



QUEENSLAND RUGBY **ANNUAL REPORT 2004-2005**

2005 PERFORMANCE

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Record 44,000 people now playing rugby in Queensland
- Record sponsorship deal with Queensland Rail
- Four times Super 12 Player of the Year Chris Latham earns 100th cap for Queensland
- Five Reds players make Wallaby debuts
- Sunnybank wins first Hospitals Cup
- Ben Mowen captains Australia Under 21
- High Performance review results in new structure



KEY PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Junior Clubs	60	75	74	80	87	88
Senior Clubs	98	98	111	112	110	112
Junior Club Players	7,420	8,775	10,228	10,285	12,363	13,482
Regular School Players	13,749	15,228	18,530	20,489	22,034	22,034
Senior Club Players	7,317	7,676	8,954	8,369	9,535	8,608
TOTAL PLAYERS	28,486	31,679	37,712	39,143	43,932	44,124

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Sponsorship	3,277,548	3,114,257	3,228,393	3,944,738	4,384,470	4,889,724
Match Day Income	3,152,176	3,655,746	3,778,106	4,331,331	5,597,825	5,161,112
Grants - Ballymore	3,745,597	2,056,660	1,991,854	Nil	771,253	Nil
Gross Trading income	13,115,893	13,918,297	15,340,259	17,362,957	18,622,991	19,295,210
Net Trading Profit/(Loss)	(298,776)	149,864	79,769	182,802	315,843	(195,856)
Members' Equity	13,439,022	20,838,163	22,559,786	22,742,588	24,079,684	23,883,828



THE VALUES OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY

Standards

We uphold a high level of performance, behaviour and appearance in all aspects of life.

Camaraderie

We operate in a spirit of mateship and teamwork.

Heritage

We are proud of our history, as individuals, as a state and as a nation.

Accountability

We take responsibility for our actions.

Discipline

We do what needs to be done and our strength grows as a result.



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Robin Thomson

The Board of the Queensland Rugby Union through its members elected and administrative is charged with the stewardship of rugby in Queensland. This means being a Board not just for one facet of rugby in Queensland but for the whole of rugby from Juniors to Reds, City to Regional, and not only of players but of referees, volunteers, administrators and supporters.

The preparation and presentation of this Report is based on this premise.

While in some respects 2005 was, to say the least, an interesting year this current Board has sought to stabilise the management of rugby in Queensland, and take the game forward in a number of respects, highlights of which are outlined in this and the CEO's report.

QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

After a considerable gestation period, not the least of which related to extensive consultation with stakeholders, we have a revised Constitution. In that regard, our thanks to Constitutional Review Committee Chairman, Tom McVeigh and also committee members, John Mullins and Leo Williams. I will not particularise all of the matters raised in coming to the change, as the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting passing the new Constitution cover those in detail. Suffice to say the major changes relate to the change of financial year, which is why we are having this meeting today rather than in December 2005; reduction of vice Presidents from three to two; no sale of Ballymore or the Reds without a Resolution of the Council and the Board relinquishing its right to vote at Annual and other meetings called under the Constitution.

Unlike the Constitutions of all other state unions and the ARU, the Queensland Constitution provides for democratic representation by the Senior (Brisbane) clubs, regional sub unions and other representative affiliates such as juniors, schools, referees, Queensland Rugby Club and the like. The ARU has 14 delegates representing the whole of Australia. New South Wales has 17 delegates representing all their rugby community. This Board believes the current Constitution increases the responsibility on the delegates representing the Queensland Rugby Community to consider the importance of their position and role. It is they who now have the total power to elect those who will be the stewards, that is to say the Board of Queensland Rugby, under the Constitution.

ARU CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

This has been discussed at length. There are those who have criticised the Board's approach in not having stopped ARU Constitutional change before it got started. Of the 14 votes on the ARU Council, we have three. Of Board Members on the ARU, we currently have three

out of nine. Our numbers alone were not sufficient, had we wanted to, to stop the process at Board level. Nor were those numbers sufficient at Council level to prevent change.

It was imperative that NSW and Queensland saw eye to eye on the Constitutional proposals. Unfortunately NSW with three directors and five delegates, took the view that the changes proposed to the ARU Constitution afford better and more progressive governance for Australia Rugby.

Queensland does not and did not agree.

New South Wales with five votes out of 14 retains the power of veto at Council level. The change in Board structure means that the combined votes of Queensland and NSW can now be outvoted by the remaining five directors; two of whom represent no rugby constituency at all.

Both Queensland and NSW are guaranteed two positions on the new ARU Board. There will be two "independent" directors appointed by that Board. There will be one player director representing 132 contracted players and one director from the remaining states, plus the CEO who is also a director.

Thus Queensland and NSW combined hold four votes out of nine whereas under the old Constitution they were able, by working together, to achieve six votes out of nine.

Queensland's view is two states representing nearly 90% of the playing and support strength of Australian rugby should not have relinquished their established Board representation.

Further, Constitutional change requires ARU Board Members to relinquish any administrative position they may hold elsewhere in rugby. This is based on the contention that to hold another position would result in a conflict of interest. The majority of your Board did not share this view. Our view was that it has been of incredible assistance to both the ARU and the constituent unions to have on their Boards, people with personal knowledge of the operation of the ARU and their own Board.

What we will now have to rely upon is having directors on the ARU Board who are cognisant of the needs of the Rugby Community from which they have come. This is not to say they do not act in the best interest of Australian Rugby but in so doing their actions are based on a personal knowledge of the whole fabric of Australian Rugby, not simply an ARU focus.

The ARU has promised as part of the Constitutional change that there will be far greater communication at all levels between the ARU and the States. This must not

only occur at administrative level between CEOs but at all staff levels and, more particularly, between members of the various Boards.

