Sydney University)

AUSTRALIA V SOUTH AFRICA	
SATURDAY 15 JULY, 2006	
SUNCORP STADIUM, BRISBANE	
Guy Shepherdson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Daniel Vickerman [v-c]	(NSW, Sydney University)
Rocky Elsom	(NSW, Randwick)
George Smith	(ACT, Manly)
George Gregan [c]	(ACT, Randwick)
Lote Tuqiri	(NSW, West Harbour)
Stirling Mortlock [v-c]	(ACT, Gordon)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)
RESERVES	
Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Phil Waugh	(NSW, Sydney University)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)

AUSTRALIA V NEW ZEALAND	
SATURDAY 29 JULY, 2006	
SUNCORP STADIUM, BRISBANE	
Daniel Vickerman [v-c]	(NSW, Sydney University)
Rocky Elsom	(NSW, Randwick)
George Smith	(ACT, Manly)
George Gregan [c]	(ACT, Randwick)
Lote Tuqiri	(NSW, West Harbour)
Stirling Mortlock [v-c]	(ACT, Gordon)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)
RESERVES	
Guy Shepherdson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Phil Waugh	(NSW, Sydney University)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)

AUSTRALIA V SOUTH AFRICA	
SATURDAY 5 AUGUST, 2006	
TELSTRA STADIUM, SYDNEY	
Daniel Vickerman [v-c]	(NSW, Sydney University)
Rocky Elsom	(NSW, Randwick)
George Smith	(ACT, Manly)
Wycliff Palu	(NSW, Warringah)
George Gregan [c]	(ACT, Randwick)
Lote Tuqiri	(NSW, West Harbour)
Stirling Mortlock [v-c]	(ACT, Gordon)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)
RESERVES	
Guy Shepherdson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Phil Waugh	(NSW, Sydney University)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)

AUSTRALIA V NEW ZEALAND	
SATURDAY 19 AUGUST, 2006	
EDEN PARK, AUCKLAND	
Daniel Vickerman [v-c]	(NSW, Sydney University)
Rocky Elsom	(NSW, Randwick)
Phil Waugh	(NSW, Sydney University)
Wycliff Palu	(NSW, Warringah)
George Gregan [c]	(ACT, Randwick)
Lote Tuqiri	(NSW, West Harbour)
Stirling Mortlock [v-c]	(ACT, Gordon)
RESERVES	
Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
George Smith	(ACT, Manly)
Brett Sheehan ●	(NSW, Warringah)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)

AUSTRALIA V SOUTH AFRICA	
SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2006	
ELLIS PARK, JOHANNESBURG	
Benn Robinson ▼	(NSW, Eastwood)
Daniel Vickerman [v-c]	(NSW, Sydney University)
Rocky Elsom	(NSW, Randwick)
Phil Waugh	(NSW, Sydney University)
Wycliff Palu	(NSW, Warringah)
George Gregan [c]	(ACT, Randwick)
Stirling Mortlock [v-c]	(ACT, Gordon)
RESERVES	
Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
George Smith	(ACT, Manly)
Brett Sheehan ▼	(NSW, Warringah)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)

AUSTRALIA V WALES	
SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2006	
MILLENNIUM STADIUM, CARDIFF, WALES	
Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Daniel Vickerman	(NSW, Sydney University)
Rocky Elsom	(NSW, Randwick)
Phil Waugh [c]	(NSW, Sydney University)
Wycliff Palu	(NSW, Warringah)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)
Lote Tuqiri	(NSW, West Harbour)
RESERVES	
Benn Robinson ●	(NSW, Eastwood)
Stephen Hoiles	(ACT, Randwick)
Josh Valentine	(NSW, TBC)
Mark Gerrard ●	(ACT, Warringah)
Adam Ashley-Cooper ●	(ACT, Northern Suburbs)

2006 Results

AUSTRALIA V ITALY

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2006
STADIO FLAMINIO, ROME, ITALY

Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Guy Shepherdson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Rocky Elsom	(NSW, Randwick)
George Smith [v-c]	(ACT, Manly)
Wycliff Palu	(NSW, Warringah)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)
Lote Tuqiri [v-c]	(NSW, West Harbour)
Stirling Mortlock [c]	(ACT, Gordon)

RESERVES

Nic Henderson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Alister Campbell	(ACT, Sydney University)
Stephen Hoiles ●	(ACT, Randwick)
Josh Valentine ●	(NSW, TBC)
Mark Gerrard ●	(ACT, Warringah)

AUSTRALIA V IRELAND

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2006
LANSDOWNE ROAD, DUBLIN, IRELAND

Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Guy Shepherdson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Rocky Elsom	(NSW, Randwick)
Phil Waugh [v-c]	(NSW, Sydney University)
Wycliff Palu	(NSW, Warringah)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)
Stirling Mortlock [c]	(ACT, Gordon)
Lote Tuqiri	(NSW, West Harbour)

RESERVES

Benn Robinson	(NSW, Eastwood)
Alister Campbell	(ACT, Sydney University)
George Smith	(ACT, Manly)
Josh Valentine	(NSW, TBC)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)

AUSTRALIA V SCOTLAND

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2006
MURRAYFIELD, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Benn Robinson	(NSW, Eastwood)
Guy Shepherdson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Alister Campbell	(ACT, Sydney University)
Rocky Elsom	(NSW, Randwick)
George Smith	(ACT, Manly)
David Lyons	(NSW, Sydney University)
Lote Tuqiri	(NSW, West Harbour)
Stirling Mortlock [c]	(ACT, Gordon)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	(NSW, Parramatta)
Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Phil Waugh	(NSW, Sydney University)
Wycliff Palu	(NSW, Warringah)
Josh Valentine	(NSW, TBC)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)



Patrick McCutcheon on the charge at the U19 World Champs

AUSTRALIA A REPRESENTATIVES 2006

Adam Ashley-Cooper	(ACT, Northern Suburbs)
Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Will Caldwell	(NSW, Sydney University)
Alister Campbell	(ACT, Sydney University)
Matt Dunning	(NSW, Eastwood)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)
Nic Henderson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Stephen Hoiles	(NSW/ACT, Randwick)
Josh Holmes	(NSW, Eastwood)
David Lyons	(NSW, Sydney University)
Sam Norton-Knight	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Wycliff Palu	(NSW, Warringah)
Tatafu Polota-Nau	(NSW, Parramatta)
Benn Robinson	(NSW, Eastwood)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)
Brett Sheehan	(NSW, Warringah)
Guy Shepherdson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
George Smith	(ACT, Manly)
Morgan Turinui	(NSW, Randwick)
Josh Valentine	(NSW, TBC)

AUSTRALIA A V FIJI

FRIDAY 14 JULY 2006
ADELAIDE OVAL, ADELAIDE

Benn Robinson	(NSW, Eastwood)
Alister Campbell [c]	(ACT, Sydney University)
Wycliff Palu	(NSW, Warringah)
Josh Valentine	(NSW, TBC)
Sam Norton-Knight	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Adam Ashley-Cooper	(ACT, Northern Suburbs)

RESERVES

Matt Dunning	(NSW, Eastwood)
Will Caldwell	(NSW, Sydney University)
Josh Holmes	(NSW, Eastwood)
Morgan Turinui	(NSW, Randwick)

AUSTRALIA A V FIJI

SATURDAY 22 JULY 2006
OLYMPIC PARK, MELBOURNE

Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Will Caldwell	(NSW, Sydney University)
Wycliff Palu	(NSW, Warringah)
Josh Holmes	(NSW, Eastwood)
Sam Norton-Knight	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Adam Ashley-Cooper	(ACT, Northern Suburbs)

RESERVES

Matt Dunning	(NSW, Eastwood)
Brett Sheehan	(NSW, Warringah)
Morgan Turinui	(NSW, Randwick)

AUSTRALIA A V OSPREYS

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2006
LIBERTY STADIUM, SWANSEA, WALES