HIGH PERFORMANCE REVIEW

During the year a review of the whole High Performance section of Queensland Rugby was carried out by John Buchanan and Peter Phair. This review was not simply to look at the High Performance Unit in isolation, but also as it relates to the rest of Queensland Rugby in particular Premier and Colts 1 Rugby. Rugby has been professional for some 10 years and this is the first comprehensive review Queensland Rugby has undertaken in relation to these matters.

Without a plan much of the transition from amateur to professional in this area focused on the coach, his assistants and the provision of tangible facilities. We have appointed Dr. Bob Murphy as High Performance Manager. The process was clear and open. Applications were called for, interviews were held and in the Board's opinion, the best applicant was appointed.

We now have in place a High Performance Commission, the chairman of which is Dan Crowley, supported by, David Codey and Dr Bob Murphy. This structure marks an important part of the QRU's succession planning. We are confident we will build a much stronger professional unit without losing sight of, and contact with, the non professional resources underpinning so much of professional rugby.

The review looked at the Reds Rugby College and recommended changes. The Board recognises the importance of the College in itself and also as part of the player pathway, particularly with regard to the Regional Colleges.

If the numbers in the College itself are to be reduced, we must ensure talented players still have opportunity to develop and progress. To that end we have discussed "practical scholarships" by which the QRU would provide scholarships in and through Premier clubs for aspiring quality players. This is a proposal we will be developing, subject to budget requirements, in the coming months, in conjunction with the HPU Department and clubs.

Finally the review called for additional

resources to be provided to the Reds, noting that in some respects the Reds were at a comparative disadvantage to other teams.

These resources related mainly to support staff and additional coaches.

It is acknowledged we have the best physical facilities of any Super 14 team for training at Ballymore.

While the budget increase in 2006 is substantial, we believe this additional resourcing will lay the proper foundation for continued success in future years. It is also the Board's view that HPU resources be made sensibly available to Premier Clubs.

Dr Bob Murphy will be developing and directing programmes where that will occur.

COACHING

The Board also had to consider during the year the coaching position with respect to the Reds. Jeff Miller signed on to be the Reds Coach for three years in somewhat difficult circumstances in 2004. Jeff is currently the Coach and will continue to be so until the end of this current Super 14 season. Jeff was advised at all times of the Board's decisions regarding his position.

Jeff was naturally disappointed with the decision and subsequent to meeting with him I caused his views on the process to be brought to the Board's attention on two occasions, to ensure the Board's decisions were not made in a knowledge vacuum or without consultation.

Arrangements in relation to Jeff's position and going forward should have been finalised before the team left for Argentina. This was not the case and the press took us seriously to task when news of the decision leaked out while the team was overseas.

In relation to the public handling of Jeff's position, we accept this criticism. We do not accept that we were wrong in seeking to have the process of advertising for, and appointing a new coach wrapped up before the beginning of the 2006 season.

At least some of our critics have had the good grace to acknowledge that had the Board not advertised when it did, there would not have been as many high calibre candidates to choose from. . Eddie Jones

would most certainly have been snapped up by overseas interests whilst those Queenslanders and others coaching in Europe would have signed fresh contracts excluding them from the process.

The Board has made a hard decision but one we believe to be correct in the interests of Queensland Rugby.

PLAYER CONTRACTING

An area which has caused considerable concern, particularly with Queensland and NSW, relates to player contracting. With the formation of a 4th Super 14 team in Perth it was to be expected that the new franchise would seek players from already established teams. With a large number of players coming off contract, unsatisfactory contracting guidelines and little direction from the ARU, both Queensland and NSW were destined to suffer.

The ARU would maintain the current arrangements between the ARU and the State Unions in relation to the contracting of elite players exist to provide clarity of process which allows all potential contracting parties to operate on a level playing field.

Queensland believes the current system is tailor made for agents wishing to contract to the highest bidder, and, unless rectified, will simply mean that those with the most money, or willing to enter into third party agreements, will take advantage of their position to the detriment of any suggested level playing field and the long term financial viability of the game

We are maintaining pressure on the ARU to, in conjunction with the States, deliver a sensible framework regulating player contracting.

ARU MOU

A second Memorandum of Understanding between the Australian Rugby Union and its member Unions was entered into at the end of 2002 to cover the period January 2003 to December 2004. Because of the Rugby World Cup, that Memorandum of Understanding was rolled over to be determined in 2005. The Member Unions were then advised that the Memorandum of Understanding for 2006-2008 would be covered at the National Conference in mid

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2005. In November, the ARU advised the document would be ready for finalising in December for execution early in 2006.

Your Board has only recently seen an incomplete draft document.

The MOU has traditionally been a document which primarily describes the funding arrangements between the ARU and its Member Unions. It is intended the new Agreement will introduce greater accountability and reporting of key performance indicators. Thus whilst the financial aspects of the MOU document will be important, of equal importance will be the set of mutual obligations which will underpin the agreement and the funding resultant upon it.

It is worth noting the current MOU provides:

“ the ARU acknowledges and recognises that the revenue and benefits it receives under a range of commercial arrangements including the News Limited Broadcasting Agreement arises through the acquiescence, cooperation and support of its Member Unions, of which the NSW and the QRU are the major contributors.

“The starting point of this Agreement is the common purpose of the Australian Rugby Union and its Member Unions. That is to foster rugby throughout Australia and in each of the Member Unions, building participation, high quality exponents of Rugby, and teams that epitomise excellence and achieve high success...”

We will not agree to a document which reduces direct funding to Queensland or seeks to emasculate Queensland's rights under the Constitution.

Queensland will not agree to an MOU that leaves us as supplicants and the ARU as master.

QRU BOARD CHARTER

The Board is currently drawing up a Charter which will outline the objects and goals of the Board, detail the Board governance process; the role of the Board; values; relationships with members; committees; portfolios and performance evaluation. It is intended the position of the CEO will clearly be spelt out and terms of accountability for all administrative staff will be incorporated.

Once the Board has finalised the draft Charter, a copy will be made available to delegates for comment.

CLUB RUGBY

Club and Country Rugby at this level must continue to be strong. Rugby has achieved good growth in all areas, with the exception of senior Brisbane clubs whose position with regard to overall numbers has remained static for some time.

Premier Rugby remains our competition flagship at this level, which is of course not to discount Country and Junior Championships.

We are currently negotiating with various parties in an endeavour to have Premier Rugby televised in 2006.

The Board has agreed that subsequent to the end of Super 14 and the commencement of the Australian Provincial Championship there will be a clear window for Premier Rugby. All contracted players, with the exclusion of Wallabies, will be available to play for their Premier team.

The High Performance Unit will work with the Premier Clubs in implementing and developing plans to enhance the competition, recognising Premier as a resource from which the High Performance section can benefit.

Moves towards the incorporation of Brisbane Rugby will be advanced and hopefully finalised this year.

Gold Coast Rugby will be incorporating a new entity and a new Board representing all elements of Gold Coast Rugby is in place, with QRU Board member Murray d'Almeida as its chairman.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

The ARU to the urging of Queensland and NSW has set up a Steering Committee to consider a National Competition. The Chairman and the CEO represent Queensland on that Steering Committee. CAP Gemini, a firm of results-based consultants, will facilitate the process and towards the middle of the year it is anticipated a working session of some 70 persons, facilitated by CAP Gemini will be held. There will be representatives of all Australia's Premier Clubs, Super 14 teams and administrators.

From the lead up work to that conference and from that conference a blueprint will emerge for a National Competition. The outcome will affect every rugby player, professional or otherwise in this State. It is imperative that Queensland Rugby takes a proactive interest in this process so that all voices are heard when making a determination.

SPONSORSHIP

We have been indeed fortunate to have secured Queensland Rail as our major sponsor for the next five years. This is the largest sponsorship of provincial rugby ever in Australia. Our thanks must go to our CEO and his commercial staff, whose extremely professional and business like presentation was described by Queensland Rail as being instrumental in securing the sponsorship.

We thank the Bank of Queensland for many years of strong sponsorship and support. We have no doubt the new major sponsorship will again be rated based on achievement of goals and returns to sponsor as the best sporting sponsorship in Australia.

We are also pleased to have on board as an elite sponsor, Suncorp and our many continuing sponsors, in particular, Fourx, now known, for sponsorship purposes, as Tooheys New and Canterbury.

Sponsorship is a highly competitive market, particularly in Brisbane which is not a corporate centre and yet in football alone has four major codes seeking sponsorship. Simply maintaining an existing the level of sponsorship would be a sound achievement. Increasing sponsorship, as we have done, is an outstanding achievement.

BALLYMORE

Concerns have been expressed that in five years' time Ballymore will be 'cabbages and potatoes'. That is to say, nothing will be happening at Ballymore apart from growing vegetables. Let me assure nothing could be further from the truth. The QRU has, in conjunction with Brisbane City Enterprises, carried out an initial feasibility study regarding ongoing use of Ballymore as a major sporting precinct. We undoubtedly have the best high performance training facility in Australia and we will continue to improve the facility in that regard.

Recently our CEO travelled to Japan for discussions with various parties from that nation with regard to building a strong ongoing relationship. These matters are in their embryonic stage but we envisage when they are fully developed, they will involve Ballymore.

The Australian Provincial Championship, being held during September and October will involve games being played at Ballymore.

Should a National Competition evolve, it would be the Board's view that games in that competition would be played at Ballymore.

We will also consult with the clubs regarding the Premier match of the weekend being played at Ballymore. In addition to these games are competition finals, division championships and other games. Up to 120 games are played at Ballymore in addition to the professional matches.

The cost of maintenance and upkeep of the infrastructure will of course continue to come out of cash flow and consolidated revenue. This would have been a cost whether or not we remained at Ballymore.

We believe the move to Suncorp Stadium - undoubtedly the best Stadium for football in Australia - will result in increased income above and beyond that which would have resulted from remaining at Ballymore.

QUEENSLAND RUGBY CLUB

With our move from Ballymore the impact on the club has had to be taken into account and a sub-committee of the Board headed by Will Colwell has had extensive talks with the Club, with a view to achieving an agreement satisfactory to both parties relating to any financial imposition the Club may suffer as a result of this move.

These negotiations have shown the benefit of regular meetings between representatives of our respective boards. It is this current board's view that both organisations need to work more closely together for the continued growth and success of Queensland Rugby.

QRU BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

This year has seen considerable change at Board level, involving three resignations including that of Ben Kehoe, who at the time was Chairman. I take this opportunity

to thank Ben for his seven years of service on the Board, 18th months of which were as Chairman. Given the change in the ARU Constitution, particularly as it relates to sitting on a State Board and the ARU Board, Ben was of the view that the principled position was to resign from the Queensland Board.

Dick Marks also resigned after serving some eight years on the Board. As I understand it, Dick felt his views were not properly received by the Board and his position was therefore rendered ineffective. Dick, since his resignation, has advised many of his reasons for resigning and I will not go into them further. Dick has had a long and productive career in rugby and his views and thoughts, often lateral, are always welcome.

Peter Moore, a long time excellent and hard working servant of rugby, particularly Country Rugby, whose Chairman he was until he resigned from the QRU Board and the Country Committee, has also given great service to rugby and will be sorely missed at these levels.

Andy Purcell, the enduring President of Country another who has given a lifetime of service to rugby in Queensland and Queensland Country, stood down as Country President and we wish his successor, Dan Coonan, from Mackay, every success in filling Andy's large shoes. Peter Curtis assumes the role of Chairman of Country.