Nic Henderson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Tatafu Polota-Nau	(NSW, Parramatta)
Guy Shepherdson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Alister Campbell	(ACT, Sydney University)
George Smith [c]	(ACT, Manly)
David Lyons	(NSW, Sydney University)
Brett Sheehan	(NSW, Warringah)
Mark Gerrard [v-c]	(ACT, Warringah)
Morgan Turinui	(NSW, Randwick)
Adam Ashley-Cooper	(ACT, Northern Suburbs)

RESERVES

Benn Robinson	(NSW, Eastwood)
Josh Valentine	(NSW, TBC)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)

AUSTRALIA A V IRELAND A

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2006
THORMOND PARK, LIMERICK, IRELAND

Benn Robinson	(NSW, Eastwood)
Alister Campbell [c]	(ACT, Sydney University)
Stephen Hoiles	(ACT, Randwick)
David Lyons	(NSW, Sydney University)
Brett Sheehan	(NSW, Warringah)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)
Morgan Turinui [v-c]	(NSW, Randwick)
Adam Ashley-Cooper	(ACT, Northern Suburbs)

RESERVES

Tatafu Polota-Nau	(NSW, Parramatta)
Nic Henderson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
George Smith	(ACT, Manly)
Josh Valentine	(NSW, TBC)

AUSTRALIA A V SCOTLAND A

TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2006
McDIARMID PARK, PERTH, SCOTLAND

Nic Henderson	(ACT, Southern Districts)
Tatafu Polota-Nau	(NSW, Parramatta)
Stephen Hoiles	(ACT, Randwick)
David Lyons [v-c]	(NSW, Sydney University)
Brett Sheehan	(NSW, Warringah)
Mat Rogers	(NSW, Southern Districts)
Morgan Turinui [c]	(NSW, Randwick)
Adam Ashley-Cooper	(ACT, Northern Suburbs)

RESERVES

Alastair Baxter	(NSW, Northern Suburbs)
Wycliff Palu	(NSW, Warringah)
Josh Valentine	(NSW, TBC)
Mark Gerrard	(ACT, Warringah)

PRIME MINISTER'S VX REPRESENTATIVES 2006

Will Caldwell	(NSW, Sydney University)
Adam Freier	(NSW, Randwick)
Daniel Halangahu	(NSW, Sydney University)
Peter Hewat	(NSW, Manly)
Julian Huxley	(ACT, Sydney University)

PRIME MINISTER'S XV V JAPAN

SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2006
PRINCE CHICHIBUNOMIYA MEMORIAL RUGBY GROUND, TOKYO, JAPAN

Adam Freier	(NSW, Randwick)
Will Caldwell	(NSW, Sydney University)
Daniel Halangahu	(NSW, Sydney University)
Julian Huxley [v-c]	(ACT, Sydney University)
Peter Hewat	(NSW, Manly)

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 21 REPRESENTATIVES 2006

Michael Dan	(Eastwood)
Simon Grealley	(NSW Waratah Academy, Eastwood)
David Haydon	(Sydney University)
Lloyd Jones	(NSW Waratah Academy, Eastern Suburbs)
Patrick McCutcheon	(NSW Waratah Academy, Sydney University)
Leroy Houston	(NSW, Eastwood)
Josh Holmes	(NSW, Eastwood)
Tatafu Polota-Nau	(NSW, Parramatta)
Richard Stanford	(ACT, Eastern Suburbs)

2006 Results

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 19 REPRESENTATIVES 2006

AJ Gilbert	(NSW Waratah Academy, Warringah)
Josh Holmes	(NSW, Eastwood)
Philip Mathers	(Eastwood)
Patrick McCutcheon	(NSW Waratah Academy, Sydney University)
Jackson Mullane	(NSW Waratah Academy, Southern Districts)
Lachlan Rosengreen	(NSW Waratah Academy, Sydney University)
Lachlan Turner	(NSW Waratah Academy, Eastwood)
Sam Wykes	(NSW Waratah Academy, Parramatta)

SHUTE SHIELD

SEMIFINAL ONE

RANDWICK V SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
SATURDAY 20 MAY 2006
COOGEE OVAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 19

Nick Haydon, Nathan Trist tries; Nigel Staniforth 3 penalty goals

RANDWICK 8

Mailie Matui try; Mark Sweeney penalty goal

SEMIFINAL TWO

EASTWOOD V PARRAMATTA
SATURDAY 20 MAY 2006
TG MILLNER FIELD

EASTWOOD 28

Filipo Toala 2, Tim Corcoran tries; Tim Donnelly 2 conversions, 3 penalty goals

PARRAMATTA 22

Winnie Paulo 2, David Alo tries; Josh Weeks 2 conversions, penalty goal

TOOHEYS NEW CUP

MINOR SEMIFINAL

EASTERN SUBURBS V MANLY
FRIDAY 18 AUGUST 2006
NORTH SYDNEY OVAL

EASTERN SUBURBS 16

Henari Veratau, Chris Aho tries; Gavin Debartolo 2 penalty goals

MANLY 10

James Campbell try; Peter Hewat conversion, penalty goal

MAJOR SEMIFINAL

RANDWICK V SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
SATURDAY 19 AUGUST 2006
COOGEE OVAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 31

Dean Mumm, David Lyons, Tim Davidson tries; Julian Huxley 2 conversions, 3 penalty goals; Daniel Halangahu penalty goal

RANDWICK 25

Shawn Mackay, Adam Freier, Chris Houston, Matt Carraro tries; Antonio Halangahu conversion; Mark Sweeney conversion

PRELIMINARY FINAL

RANDWICK V EASTERN SUBURBS
SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 2006
CONCORD OVAL

RANDWICK 36

Paul Hannify 2, Matt Carraro, Brent Kelly tries; Mark Sweeney 2 conversions, 4 penalty goals

EASTERN SUBURBS 15

Tim McGann 2 tries; Gavin Debartolo conversion, penalty goal

GRAND FINAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY V RANDWICK
SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2006
AUSSIE STADIUM

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 16

Daniel Halangahu try; Julian Huxley conversion, 3 penalty goals

RANDWICK 10

Matt Carraro try; Mark Sweeney conversion, penalty goal

COLIN CAIRD SHIELD

MINOR SEMIFINAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY V RANDWICK
FRIDAY 18 AUGUST 2006
NORTH SYDNEY OVAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 7

RANDWICK 6

PRELIMINARY FINAL

EASTERN SUBURBS V SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 2006
CONCORD OVAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 10

EASTERN SUBURBS 3

GRAND FINAL

MANLY V SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2006
AUSSIE STADIUM

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 35

MANLY 20

JR HENDERSON SHIELD

MAJOR SEMIFINAL

NORTHERN SUBURBS V WEST HARBOUR
SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2006
CONCORD OVAL

WEST HARBOUR 25

NORTHERN SUBURBS 14

MINOR SEMIFINAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY V RANDWICK
SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2006
WOOLLAHRA OVAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 31

RANDWICK 16

PRELIMINARY FINAL

NORTHERN SUBURBS V SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2006
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK

NORTHERN SUBURBS 23

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 10

GRAND FINAL

WEST HARBOUR V NORTHERN SUBURBS
SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 2006
CONCORD OVAL

WEST HARBOUR 24

NORTHERN SUBURBS 16

HENDERSON CUP

MAJOR SEMIFINAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY V MANLY
SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2006
CONCORD OVAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 22

MANLY 8

MINOR SEMIFINAL

EASTERN SUBURBS V RANDWICK
SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2006
WOOLLAHRA OVAL

RANDWICK 18

EASTERN SUBURBS 11

PRELIMINARY FINAL

MANLY V RANDWICK
SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2006
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK

MANLY 25

RANDWICK 20

GRAND FINAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY V MANLY
SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 2006
CONCORD OVAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 27

MANLY 5

COLTS I

MAJOR SEMIFINAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY V PARRAMATTA
SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2006
CONCORD OVAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 57

PARRAMATTA 17

MINOR SEMIFINAL

EASTWOOD V GORDON
SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2006
WOOLLAHRA OVAL

EASTWOOD 20

GORDON 16

PRELIMINARY FINAL

PARRAMATTA V EASTWOOD
SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2006
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK

EASTWOOD 38

PARRAMATTA 20

GRAND FINAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY V EASTWOOD
SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2006
CONCORD OVAL

EASTWOOD 29

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 25

2006 Results

COLTS II

MAJOR SEMIFINAL
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY V EASTWOOD
SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2006
CONCORD OVAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 19
EASTWOOD 12

COLTS II

MAJOR SEMIFINAL
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY V EASTWOOD
SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2006
CONCORD OVAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 19
EASTWOOD 12

MINOR SEMIFINAL
GORDON V WARRINGAH
SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2006
WOOLLAHRA OVAL

WARRINGAH 16
GORDON 10

PRELIMINARY FINAL
EASTWOOD V WARRINGAH
SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2006
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK

EASTWOOD 16
WARRINGAH 8

GRAND FINAL
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY V EASTWOOD
SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2006
CONCORD OVAL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 28
EASTWOOD 8

COLTS UNDER 19'S

MAJOR SEMIFINAL
EASTWOOD V RANDWICK
SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2006
CONCORD OVAL

RANDWICK 24
EASTWOOD 6

MINOR SEMIFINAL
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY V WARRINGAH
SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2006
WOOLLAHRA OVAL

WARRINGAH 13
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 7

PRELIMINARY FINAL
EASTWOOD V WARRINGAH
SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2006
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK

EASTWOOD 20
WARRINGAH 5

GRAND FINAL
RANDWICK V EASTWOOD
SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2006
CONCORD OVAL

RANDWICK 14
EASTWOOD 10

SYDNEY COMPETITION LADDERS

TOOHEYS NEW CUP

Team	P	W	Bye	D	L	F	A	Pts
Randwick	11	10	0	0	1	457	147	49
Sydney University	11	9	0	0	2	434	150	45
Eastern Suburbs	11	7	0	0	4	339	285	36
Manly	11	7	0	0	4	318	253	35
Eastwood	11	6	0	0	5	276	317	32
Warringah	11	5	0	1	5	329	297	32
Northern Suburbs	11	5	0	1	5	247	267	28
Southern Districts	11	4	0	1	6	250	295	25
Gordon	11	4	0	1	6	217	327	19
West Harbour	11	3	0	0	8	220	383	17
Parramatta	11	3	0	0	8	241	354	15
Penrith	11	1	0	0	10	165	418	7

COLIN CAIRD SHIELD

Team	P	W	Bye	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manly	18	14	1	0	3	517	207	71
Eastern Suburbs	18	15	1	0	2	392	205	70
Sydney University	18	12	1	0	5	374	218	63
Randwick	18	11	1	0	6	415	292	60
Eastwood	18	9	1	1	7	413	325	53
Northern Suburbs	18	10	1	0	7	409	304	52
West Harbour	18	8	1	1	8	370	270	50
Warringah	18	8	1	0	9	330	331	46
Southern Districts	18	7	1	1	9	333	365	42
Gordon	18	3	1	0	14	268	471	21
Penrith	18	2	1	0	15	190	722	15
Parramatta	18	1	1	1	15	226	527	14

JR HENDERSON SHIELD

Team	P	W	Bye	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northern Suburbs	18	16	1	0	1	445	143	75
West Harbour	18	15	1	0	2	570	149	75
Sydney University	18	13	1	1	3	444	148	67
Randwick	18	13	1	0	4	551	235	65
Manly	18	11	1	1	5	406	211	62
Southern Districts	18	11	1	0	6	309	286	52
Eastern Suburbs	18	7	1	0	10	288	409	35
Eastwood	17	4	1	0	12	273	340	29
Warringah	18	3	1	1	13	181	378	22
Gordon	17	3	1	1	12	178	373	20
Parramatta	18	2	1	2	13	143	434	18
Penrith	18	0	1	0	17	103	785	6

HENDERSON CUP

Team	P	W	Bye	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney University	18	17	1	0	0	619	82	85
Manly	18	14	1	0	3	524	154	70
Eastern Suburbs	18	14	1	0	3	491	156	69
Randwick	18	13	1	0	4	641	140	67
West Harbour	18	10	1	0	7	522	294	55
Northern Suburbs	17	10	1	0	6	428	154	53
Eastwood	16	6	1	1	8	338	280	36
Parramatta	18	6	1	0	11	212	469	32
Southern Districts	18	4	1	1	12	223	313	26
Warringah	18	3	1	1	13	123	588	18
Gordon	16	0	1	0	15	107	544	8
Penrith	17	0	1	1	15	36	1090	6

COLTS I

Team	P	W	Bye	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney University	18	15	1	0	2	562	179	75
Parramatta	17	12	1	0	4	456	278	65
Eastwood	18	11	1	0	6	521	279	60
Gordon	18	12	1	0	5	339	230	59
Northern Suburbs	18	10	1	0	7	391	345	53
Randwick	18	9	1	1	7	425	386	46
Warringah	18	8	1	1	8	339	288	46
West Harbour	18	6	1	0	11	324	360	42
Eastern Suburbs	17	6	1	1	9	365	318	40
Manly	18	6	1	1	10	352	419	36
Southern Districts	18	4	1	0	13	263	449	24
Penrith	18	0	1	0	17	100	906	4

COLTS II

Team	P	W	Bye	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney University	18	15	1	0	2	328	100	75
Eastwood	17	13	1	0	3	337	94	65
Gordon	18	12	1	1	4	326	184	64
Warringah	18	12	1	0	5	376	138	62
West Harbour	18	11	1	0	6	347	205	61
Randwick	18	9	1	1	7	252	212	50
Southern Districts	18	8	1	0	9	202	250	43
Manly	18	7	1	0	10	206	287	38
Northern Suburbs	17	4	1	2	10	141	241	29
Eastern Suburbs	17	4	1	0	12	165	404	24
Parramatta	17	3	1	0	13	167	392	22
Penrith	17	0	0	0	17	0	340	0

COLTS U19

Team	P	W	Bye	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastwood	17	16	1	0	0	343	73	74
Randwick	18	13	1	0	4	432	185	68
Sydney University	18	13	1	1	3	286	124	66
Warringah	18	11	1	2	4	342	147	61
Manly	18	10	1	2	5	288	239	56
West Harbour	18	9	1	0	8	293	215	47
Northern Suburbs	17	8	1	0	8	191	169	46
Parramatta	17	4	1	1	11	236	344	32
Southern Districts	18	5	1	0	12	142	273	28
Gordon	18	4	1	0	13	204	308	27
Eastern Suburbs	17	4	1	0	12	111	451	23
Penrith (Withdrawn)	17	0	0	0	17	0	340	0



Uni's Will Caldwell and Dan Halangahu celebrate victory

2006 Results

NSW SUBURBAN RUGBY GRAND FINALS 2006

DIVISION ONE

Kentwell Cup	
Drummoyne	30
Knox Old Boys	15
Burke Cup	
Knox Old Boys	10
Colleagues	6
Whiddon Cup	
Colleagues	16
St Patricks	8
Judd Cup	
Old Ignatians	22
Drummoyne	10
Sutherland Cup	
Old Ignatians	27
Drummoyne	0
Barbour Cup	
Colleagues	15
Old Ignatians	13
DIVISION TWO	
Barraclough Cup	
Beecroft	35
Barker Old Boys	3
Stockdale Cup	
Barker Old Boys	10
Newport	7
Blunt Cup	
Kings Old Boys	22
Liverpool	3
Richardson Cup	
Beecroft	5
Hornsby	5
Robertson Cup	
Kings Old Boys	15
Barker Old Boys	3

DIVISION THREE

Clark Cup	
Briars	29
Hawkesbury	14
Farrant Cup	
Briars	16
Chatswood	0
Campbell Cup	
Petersham	9
Blue Mountains	8
Nicholson Cup	
Blue Mountains	14
St George	0
DIVISION FOUR	
McLean Cup	
Bankstown	16
Fairvale	9
Grose Cup	
Fairvale	15
Bankstown	3
Walker Cup	
Bankstown	15
Merrylands	3
DIVISION FIVE	
Jeffery Cup	
Canterbury	28
Roseville	11
Noice Cup	
Colleagues	36
Roseville	0
DIVISION SIX	
Meldrum Cup	
Bronte Savers	18
Sydney University	15