From the administration, Communications Manager Bruce McKendry left to pursue new opportunities in the media and we thank him for his service. Gaven Head, Manager Community Rugby, moved on to other challenges after 11 years in QRU Administration. There is no doubt Gaven was one of the brightest and most accomplished administrators it has been the good fortune of the Queensland Rugby Union to employ.

Our Finance Manager Megan Snape left to take up a position with the ARU in Sydney, and we also farewelled our State Referee Accreditation Manager, Cole Barrett and Reds Rugby College Manager Damian Hearne.

CONCLUSION

Currently we are midway through the strategic planning process to take us through to 2010. All major constituents have been

involved or at least invited to be involved. On this occasion the strategic plan will not be simply a Board-based document, but a broad-based document drawing on input from all rugby sectors.

For the last number of years we have spent considerable time working towards the principles of good governance. We have also worked on strategic planning and will continue to do so. The best governance and the best strategic planning will get us nowhere unless we work at implementing the plans and achieving the goals by practical application. The Board must create an environment where there can be delivery.

We believe that with many of the matters outlined above, we are now delivering and with the implementation procedures in place and proper strategic planning we will continue to deliver.

Much delivery depends upon communication. Communication however is a two way street. I want to thank those who regularly contact Board Members and the CEO to express their views and bring matters to the Board's and Administration's attention. Many of these items don't relate to the big picture but rather relate to seemingly small items. However if these small items are left unattended they have the potential to become major issues of contention or at least representative of poor performance on the part of the Board.

Therefore, good communication is imperative, not only by way of regular monthly Chairman's Newsletters, Reds emails, the QRU Website(which is being upgraded), but simply by conversations with those who represent Queensland Rugby.

The Board's congratulations to all teams who won their Premierships and thanks to all those who gave of their time and energy to ensure the continued growth and success of our sport in Queensland

On behalf of the Board and the Administration, let me wish all delegates and those who they represent a successful 2006 season in every respect.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



Theo Psaros

My report in 2004 opened with the following statement:

Rugby in Queensland is in great shape, is experiencing an exciting period and our future is vibrant.

I remain firmly of the belief that while the high profile aspects of our business have yet to achieve our expectations, the performance of so many of our stakeholders gives cause for optimism and encourages my belief that this statement remains true.

The environment in both professional rugby and club rugby has changed and will change again in the near future. Competition from within Australian Rugby and other sporting codes requires our collective thinking and vision to maintain the growth of participants and, most importantly, restore the Reds to the position of excellence our stakeholders rightly expect and demand.

The popularity of rugby in Queensland continues to grow at exceptional levels. With participation numbers reaching 46,000 this year, we should be very proud of this achievement. Our registrations that have been confirmed by the ARU provide the following statistics:

- an increase in player numbers from 24,300 in 1997 to 45,352 in 2005;
- 5,500 junior players in 1999 to 13,482 in 2005; and
- 13,000 school players in 1999 to 26,868 in 2005;

I was also pleased to read that the highly regarded and respected Sweeney Report for 2005 stated "For the first time since the Sweeney Reports Report was launched in 1986, more people across Australia now take a broader interest in Rugby Union than in Rugby League. More than four of every ten (44%) of adult Australians in capital cities say they are interested in Union compared with 41% for League." This is very pleasing but we will need to continue to grow rugby's reach in new areas. This strategy is highlighted with the hosting of a Super 14 match in Townsville in May of this year.

PROFESSIONAL RUGBY

The 2005 Tooheys New Super 12 competition was reported by the media very much as we all witnessed – a season of disappointment and frustration, sadly the same way the 2004 season was reported. We had put away the frustrations of 2004, but had them reappear with firstly, the losses in the early rounds, and then the bewildering decision by the ARU to allow the Western Force to begin contracting during the competition. It would be wrong to suggest that the disruption of this frenzied contracting period was the sole reason for the results we experienced. However, the focus and culture within the Reds did suffer. After the early re-signings of Chris Latham, Elton Flatley and David Croft,

our expectation was that the "spine" of our squad was virtually complete. However the elation of such significant re-signings then turned to frustration with the departure of Nathan Sharpe.

The media has harped on our loss of 14 players to other provinces. Many of you will want to know why we face this statistic. We have to be honest and say that our performance over recent years has not been at the level we expect. However, it has also to be stressed that in many cases, larger salaries and greater opportunity to start in Super 14 were the major reasons. It should also be remembered that NSW, the other main source of Australia's rugby talent lost 11 players.



It is a fact of life that some players from Queensland will inevitably relocate to another province. We are only able to contract 33 players. Someone will miss out on a Reds contract. This is the reality of the competitive business we are in. We therefore need to ensure that we retain and recruit the best 33 players for the Reds each year.

At the same time many exciting signings were achieved. The recruitment of Ben Mowen, James Horwill, James Sua, Berrick Barnes, Sam Cordingley, Mark Connors, Mitchell Chapman, Andrew Brown, Dan McKellar and Henari Veratau provide us with the basis of a squad that will turn around the recent disappointments and become the nucleus of our future.

The continued underperformance of the Reds resulted in the Board commissioning a major review of our high performance operations. Many of you will be familiar with the recommendations from this review. It is important to highlight that following the review's completion, a significant increase in our investment in the Reds occurred. The increase over 2005 will be approximately \$650,000. The major component of this increase is in player salaries. In addition to current contractual commitments, there are two additional matches for which match payments will be paid and increases to individual contracts that allowed us to remain competitive in the current market. In addition we have made the strategic decision to appoint a High Performance Manager and we have employed a third strength & conditioning coach. The latter position was previously serviced by an ARU employee involved in the National Talent Squad programme. The ARU has decided not to continue this sharing of the role.

This increased investment is necessary and will require further review if we are to achieve our goal of delivering a successful Reds programme. However, it must also be stressed that any further investment in the Reds must not be at the expense of the current investment in other areas of our operations, namely community rugby.

The investment in the tour to Argentina was a very positive initiative. The appointments of Alex Evans and Damon Emtage will ensure the continued development of this Reds squad and will provide Jeff Miller with

great support in 2006.

The Energex Reds Rugby College was also considered in the high performance review. The result was a reduction in the number of players involved in the RRC programmes. With Perth and ACT becoming major if unintended beneficiaries of our investment in the RRC, the decision was made to reduce the number of participants. If the ARU was to consider a transfer scheme, then both the QRU and the club a player was developed by would be entitled to payment for recognition of the investment made.

COMMUNITY RUGBY

As indicated above, our player numbers continue to grow strongly. This success is delivered by both the QRU staff and the many volunteers throughout Queensland. The QJRU must be singled out again for significant praise in both the growth of participants but also the quality of the competitions junior players participate in.

The presence of Premier Rugby continues to grow. Increased attendances, more media reporting and the tireless effort of the Premier Rugby Committee, ensured a successful 2005 competition. The continued elevation of Premier Rugby is a major strategic focus. We are currently investigating the return of Premier Rugby to television so as to enhance the positioning of this competition. With interest from a number of potentially new participants, the future of the competition is very positive.

Congratulations to Sunnybank for winning the 2005 premiership. The quality of the rugby in the finals series was exemplary. It was interesting to note that the knock-out semi-final between GPS and Brothers was replayed on TV prior to a Sydney Premier semi-final, providing an opportunity to compare standards. While there is naturally an element of parochialism involved in saying so, it was clear that the quality of our semi-final was significantly more skilful and exciting than what was on offer from Sydney. With matches of this quality available, broadcasting of these matches will allow great exposure for both the clubs and our code.

Congratulations also go to the Gold Coast for winning the overall Landmark Country Championships and Townsville for the U19

division. Congratulations should also go to the Divisional Winners: Northern, Cairns; Southern, Gold Coast and Central, Mt Isa.

I would also congratulate the Heelers for their Australian Rugby Shield performances in 2005. The Heelers were very unlucky to narrowly lose the final to Perth. I was fortunate to see the Heelers match in Townsville against Melbourne. Terry Shiels, the support staff and Heelers are to be congratulated not only for their on-field performances but the strong camaraderie and culture off the field. The achievements of 2005 will ensure the 2006 campaign will be successful again.

Rugby in North Queensland will be the centre of attention in late May. The very first Super 14 match to be played outside an Australian capital city will take place on May 12. Special thanks to the TDRU President, Craig Stack and his team for assisting the QRU with the planning for this great event.

Our commercial operations in 2005 were again tested by the disappointment of the Super 12 results. However, our future is bright despite the departure of the Bank of Queensland. We were very fortunate to have enjoyed 21 years in partnership with the Bank of Queensland and we sincerely thank Managing Director, David Liddy and his team for their support.

But while the doomsayers were writing us off, we were quietly negotiating the signing of QR as naming rights sponsor for the Reds and sponsor of Queensland Rugby for the next five years – the largest corporate sponsorship in Australian provincial rugby. Our thanks to QR Chairman, Bronwyn Morris, CEO Bob Scheuber and Head of Corporate Affairs, Lily Harrison for their tremendous vision and support. The enthusiasm and energy the QR people have provided to date will ensure an exciting partnership. It is also important to highlight the great work of Tony Hancock and Fletcher Dyson in securing this significant business partnership with QR.

Sadly, Telstra departed from its sponsorship of rugby in all unions. This had been a very positive sponsorship and we were disappointed it ended. However we are pleased to announce that Vodafone will again sponsor Queensland Rugby in 2006.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT CONTINUED

The addition of Suncorp and Bose as our business partners highlights the strength and vision that we provide to all sponsors. Queensland Rugby is fortunate to have such high quality sponsors and their confidence in our organisation is highlighted by the longevity of the partnerships.

The relocation of all Brisbane Super 14 matches to Suncorp Stadium is significant. As I stated at the announcement, our hearts are very much at Ballymore but our head said it was time to go. I must congratulate the Board for its vision in accepting this historic move. The expectation of our sponsors, season members, corporate hospitality customers and the general public demanded the change to what is arguably one of the best rugby stadiums in the world. The success of this move will again be based primarily on the performance of the Reds. The 2006 Super 14 draw will enable us to start a new era in the Reds history on an exciting note.

Queensland rugby farewelled from Castlemaine Perkins one of our long term sponsors and one of the "family", Ken Freer. We all wish Ken success in his new role at IMG running their motor sport events including Indy. Ken's support was fantastic and we look forward to a similar relationship with his successor, Mark Powell.

So in summarising 2005, while there were disappointments there were also some significant achievements for the year:

- securing the largest provincial rugby sponsorship in Australia;
- securing Suncorp bank as an elite sponsor;
- adoption of a new QRU Constitution;
- securing a long term agreement to play our Brisbane Super 14 games at Suncorp Stadium
- broadening the Queensland Premier Rugby competition to include the Sunshine Coast
- an agreement to play a Super 14 match in Townsville, the first outside an Australian capital city
- Establishing a new look High Performance Unit to oversee professional rugby in

Queensland

2006 AND BEYOND

Never before has our competitive environment been tested in all areas of our operations. Our commercial future is now based at Suncorp Stadium. The increased investment in the Reds must begin to deliver the results we desire. However, the addition of the 4th Australian team has ensured not only competitiveness for players, but an expectation that our professional programmes are considered the best in Australia.