UNDER 19'S

Rugby Club Cup	
Canterbury	20
Oatley	13
UNDER 85KG GRAND FINAL	
Beecroft	13
Mosman	10

HALLIGAN CUP

Won by Old Ignatians

SYDNEY WOMENS PREMIER DIVISION

Warringah	31
Parramatta	3

DIVISION TWO

Waverley	30
Wollongong	22

DIVISION THREE

Brisbane Water	25
Penrith	22

NSW COUNTRY RUGBY GRAND FINALS 2006

CENTRAL COAST

First Grade	
Avoca Beach	24
Gosford	21

Second Grade

Avoca Beach	19
Terrigal	13

Third Grade

Terrigal	16
Avoca Beach	8

Colts

The Entrance	10
Avoca Beach	6

CENTRAL NORTH

First Grade	
Inverell	20
Moree	10

Second Grade

Narrabri	26
Inverell	12

Colts

Pirates	27
Tamworth	13

Under 17's

Pirates	18
Inverell	5

CENTRAL WEST

First Grade	
Dubbo Roos	27
Forbes	0

Second Grade

Forbes	26
Bathurst	24

Third Grade

Orange Emus	17
Dubbo Roos	3

Colts

Cowra	38
Dubbo Roos	5

President's Cup

Molong	12
Yeoval	7

CENTRAL WEST - WOMEN'S

Dubbo Rhinos	17
CSU Bathurst	5

FAR NORTH COAST

First Grade	
Grafton	26
Casino	14

Second Grade

Mullumbimby	24
Lismore	14

Third Grade

Ballina	9
Yamba	7

Colts

Casino	29
Wollongbar Alstonville	3

President's Cup

Bangalow	17
Evans River	5

ILLAWARRA

First Grade	
University	15
Tech Waratahs	3

Second Grade

Kiama	19
Tech Waratahs	12

Third Grade

Tech Waratahs	15
University	6

MID NORTH COAST

First Grade	
Coffs Harbour	23
Dorrigo	12

Second Grade

Port Macquarie	43
South West Rocks	0

Colts

Coffs Harbour	22
South West Rocks	10

NEW ENGLAND

First Grade	
St Alberts College	19
Robb College	12

Second Grade

St Alberts College	41
Scone	10

Colts	
Robb College	22
St Alberts College	3

NEWCASTLE HUNTER

First Grade	
Waratahs	22
University	10

Second Grade

Merewether Carlton	35
Wanderers	17

Colts

Merewether Carlton	15
Wanderers	10

A Grade

Merewether Carlton	41
University	10

B Grade

Merewether Carlton	17
Wanderers	9

C Grade

Maitland	17
Griffins	12

NEWCASTLE HUNTER - WOMEN'S

First Division	
Wanderers	11
University	8

Second Division

Valley Breakers	12
Lake Macquarie	10

WESTERN PLAINS

First Grade	
Nyngan	15
Bourke	14

Second Grade

Brewarrina	38
Walgett	5

COMMUNITY FUNDING

For 2006, New South Wales Rugby Union provided \$5.4 million in funding and support to its major affiliates and stakeholders for the administration, growth and development of rugby in the State.

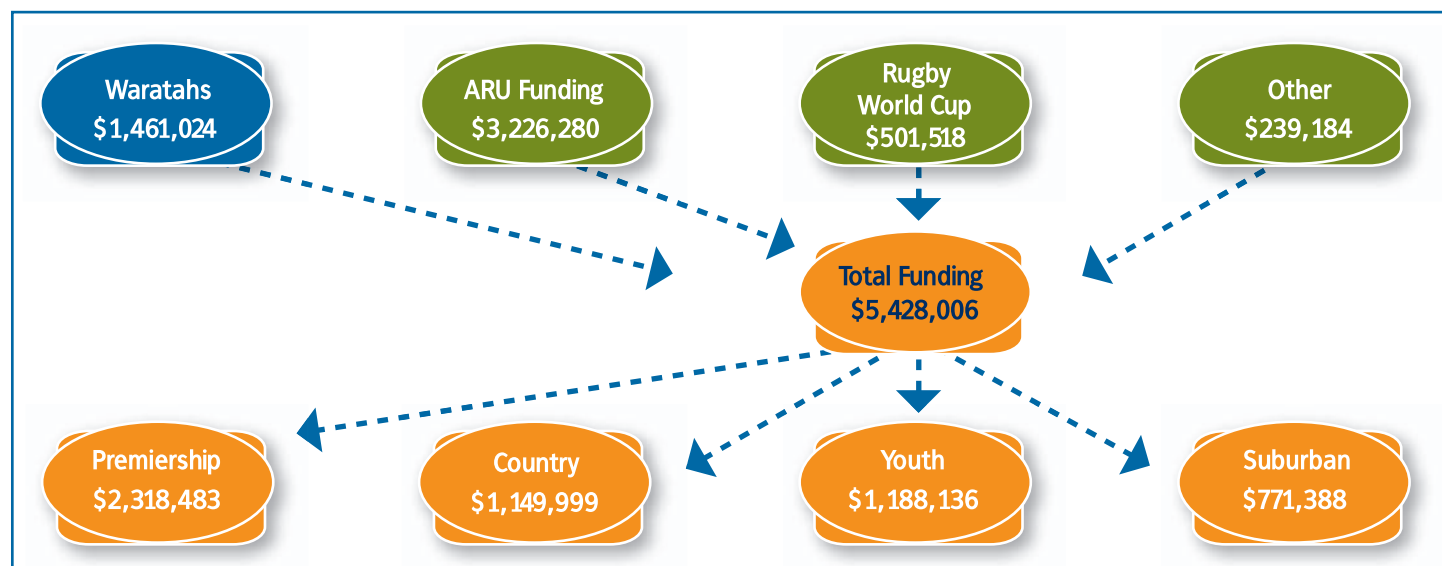
Sources of Funding

This expenditure was funded by commercial surpluses of \$1.5 million generated by the Waratahs, \$3.2 million in community rugby funding received from the Australian Rugby Union, and \$0.5 million in current year allocations of 2003 Rugby World Cup surpluses.

Expenditure

Expenditure of \$5.4 million was incurred across the following categories:

- ▲ salaries and overhead costs of Community Rugby staff;
- ▲ direct cash grants;
- ▲ competition administration;
- ▲ referees payments;
- ▲ other non-cash benefits.



Financial Report

Directors' Report

Your directors present their report on the consolidated entity consisting of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 31 October 2006.

Directors

The following persons were directors of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report:

Arvid Petersen (Chairman)

Laurie Maher

Mike Brown (Resigned 6 February 2006)

Ian Ross

Fraser Neill

Edwin Zemancheff

Will Jephcott

Bob Shield (Resigned 12 July 2006)

Dan Vickerman

Alan Williamson (Appointed 12 July 2006)

Barry Killham (Appointed 6 February 2006)

Principal activities

The principal continuing activities of the consolidated entity during the course of the year ended 31 October 2006 were the organisation and promotion of the game of Rugby Union in the State of New South Wales and the management of a professional Rugby Union team.

Review of operations

The surplus from ordinary activities after income tax of the consolidated entity was:

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
Surplus from ordinary activities after income tax	1,595,604	2,920,899

The continuing viability of the Company and the consolidated entity and their ability to continue as a going concern and meet their debts and commitments as they fall due are dependent upon the Company and the consolidated entity being successful in:

- receiving the continuing support of their members and the constituent bodies;
- achieving sufficient future cash flows to enable their obligations to be met;
- success in retaining and attracting new sponsorship and hospitality revenues and;
- indirectly, the performance of the Waratahs in the Super 14 competition.