The challenges we face in the next five years are as follows:

- A competitive and successful QR Queensland Reds;
- Successful commercial outcomes from hosting matches at Suncorp Stadium and Dairy Farmers Stadium in Townsville;
- Preparation of a new 5 year strategic plan. It should be noted that many stakeholders have contributed greatly to the process that is currently underway;
- Continued work to scope potential investment in facilities at Ballymore. As the Chairman has reported, our initial desire is to forge a strategic link with one or more Japanese clubs and have them visit Brisbane for both playing and training opportunities;
- Maintaining and enhancing the strong historical links to the Queensland Rugby club. The QR club's plans for the new plaza in the CBD are visionary and we trust that the success of this venture will ensure their continued support of rugby throughout Queensland;
- Maintaining our influence on policy and direction at the ARU. Ironically, the ARU poses one of the main risks to our operations. The conditions contained in the draft documentation for the new MOU and Super 14 participation again highlight our concern. The potential loss of sponsors whose investment is deferred from the provinces to the Wallabies, as Qantas has done, remains a commercial risk.
- The process for identifying a new

competition option for Australian Rugby will be the most significant strategy we face in 2006. The suggestion that Premier Rugby funding may be transferred in part or whole for the new competition is disturbing. It must be stressed to the ARU that reducing this commitment will put at risk the very fabric of our code. The Premier clubs must not be penalised by the desire of WA and ACT to see this investment go into another ARU-funded competition for their benefit. It is now time that these unions re-invest their Super 14 profits in their own competitions and not seek to grab a piece of the Premier Rugby funding that has supported the clubs that have produced so many of their current players.

I wish to thank the Board for its support in 2005. Tough strategic decisions had to be made and their strong belief that the future of the QRU would be enhanced by making these decisions which may have been considered by many as negative will in time be seen to be correct.

We farewelled a number of staff during 2005. Thanks must go to Damian Hearne, Cole Barrett, Megan Snape, Bruce McKendry and Gaven Head for their contribution to rugby in Queensland and we wish them success in the future.

Finally, I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous effort by the management and staff of the QRU. The 2005 year was very demanding on the staff. The constant media attacks tested their resolve but highlighted their loyalty to the QRU. We are very fortunate to have staff whose commitment and desire is exemplary. To you, our stakeholders, be proud of the people who represent you at the QRU. Along with the thousands of volunteers and players, the success of rugby in Queensland is assured by their significant effort.

It is the ethos of rugby that makes our sport unique. It is time to tell everyone to get into rugby.



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FINANCE REPORT



David Usasz

Queensland Rugby's financial accounts for the period ending 31 December 2005 report a loss of \$195,856. Please note that the loss results from the change from an October year reporting period to a fourteen month period. This extraordinary result of adding November and December 2005 to the yearly reporting period, provides a period without revenue but includes two months of normal expenditure of approximately \$1.2 million.

The loss is also offset by the net proceeds of a grant received from the Australian Rugby Union of \$1,450,000 from the Rugby World Cup distribution of which \$500,000 has been applied to the state-wide Infrastructure Grant Scheme and \$950,000 applied to debt reduction.

If the reporting period was the normal year ended 31 October 2005, a profit of approximately \$100,000 (budget \$250K) would have been reported. The budget for the 2005 year did not provide for the Reds tour to Argentina. With this tour costing \$130,000, the budget for the year ended 31 October 2005 was achieved. This is a pleasing result considering the continued weakness in corporate sales at Ballymore.

The underlying strength of the financial result for 2005 is the continued increase in sponsorship income. The increase of approximately \$500,000 over 2004 is due to strong corporate support.

While the small loss has been reported, the cash flow and balance sheet remains strong. I compliment the financial stewardship of Finance Manager Megan Snape and Chief Executive Officer Theo Psaros and it should be noted that the excellent management of cash flow resulted in a significant reduction in the level of borrowings. The commercial bill balance which began the year at \$2.45 million is now \$103,000.

The 2006 budget has been based on an aggressive view for the move to Suncorp Stadium. The pricing of memberships and corporate facilities has been based on Ballymore pricing and those of our direct competitors. However, our continued financial position is again reliant on the future success on the field by the Reds. The excitement from our announcement to relocate a game to Townsville will also allow new markets to be reached and the expansion of Dairy Farmers' Stadium should also deliver a positive financial outcome.

This is my final farewell as Financial Director of Queensland Rugby and I wish to thank sincerely Theo Psaros, Megan Snape and Commercial Manager Tony Hancock. Thanks also to my fellow board members for their efforts and commercial skills. The commercial turnover has more than doubled during my time and rugby is in strong financial shape, with an excellent Principal Sponsor – QR. I look forward to a successful 2006 season for the QR Queensland Reds.





2005 Queensland Rugby Union Staff.

COMMERCIAL REPORT



Tony Hancock

2005 provided a huge challenge to back up the commercial success of the previous season with a match schedule boasting only five full competition matches while also lacking the marquee status of the record breaking Waratahs match from 2004.

Despite some difficulty in marketing a match schedule package with almost a third of the matches being made up of Trial Matches at the beginning of the season, the commercial department still managed some note worthy highlights.

1. Sponsorship continued to improve with another year of double digit growth at 11.5% over the twelve months to October.
2. Family memberships grew 67% or an extra 312 packages, mainly due to the targeting of families in the Eastern Stand and a more flexible approach to with the ability to upgrade children's to adult seats if required at a match.
3. Relocation of the Brumbies game proving that almost 30,000 Queenslanders would attend to support their team despite sitting tenth on the ladder.
4. Securing Australia's largest Rugby Union sponsorship and support package with QR (Queensland Rail) after a change of direction for Bank of Queensland saw their withdrawal from Rugby Union sponsorship in Qld after 21 years of valued support.

While these results are encouraging the long term future will require a national approach to securing more competition matches of a commercially marketable standard in Queensland. The Australian Provincial Championships is one such concept for 2006.

The requirement for more commercial matches will create better economies in marketing and management of the season. In a period of intense competition for players and supporters across all sports and entertainment forms these economies of scale are currently tipped in the favour of Rugby's competitors.