The Board is committed to continuous monitoring of these factors and any impacts on the future projected cash flows. The Board is also committed to a long term strategy to effectively manage the Company's debt levels, and to effectively manage and maintain a sustainable working capital balance.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company and the consolidated entity during the financial year.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matters or circumstances have arisen since 31 October 2006 that have significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- the Company's operations in future financial years, or
- the results of those operations in future financial years, or
- the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

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Directors' Report - continued

Likely developments and expected results of operations

The company and consolidated entity will continue in its activities of organising and promoting the game of Rugby Union in New South Wales as well as management of a professional Rugby Union team. Through performance improvements and stronger fiscal controls, the Company and consolidated entity will be seeking to steadily improve their financial positions.

The company expects to shortly finalise its contractual arrangements with the Australian Rugby Union in relation to the development of the new National Rugby Competition.

Further information on likely developments in the operations of the Company and the expected results of operations have not been included in this annual report because the directors believe it would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Company.

Meetings of directors

The number of meetings of the company's board of directors held during the year ended 31 October 2006, and the numbers of meetings attended by each director were:

Full meetings of directors

	A	B
Aavid Petersen (Chairman)	7	8
Laurie Maher	8	8
Mike Brown (Resigned 6 February 2006)	3	3
Ian Ross	8	8
Fraser Neill	8	8
Edwin Zemancheff	7	8
Will Jephcott	8	8
Bob Shield (Resigned 12 July 2006)	6	6
Dan Vickerman	3	8
Alan Williamson (Appointed 12 July 2006)	2	2
Barry Killham (Appointed 6 February 2006)	5	5

A = Number of meetings attended

B = Number of meetings held during the time the director held office

Insurance of officers

During the financial year, New South Wales Rugby Union Limited paid a premium of \$27,500 to insure the directors and officers of the company and related entities.

Proceedings on behalf of the company

No proceedings have been brought or intervened in on behalf of the company with leave of the Court under section 237 of the **Corporations Act 2001**.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the **Corporations Act 2001** is set out on page 58.

Auditor

PricewaterhouseCoopers continues in office in accordance with section 327 of the **Corporations Act 2001**.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors.



Fraser Neill
Director

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Directors' Report - continued

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Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited for the year ended 31 October 2006, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

(a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the **Corporations Act 2001** in relation to the audit; and

(b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.



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Partner

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Sydney

14 December 2006

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Corporate Governance Statement

31 October 2006

New South Rugby Union Ltd is committed to achieving and demonstrating the highest standards of corporate governance. The board continues to develop best practice corporate governance practices under which the board and senior management will operate. A summary of those practices now in place is set out below.

Corporate Reporting

The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have certified to the board that the company's and consolidated entity's financial reports are complete and present a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the financial condition and operational results of the company and consolidated entity and are in accordance with relevant accounting standards.

Audit and Finance Committee

The Audit and Finance Committee consists of the following:

Will Jephcott (Chairman)

Laurie Maher

Barry Killham

The Audit & Finance Committee operates in accordance with a charter. Its primary function is to oversee, enhance and strengthen the finance and risk management processes of NSWRU. The main duties and responsibilities of the Audit and Finance Committee are:

- ◆ monitor the operational and financial aspects of the Company's and consolidated entity's activities and make appropriate recommendations to the Board;
- ◆ evaluate the adequacy of the Company's and consolidated entity's accounting control system;
- ◆ review all insurance coverage including Director's and Officer's Liability
- ◆ require reports from Management and/or external advisors on any significant proposed regulatory, insurance or reporting issue, to assess the potential impact upon the Company's finance or risk reporting processes;
- ◆ recommend to the Board the appointment and terms of engagement of the external auditors;
- ◆ review the annual financial statements with the Chief Financial Officer and the external auditors;
- ◆ monitor the standard of corporate conduct in areas such as arm's length dealings and likely conflicts of interest;
- ◆ establish and review the investment policies for reserve funds;
- ◆ establish and review the policies for debt financing.

Human Resources Committee

The Human Resources Committee consists of the following:

Arvid Petersen (Chairman)

Edwin Zemancheff

Alan Williamson

Ian Ross

The Remuneration Committee advises the board on human resource and remuneration policies and practices generally.

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New South Wales Rugby Union Limited ABN 70 000 222 711

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This financial report covers both New South Wales Rugby Union Limited as an individual entity and the consolidated entity consisting of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited and its subsidiaries. The financial report is presented in the Australian currency.

New South Wales Rugby Union Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

New South Wales Rugby Union Limited
Gold Members Car Park
Aussie Stadium
Driver Avenue
MOORE PARK NSW 2021

A description of the nature of the consolidated entity's operations and its principal activities is included in the directors' report on pages 56-58, which is not part of this financial report.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the directors on 11 December 2006. The company has the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

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Income Statements

for the year ended 31 October 2006

	Notes	Consolidated		Parent	
		2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Revenue from continuing operations	6	26,167,789	25,827,182	26,167,789	25,827,182
Other income	7	1,625	-	1,625	-
Sponsor costs		(1,053,219)	(1,228,475)	(1,053,219)	(1,228,475)
Marketing		(1,195,077)	(1,038,751)	(1,195,077)	(1,038,751)
Match day costs		(1,978,098)	(1,728,249)	(1,978,098)	(1,728,249)
Memberships costs		(337,255)	(425,474)	(337,255)	(425,474)
Teams and academy costs		(10,915,701)	(10,041,093)	(10,915,701)	(10,041,093)
Community Rugby		(3,525,345)	(2,785,081)	(3,525,345)	(2,785,081)
Premiership Rugby		(1,370,647)	(1,631,526)	(1,370,647)	(1,631,526)
Finance and administration		(3,810,091)	(3,292,564)	(3,970,091)	(3,643,230)
Management fees		(93,000)	(453,007)	(93,000)	(453,007)
Media operations		(375,399)	(301,211)	(375,399)	(301,211)
Finance costs	8	80,022	19,148	(16,217)	37,678
Surplus before income tax		1,595,604	2,920,899	1,339,365	2,588,763
Income tax expense		-	-	-	-
Net surplus		1,595,604	2,920,899	1,339,365	2,588,763

The above income statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Balance sheets

as at 31 October 2005

	Notes	Consolidated		Parent	
		2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
ASSETS					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	9	6,160,346	5,998,427	6,160,346	5,998,423
Trade and other receivables	10	2,310,169	2,109,012	2,310,169	2,108,992
Inventories	11	-	31,749	-	31,749
		8,470,515	8,139,188	8,470,515	8,139,164
Total current assets		8,470,515	8,139,188	8,470,515	8,139,164
Non-current assets					
Receivables	12	-	-	-	-
Other financial assets	13	-	-	18	18
Property, plant and equipment	14	303,010	366,055	303,010	366,055
Intangible assets	15	61,926	50,343	61,926	50,343
Total non-current assets		364,936	416,398	364,954	416,416
Total assets		8,835,451	8,555,586	8,835,469	8,555,580
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	16	2,983,169	3,075,391	2,914,902	2,910,861
Borrowings	17	369,874	535,736	69,874	75,736
Provisions	18	1,728,329	3,701,887	1,728,329	3,701,887
Total current liabilities		5,081,372	7,313,014	4,713,105	6,688,484
Non-current liabilities					
Borrowings	19	74,539	158,636	74,539	158,636
Deferred income	20	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-
Total non-current liabilities		1,074,539	158,636	1,074,539	158,636
Total liabilities		6,155,911	7,471,650	5,787,644	6,847,120
Net assets		2,679,540	1,083,936	3,047,825	1,708,460
EQUITY					
Members' funds	4	-	-	-	-
Accumulated surplus	21	2,679,540	1,083,936	3,047,825	1,708,460
Total equity		2,679,540	1,083,936	3,047,825	1,708,460

The above balance sheets should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Statements Of Changes In Equity

for the year ended 31 October 2006

	Notes	Consolidated		Parent	
		2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year		1,083,936	(1,836,963)	1,708,460	(880,303)
Surplus for the year	21	1,595,604	2,920,899	1,339,365	2,588,763
Total equity at the end of the financial year		2,679,540	1,083,936	3,047,825	1,708,460

The above statements of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Cash Flow Statements

for the year ended 31 October 2006

	Notes	Consolidated		Parent	
		2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash receipts from matches, supporters, sponsors, members, etc (inclusive of GST)		28,753,560	29,735,397	28,753,540	29,735,397
Cash payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(28,363,520)	(23,976,570)	(28,427,257)	(24,001,236)
		390,040	5,758,827	326,283	5,734,161
Interest received / (paid)		326,136	(45,519)	229,897	(45,519)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	27	716,176	5,713,308	556,180	5,688,642
Cash flows from investing activities					
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(263,241)	(160,416)	(263,241)	(160,416)
Payments for intangibles		(42,797)	(50,343)	(42,797)	(50,343)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		1,740	-	1,740	-
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(304,298)	(210,759)	(304,298)	(210,759)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Loan repayment to related parties - ARU		(62,843)	(88,692)	(62,843)	(88,692)
Repayment of lease liability		(27,116)	(7,822)	(27,116)	(7,822)
Repayment of bond holders		(160,000)	(40,000)	-	-
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(249,959)	(136,514)	(89,959)	(96,514)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		161,919	5,366,035	161,923	5,381,369
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		5,998,427	632,392	5,998,423	617,054
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	9	6,160,346	5,998,427	6,160,346	5,998,423
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The above cash flow statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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1 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. The financial report includes separate financial statements for New South Wales Rugby Union Limited as an individual entity and the consolidated entity consisting of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited and its subsidiaries.

(a) Basis of preparation

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRSs), other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations and the Corporations Act 2001.

Compliance with IFRSs

Australian Accounting Standards include AIFRSs. Compliance with AIFRSs ensures that the consolidated financial statements and notes of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs). The parent entity financial statements and notes also comply with IFRSs.

The Board have assessed the transition to AIFRS as at 1 November 2004 and note that there are no material impacts to both the consolidated and parent company financial statements. Consequently, no adjustments have been made following the transition to AIFRS.

Going concern

The continuing viability of the Company and the consolidated entity and their ability to continue as a going concern and meet their debts and commitments as they fall due are dependent upon the Company and the consolidated entity being successful in :

- a) receiving the continuing support of their members and the constituent bodies; and
- b) achieving sufficient future cash flows to enable their obligations to be met; and
- c) success in retaining and attracting new sponsorship and hospitality revenues and;
- d) indirectly, the performance of the Waratahs in the Super 14 competition.

The Board is committed to continuous monitoring of these factors and any impacts on the projected cash flows for 2007 and 2008. The Committee is also committed to the development of an appropriate medium to long term strategy to effectively manage the Company's debt levels, and to establish a sustainable working capital position.

The 2007 forecast is considered to be attainable and is expected to improve the financial position of the Company and the consolidated entity

Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with AIFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

(b) Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited ("company") as at 31 October 2006 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended. New South Wales Rugby Union Limited and its subsidiaries together are referred to in this financial report as the consolidated entity.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between entities in the consolidated entity are eliminated. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Company.

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost in the individual financial statements of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited.

(c) Revenue recognition

Revenue from memberships, match day tickets and grants is measured at fair value and taken to income in the period to which it relates.

Revenue from sponsorship is measured at the present value on a straight line basis over the life of the contract.

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method,

(d) Income tax

The company and its controlled entities are exempt from income tax in accordance with the provisions of section 23(g) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

(e) Leases

Leases of property, plant and equipment where the Company has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases (note 14). Finance leases are capitalised at the lease's inception at the lower of the fair value of the leased property and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in other long-term payables. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to the income statement over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The property, plant and equipment acquired under finance leases is depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term.

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases (note 23). Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

(f) Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight line method to allocate their cost or revalued amounts, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Leasehold improvements	Over the lease term (a)
Office equipment	5 years
Leased motor vehicles	5 years
Plant and equipment	10 years

(a) The cost of other leasehold improvements to or on leasehold properties is amortised over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvement to the consolidated entity, whichever is the shorter. Leasehold improvements held at the reporting date are being amortised over 4 years.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

(g) Intangible assets

(i) Trademarks, licences and website costs

Trademarks, licences and website costs have a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and impaired losses. Amortisation is calculated using the straight line method to allocate the cost of trademarks, licences and website costs over their estimated useful lives, which vary from 3 to 5 years.

(h) Impairment of assets

Intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. Other assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. Inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

(i) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the economic entity prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured.

(j) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

(k) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs incurred for the construction of any qualifying asset are capitalised during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use or sale. Other borrowing costs are expensed.

(l) Provisions

Provisions for legal claims are recognised when: the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the balance sheet date. The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

(m) Employee benefits

(i) Wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in other payables in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

(ii) Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

(iii) Retirement benefit obligations

All employees of the consolidated entity are entitled to benefits on retirement, disability or death from BT Lifetime Super Employer Plan or other nominated funds of those employees. The BT Lifetime Super Employer Plan is an accumulation fund, contributions being made by the economic entity at a rate of 9% (up to the maximum contribution base) of wages and salaries on behalf of the employees. The entities contributions are legally enforceable.

(n) Cash and cash equivalents

For cash flow statement presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(o) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less provision for doubtful debts. Trade receivables are due for settlement no more than 30 days from the date of recognition.

Collectibility of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for doubtful receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. The amount of the provision is recognised in the income statement.

(p) Inventories

(i) Consumables

Consumables are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises purchase cost and delivery cost. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

(q) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

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

(r) New accounting standards and interpretations

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 31 October 2006 reporting periods. The Company has not assessed the possible impact of the application of the new Accounting Standards on the entity's financial report in the period of initial application.

(s) Deferred income

Income is deferred on the balance sheet until it has been earned, at which point the deferred income is recognised as income.

2 Financial risk management

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks; credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk. The Company's overall risk management program focuses to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Company.

Risk management is carried under policies approved by the Board of Directors.

(a) Credit risk

The Company has no significant concentrations of credit risk. The Company has policies in place to ensure that sales of products and services are made to customers with an appropriate credit history.

(b) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities. The Board manages its liquidity risk through rigorous budget setting and review of performance procedures.

(c) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

As the Company has no significant interest-bearing assets, the Company's income and operating cash flows are not materially exposed to changes in market interest rates.

The Company's interest-rate risk arises from long-term borrowings but the current borrowing structure is such that only fixed interest-rates apply thus minimising the interest-rate risk.

3 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

4 Members' liability

In the event of the winding up of the Company, members may be required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each. Currently there are 15 members of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited.

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5 Segment information

The Company and consolidated entity operate in one industry being the organisation and promotion of the game of Rugby Union in New South Wales. This activity is completed in one geographical location, that being Australia.

6 Revenue

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
From continuing operations				
Sponsorship	4,722,777	3,948,985	4,722,777	3,948,985
Corporate hospitality	747,831	872,642	747,831	872,642
Match day proceeds	6,036,910	7,868,378	6,036,910	7,868,378
Aussie stadium rebate	1,225,000	473,474	1,225,000	473,474
Premier rugby	351,291	376,625	351,291	376,625
Memberships	823,162	560,844	823,162	560,844
Licensing	156,785	142,362	156,785	142,362
Coaching and development	160,094	240,577	160,094	240,577
ARU Funding	10,114,213	9,791,369	10,114,213	9,791,369
Other grants	79,091	144,800	79,091	144,800
Affiliation fees	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Other income	123,003	64,677	123,003	64,677
Rugby World Cup distribution (non-recurring)	1,321,518	1,173,208	1,321,518	1,173,208
	25,921,675	25,717,941	25,921,675	25,717,941
Other revenue				
Interest	246,114	109,241	246,114	109,241
	26,167,789	25,827,182	26,167,789	25,827,182