Super 12/14 has established itself as a worthy competitor for the other sports and entertainment industry and any competition not to this standard will be seen as third rate and patronised accordingly.

A further challenge for us is utilisation of the Ballymore asset with Super 14 games being transferred to Suncorp Stadium for at least five years from 2005. The Ballymore asset depreciates at approximately \$1 million each year and with current public expectations of modern stadium facilities exceeding what Ballymore currently offers, its future utilisation will have to be reappraised. Seeking to maintain this asset QRU will complete a full feasibility into

its potential uses. A Professional Rugby Development centre has been suggested as one option and this will be included in the feasibilities to be examined.

With increased stadium capacity at Suncorp Stadium QRU will endeavour to break into new markets in 2006. This broadening of the traditional Customer Base is a crucial element of elevating rugby in Qld to compete in the overall entertainment category. Securing new fans will come at a cost and more product will be a significant element in making sure Rugby maximises its existing passionate support and new customers.

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship in 2005 was again underpinned by the valued support of our long term Naming Rights and Elite partners. The Bank of Queensland completing its 21st year as a sponsor of QRU and the Reds. While disappointing that the BOQ business required a different direction for 2006 it is hoped that our new Sponsors will continue the trend of secure long term partnerships when embarking on a QRU sponsorship.

The XXXX Bitter brand enjoyed its final year of being the flagship for the Lion Nathan sponsorship which will now enter its 25th year under the banner of the Super 14 tournament sponsor in the Tooheys New brand in 2006. This cosmetic only change in Brands aligns the rugby support of the Lion Nathan company across Australia and for Qld rugby clubs heralds a new era of opportunities with access to the national Tooheys New rugby support programs something that is seen as being "all good" for Queensland rugby.

Canterbury International will enter its 10th year as an elite sponsor of Queensland Rugby in 2006 after outfitting the team admirably in 2005. Public sales of the Reds Canterbury merchandise slowed in 2005 due to the third year in a row of the same jersey and three years of the team being out of finals contention during the season. The new 2006 season will offer a better commercial situation for both Canterbury and QRU with a new jersey design and new sponsor brands in QR and Tooheys New to further boost sales.

Again Qld Rugby would like to thank all of our sponsors and partners in 2005 whose valued support is essential in developing the future of Rugby in Qld.

Bank Of Queensland, XXXX Bitter, Canterbury, Mazda, Coca Cola, Barter Card, Telstra, Channel Seven, Energex, Bundaberg Rum, Bentleys MRI, Landmark,

Australian Agricultural Company, Falken Tyres, The Australian, Triple M, Konica, Minolta, Total Sports Travel, Black & White Cabs, Body Science, Gilbert Footballs, Clayton Utz, Silver Fern, Sofitel, Macair, Caxton Hotel, Normanby Hotel, Regatta Hotel, Qld Diagnostic Imaging, Sony, Sirromet Wines, CDS foods and Beiersdorf.

In all Sponsorship for 2005 grossed \$4,889,724 an increase over 2004 in excess of \$500k, netting almost \$400k or 10% better than the previous year. This result is significant in light of the increased sponsorship figure from 2004 due to the contra media secured around the Waratahs “Get Reddy to Rumble” campaign which could not be replicated in 2005.

In 2006 we will welcome on board the following sponsors:

QR (Queensland Rail), Suncorp, Vodafone, Bose, Farnoz, Southcorp / Berringer Blass Wines and Harts Sports.

MATCH INCOME

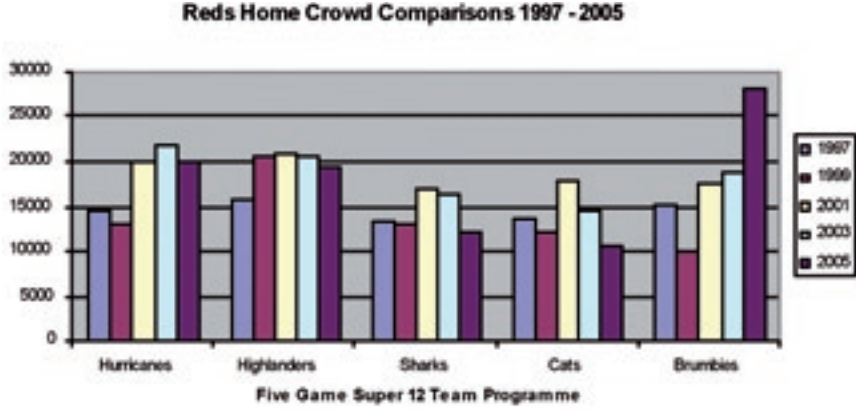
With only five home matches in 2005 and no Waratahs blockbuster to bolster the income as expected overall match income declined. In comparison to the same schedule of matches in 2003 the comparison is favourable with over \$600k more than a year in which the World Cup ensured maximum membership to underpin the match incomes.

Corporate facilities had increased income over the previous year but continued to disappoint with less corporate facilities sold than 2005. Suncorp Stadium will rectify the facility issues highlighted in Ballymore research while entertainment and general value will now be directly comparable to the other codes in the QRU corporate offer.

A summary of match attendance statistics is provided here.

2005 ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

The graph below highlights the trend over the past five game seasons. The 2005 season kicked off in great fashion with two sold out matches. The issue of ground capacity was highlighted with these games as thousands of people were either turned away or disappointed with their experience of Ballymore at capacity. The South African games struggled to live up to these initial



contests with public interest waning as the team position fell to be out of finals contention.

The Brumbies game to end the season proved that Suncorp Stadium will draw more people out to watch the Reds. In a match with virtually no impact on finals places Queensland was able to muster over 28,000 people to the game making this the second biggest crowd to attend a Reds Super 12 match.