7 Other income

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,625	-	1,625	-

8 Expenses

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Surplus before income tax includes the following specific expenses:				
Depreciation				
Buildings	1,587	-	1,587	-
Plant and equipment	149,848	45,743	149,848	45,743
Leasehold improvements	174,736	166,300	174,736	166,300
Total depreciation	326,171	212,043	326,171	212,043
Amortisation				
Trademarks, licenses and website costs	31,214	10,538	31,214	10,538
Total amortisation	31,214	10,538	31,214	10,538
Finance costs				
Interest and finance charges paid/payable	(80,022)	(19,148)	16,217	(37,678)
Finance costs expensed	(80,022)	(19,148)	16,217	(37,678)
Rental expense relating to operating leases				
Minimum lease payments	324,228	291,087	324,228	291,087
Total rental expense relating to operating leases	324,228	291,087	324,228	291,087
Defined contribution superannuation expense				
	630,000	469,621	630,000	469,621

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9 Current assets - Cash and cash equivalents

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Cash at bank and in hand	2,544,806	4,948,069	2,544,806	4,948,065
Deposits at call	3,615,540	1,050,358	3,615,540	1,050,358
	6,160,346	5,998,427	6,160,346	5,998,423

10 Current assets - Trade and other receivables

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Trade receivables	1,853,567	512,640	1,853,567	512,620
Provision for doubtful receivables	(86,834)	(86,500)	(86,834)	(86,500)
	1,766,733	426,140	1,766,733	426,120
Other receivables	304,405	1,613,990	304,405	1,613,990
Prepayments	239,031	68,882	239,031	68,882
	2,310,169	2,109,012	2,310,169	2,108,992

11 Current assets - Inventories

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Consumables at cost	-	31,749	-	31,749

12 Non-current assets - Receivables

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Homan Pty Limited as trustee for NSWRU Trust	-	-	-	328,510
NSWRU Finance Limited	-	-	-	340,000
Rugby Ground Administration Pty Limited	-	-	-	1,098,988
Provision for doubtful receivable	-	-	-	(1,767,498)
	-	-	-	-

During the year, the inter-company debts with subsidiary entities were forgiven in accordance with a resolution passed by the Board. This was as a result of commencing a liquidation process of the subsidiary entities.

13 Non-current assets - Other financial assets

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Shares in subsidiaries (note 25)	-	-	18	18

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14 Non-current assets - Property, plant and equipment

Consolidated and parent	Centre of Excellence leasehold improvements	Plant and equipment	Aussie Stadium leasehold improvements	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
At 1 November 2004				
- Cost	-	698,934	641,880	1,340,814
Accumulated depreciation	-	(612,348)	(345,705)	(958,053)
Net book amount	-	86,586	296,175	382,761
Year ended 31 October 2005				
Opening net book amount	-	86,586	296,175	382,761
Additions	23,284	127,192	44,861	195,337
Depreciation charge	-	(45,743)	(166,300)	(212,043)
Closing net book amount	23,284	168,035	174,736	366,055
At 31 October 2005				
- Cost	23,284	826,126	686,741	1,536,151
Accumulated depreciation	-	(658,091)	(512,005)	(1,170,096)
Net book amount	23,284	168,035	174,736	366,055
Consolidated and parent				
	Centre of Excellence leasehold improvements	Plant and equipment	Aussie Stadium leasehold improvements	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Year ended 31 October 2006				
Opening net book amount	23,284	168,035	174,736	366,055
Additions	167,406	95,835	-	263,241
Written down value of disposals	-	(115)	-	(115)
Depreciation charge	(1,587)	(149,848)	(174,736)	(326,171)
Closing net book amount	189,103	113,907	-	303,010
At 31 October 2006				
- Cost	190,690	921,253	686,741	1,798,684
Accumulated depreciation	(1,587)	(807,346)	(686,741)	(1,495,674)
Net book amount	189,103	113,907	-	303,010

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14 Non-current assets - Property, plant and equipment - continued

Parent	Total \$
At 1 November 2004	
- Cost	1,340,814
Accumulated depreciation	(958,053)
Net book amount	382,761
Year ended 31 October 2005	
Opening net book amount	382,761
Additions	195,337
Depreciation charge	(212,043)
Closing net book amount	366,055
At 31 October 2005	
- Cost	1,536,151
Accumulated depreciation	(1,170,096)
Net book amount	366,055
Year ended 31 October 2006	
Opening net book amount	366,055
Additions	263,241
Written down value of disposals	(115)
Depreciation charge	(326,171)
Closing net book amount	303,010
At 31 October 2006	
- Cost	1,798,684
Accumulated depreciation	(1,495,674)
Net book amount	303,010

15 Non-current assets - Intangible assets

Consolidated and parent	Trademarks, licenses and website costs \$	Total \$
At 1 November 2004		
Cost	71,602	71,602
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(61,064)	(61,064)
Year ended 31 October 2005		
Opening net book amount	10,538	10,538
Additions	50,343	50,343
Amortisation charge	(10,538)	(10,538)
Closing net book amount	50,343	50,343
At 31 October 2005		
Cost	121,945	121,945
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(71,602)	(71,602)
Net book amount	50,343	50,343
Year ended 31 October 2006		
Opening net book amount	50,343	50,343
Additions	42,797	42,797
Amortisation charge	(31,214)	(31,214)
Closing net book amount	61,926	61,926
At 31 October 2006		
Cost	164,742	164,742
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(102,816)	(102,816)
Net book amount	61,926	61,926

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15 Non-current assets - Intangible assets - continued

Parent	Total \$
At 1 November 2004	
Cost	71,602
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(61,064)
Net book amount	10,538
Opening net book amount	10,538
Additions	50,343
Amortisation charge	(10,538)
Closing net book amount	50,343
At 31 October 2005	
Cost	121,945
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(71,602)
Net book amount	50,343
Year ended 31 October 2006	
Opening net book amount	50,343
Additions	42,797
Amortisation charge	(31,214)
Closing net book amount	61,926
At 31 October 2006	
Cost	164,742
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(102,816)
Net book amount	61,926

16 Current liabilities - Trade and other payables

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Trade payables	699,557	587,631	699,557	587,631
Other payables	2,283,612	2,487,760	2,215,345	2,323,230
	2,983,169	3,075,391	2,914,902	2,910,861

17 Current liabilities - Borrowings

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Secured				
Lease liabilities (note 23)	7,682	13,592	7,682	13,592
Unsecured				
Australian Rugby Union (a)	62,192	62,144	62,192	62,144
"B" series notes (b)	300,000	460,000	-	-
Total unsecured current borrowings	362,192	522,144	62,192	62,144
Total current borrowings	369,874	535,736	69,874	75,736

(a) The ARU loan was established to provide funding for the fit-out of the NSWRU office at Aussie Stadium. The loan is repayable over six years. Interest is charged on the outstanding balance at 9.03%.

(b) The 'B' series notes are repayable with 12 months notice by the note holder. They attract an annual interest rate of 4% and entitle the holder to a preferable rate to purchase corporate hospitality at NSWRU fixtures.

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18 Current liabilities - Provisions

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Employee benefits (a)	200,666	238,520	200,666	238,520
Income received in advance	1,527,663	3,463,367	1,527,663	3,463,367
	1,728,329	3,701,887	1,728,329	3,701,887

(a) Superannuation

All employees of the consolidated entity are entitled to benefits on retirement, disability or death from BT Lifetime Super Employer Plan or other nominated funds of those employees. The BT Lifetime Super Employer Plan is an accumulation fund, contributions being made by the economic entity at a rate of 9% (up to the maximum contribution base) of wages and salaries on behalf of the employees. The entities contributions are legally enforceable.

19 Non-current liabilities - Borrowings

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Secured				
Lease liabilities (note 23)	19,986	41,192	19,986	41,192
Total secured non-current borrowings	19,986	41,192	19,986	41,192
Unsecured				
Australian Rugby Union	54,553	117,444	54,553	117,444
Total unsecured non-current borrowings	54,553	117,444	54,553	117,444
Total non-current borrowings	74,539	158,636	74,539	158,636

(a) Financing arrangements

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
ARU overdraft facility	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000

This facility was negotiated with the Australian Rugby Union in October 2003 at an interest rate of 6.3% for a period of 2 years.

20 Non-current liabilities - Deferred income

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Income in advance	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-

Income in advance relates to an upfront payment of \$1,000,000 received in the year in relation to the contractual arrangements with Telstra Stadium. The amount will be released as it is earned from 2014.

21 Reserves and accumulated funds

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
(a) Reserves				
Accumulated surplus				

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Opening accumulated surplus (deficit)	1,083,936	(1,836,963)	1,708,460	(880,303)
Net surplus for the year	1,595,604	2,920,899	1,339,365	2,588,763
Balance 31 October	2,679,540	1,083,936	3,047,825	1,708,460

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22 Remuneration of auditors

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the parent entity, its related practices and non-related audit firms:

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm				
Audit of financial reports and other audit work under the Corporations Act 2001	46,500	46,500	46,500	46,500
Other assurance services				
PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm				
AIFRS transition	12,500	-	12,500	-
Other assurance services	5,500	8,500	5,500	8,500
Related practices of PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm				
Liquidation services	10,000	-	10,000	-
Total remuneration for other assurance services	28,000	8,500	28,000	8,500
Total remuneration	74,500	55,000	74,500	55,000

23 Commitments

(a) Capital commitments

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Property, plant and equipment				
Payable:				
Within one year	4,019,650	-	4,019,650	-

The company has entered into an agreement with the Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust for the construction and occupation of new premises within the Aussie Football Stadium precinct. The Trust has committed to contributing \$4.04 million to the cost of constructing these premises with the company contributing the balance, currently estimated to be a further \$4.02 million.

(b) Lease commitments

(i) Operating leases

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Commitments for minimum lease payments in relation to non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows:				
Within one year	505,037	324,228	505,037	324,228
Later than one year but not later than five years	2,544,757	48,240	2,544,757	48,240
Commitments not recognised in the financial statements	3,049,794	372,468	3,049,794	372,468

The company has entered into an agreement with the Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust for the construction and occupation of new premises within the Aussie Football Stadium precinct. The term of this agreement is 10 years with an option for a further 5 years. Included within operating lease commitments above is a provision for rental payable under the agreement.

(ii) Finance leases

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Commitments in relation to finance leases are payable as follows:				
Within one year	8,495	17,006	8,495	17,006
Later than one year but not later than five years	21,996	44,018	21,996	44,018
Minimum lease payments	30,491	61,024	30,491	61,024
Future finance charges	(2,823)	(6,240)	(2,823)	(6,240)
Recognised as a liability	27,668	54,784	27,668	54,784
Representing lease liabilities:				
Current (note 17)	7,682	13,592	7,682	13,592
Non-current (note 19)	19,986	41,192	19,986	41,192
	27,668	54,784	27,668	54,784

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(c) Remuneration commitments

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Commitments for the payment of salaries and other remuneration under long-term employment contracts in existence at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities, payable:				
Within one year	4,835,026	5,029,333	4,835,026	5,029,333
Later than one year and not later than five years	2,894,081	4,248,333	2,894,081	4,248,333
	7,729,107	9,277,666	7,729,107	9,277,666

24 Related party transactions

(a) Parent entities

The ultimate controlling entity in the wholly owned group is New South Wales Rugby Union Limited.

(b) Directors

The names of persons who were directors of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited at any time during the financial year are as follows: Arvid Petersen (Chairman), Mike Brown, Laurie Maher, Ian Ross, Fraser Neill, Edwin Zemancheff, Will Jephcott, Bob Shields, Dan Vickerman, Alan Williamson and Barry Killham.

(c) Subsidiaries

Interests in subsidiaries are set out in note 25.

(d) Key management and personnel compensation

Key management personnel compensation for the years ended 31 October 2006 and 2005 is set out below. The key management personnel of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited includes the directors of the Company.

	Short-term benefits \$	Post-employment benefits \$	Total \$
2006	1,560,543	88,479	1,649,022
2005	1,193,938	72,599	1,266,537

(e) Other transactions with key management personnel or entities related to them

There were no transactions with directors or director-related entities during 2006 year.

(f) Transactions with related parties

Transactions between New South Wales Rugby Union Limited and its controlled entities consists of the advance of funds to finance operations. No interest is charged on intercompany indebtedness.

	Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$
Current receivables	-	1,767,498
Less: Doubtful debts provision	-	(1,767,498)
	-	-

During the year, the inter-company debts with subsidiary entities were forgiven in accordance with a resolution passed by the Board. This was as a result of commencing a liquidation process of the subsidiary entities.

(g) Australian Rugby Union Limited ("ARU")

The company conducts numerous transactions with the ARU in the normal course of the administration of the game of Rugby Union in the State of New South Wales. Under an agreement with the ARU the annual grants and player subsidies to the company were \$10,114,213 in the year to 31 October 2006 (2005: \$9,791,369). The loans due to the ARU are detailed in notes 17 and 19.

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25 Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 1(b):

Name of entity	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	Equity holding *	
			2006 %	2005 %
Rugby Ground Administration Pty Limited	Australia	Ordinary	78	78
Homan Pty Limited	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
NSWRU Finance Limited	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Ranrub Pty Limited	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
NSW Foundation Pty Limited	Australia	Ordinary	100	100

* The proportion of ownership interest is equal to the proportion of voting power held.

26 Economic dependency

New South Wales Rugby Union Limited depends for a significant volume of revenue on Australian Rugby Union Limited. During the year ended 31 October 2006, approximately 39% (2005: 42%) of the revenue came from Australian Rugby Union Limited. This is supported by a Memorandum of Understanding between the Australian Rugby Union and its Member Unions. The current Memorandum of Understanding runs to 31 December 2008.

27 Reconciliation of surplus after income tax to net cash inflow from operating activities

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Surplus for the year	1,595,604	2,920,899	1,339,365	2,588,763
Depreciation and amortisation	357,385	222,581	357,385	222,581
Net gain on sale of non-current assets	(1,625)	-	(1,625)	-
Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from purchase of controlled entity and sale of discontinued operation				
Decrease (increase) in receivables	(31,008)	684,650	(31,028)	684,650
Decrease in inventories	31,749	2,931	31,749	2,931
Increase in other operating assets	(170,149)	(61,195)	(170,149)	(61,195)
Increase (decrease) in creditors & other borrowings	(92,222)	1,778,493	4,041	2,085,963
Increase (decrease) in other provisions	(973,558)	164,949	(973,558)	164,949
Net cash (outflow) inflow from operating activities	716,176	5,713,308	556,180	5,688,642

28 Non-cash investing and financing activities

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2006 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$
Acquisition of plant and equipment by means of finance leases	-	34,921	-	34,921

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Directors' Declaration

31 October 2006

In the Directors' opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 60 to 77 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) complying with Accounting Standards, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at Tuesday, 31 October 2006 and of their performance, as represented by the results of their operations, changes in equity and their cash flows, for the financial year ended on that date; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The directors have been given the declarations by the chief executive officer and chief financial officer required by section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Fraser Neill
Director

Sydney

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Independent Audit Report

31 October 2006

Independent audit report to the members of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited

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Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited:

- ◆ gives a true and fair view, as required by the Corporations Act 2001 in Australia, of the financial position of New South Wales Rugby Union Limited and the New South Wales Rugby Union Group (defined below) as at 31 October 2006, and of their performance for the year ended on that date, and
- ◆ is presented in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

This opinion must be read in conjunction with the rest of our audit report.

Scope

The financial report and directors' responsibility

The financial report comprises the balance sheets, income statements, cash flow statements, statements of changes in equity, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the directors' declaration for both New South Wales Rugby Union Limited (the company) and the New South Wales Rugby Union Group (the consolidated entity), for the year ended 31 October 2006. The consolidated entity comprises both the company and the entities it controlled during that year.

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the company. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected. For further explanation of an audit, visit our website <http://www.pwc.com/au/financialstatementaudit>.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's and the consolidated entity's financial position, and of their performance as represented by the results of their operations, changes in equity and cash flows.

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We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- ◆ examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- ◆ assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.

Our procedures include reading the other information in the Annual Report to determine whether it contains any material inconsistencies with the financial report.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Our audit did not involve an analysis of the prudence of business decisions made by directors or management.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Corporations Act 2001.



PricewaterhouseCoopers



Steven Bosiljevac
Partner

Sydney
14 December 2006