Memberships while gaining 21% again struggled in the lower levels where the quality of facility outside the two main grandstands at Ballymore was seen as less than desirable by many. Adding to the difficulty in attracting new members to these entry levels was the lack of full competition matches at the quality of Super 12. 2006 will address the facility issues although the compressed nature of the Super 12/14 competition will see most of the members value realised within one month at the beginning of the year while our competition will remain relevant to their members for around eight months.

A success of the membership in 2005 was the introduction of the flexible family packages which saw family memberships up 67%. The future of membership has part of its foundations in ensuring families introduce children to our entertainment. The increase in family membership meant over 100 more families enjoyed Super 12 than in 2004 and will hopefully begin a momentum of more families as we head to Suncorp Stadium.

2005 LICENSING AND ROYALTIES

The overall licensing and royalty income was

maintained in 2005 despite the slowing of jersey sales with Canterbury. This downside was compensated by another good year in royalties from The Bank of Queensland credit card. The credit card royalty program has finished in 2005 and the income will not be replicated in 2006. The departure of this activity heightens the requirement to further investigate royalty and licensing arrangements to accompany the standard Jersey and apparel licensing income.

CONCLUSION

A common theme has emerged in the recent years with the growth of rugby as a professional sport seeing our product now competing in a more open market. No longer is there the luxury of our loyal enthusiasts being able to support what is needed to ensure Rugby continues to grow at its current rates. Media exposure is limited in comparison with Rugby League and AFL and will require a long term strategy to ensure we keep growing in new customer markets.

The expectations of these new markets will dictate many changes in all forms of the commercial business. The move to Suncorp Stadium is one such change which will immediately benefit the overall image of rugby to these new markets. With new Sponsors sharing this same vision Queensland Rugby is well placed to build momentum behind a new era for rugby in the state.



Mandy Hill

Media coverage in 2005 continued the trend of increasing each year. Media value for coverage of the Reds reached more than \$1m in 2005. In addition, the decision to employ a Community Rugby Communications Officer led to broader coverage for Queensland Rugby beyond the Reds.

During the Super 12 season, the Bank of Queensland Reds held a minimum of four media conferences per week, which were well attended by television, print, and radio reporters and photographers. This meant the Reds gained prominent and widespread coverage.

Regular coverage of the Reds was provided by all major television stations (Ten, ABC, Nine, Seven and Fox Sport) and regular radio coverage was gained through weekly appearances on ABC by Nick Stiles, Triple M by Chris Latham and a number of one-off appearance on major stations in Brisbane.

Newspaper coverage was also widespread in the Courier Mail, The Australian, Sunday Mail, Gold Coast Bulletin, Sydney Morning Herald and Daily Telegraph as well as regional Queensland newspapers.

Players also wrote weekly newspaper columns; Chris Latham for the Gold Coast Bulletin, David Croft for the Sunshine Coast Daily, Tim Atkinson for the Daily Mercury in Mackay, Elton Flatley for the 14-strong APN Group throughout regional Queensland and the Cairns Post and Townsville Bulletin, and Daniel Heenan for the Queensland Times.

The coverage was mainly positive in what was a difficult year, with on-field performances not as we'd hoped and off field issues surrounding the mid-season recruitment of players by the Western Force. That, combined with the media surrounding the non-renewal of Jeff Miller's coaching contract in 2006, means Queensland Rugby and the Reds have some work to do to improve their image in the public eye and the media.

That said, the Reds reputation with the media of being approachable, accessible and co-operative was maintained. Players were always available for interview and are acutely aware of their responsibilities to the media and our sponsors.

As mentioned earlier, Community Rugby gained increased exposure with an employee assigned to this portfolio. The Landmark Queensland Country Championships enjoyed increased coverage in the regional papers and Queensland Country Life weekly newspaper. The Landmark Queensland Country Healers also received increased coverage, with the final covered in detail in the regional papers and Queensland Country Life.

Community Rugby stories were also more prominent on

the website, www.qru.com.au, with a range of topics from Junior club stories, country rugby, colour articles and Premier Rugby.

Premier Rugby's coverage increased greatly in some of the Brisbane-based Quest Community papers. The addition of the Sunshine Coast Stingrays into the competition also meant coverage spread further north, and coverage from the Gold Coast Bulletin was also steady.

The QRU website carried match previews each week and a report on the match of the round as well as photographs from the matches. A weekly match program was also produced for all Premier Clubs.

A new website strategy was developed toward the end of the year, designed to give all sides of the business prominence. A committee was convened and, in consultation with web development experts, it was determined that there were two different functions to QRU business. The professional arm sells a product and thus needs to have a website heavily skewed towards information that engages the public with the team. The QRU Administrative side of the business is about providing a service, the opportunity for everyone to play rugby, and should thus be there as a resource, a reference point to assist those wanting to be involved in the business.

The steps were undertaken to achieve this by launching a separate website, www.redsrugby.com.au, in early 2006.

In late 2005 the Reds Media Manager Bruce McKendry resigned, prompting a review of the structure of the media section for 2006.



2005 Telstra Premier Rugby Grand Final
Sunnybank v Gold Coast Breakers

COMMUNITY RUGBY



Luke Wyatt
Acting Community Rugby Manager

STRATEGIC POSITION

2005 has been another successful year for Community Rugby in Queensland. Participation has continued to increase ahead of target and there have been gains in both the quality and viability of our participation.

Goal 1: To grow the quantity of participants within Community Rugby

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Seniors	7,564	8,714	8,169	9,047	8,608
Juniors	8,630	10,228	10,285	12,363	13,482
Schools (1) *	15,228	18,530	20,489	22,034	22,731
Schools (2) **	1,005	812	640	809	4,137
Women	350	240	200	188	531
ARU Total	32,777	38,524	39,783	44,441	49,489
Regular Rugby Total	31,772	37,712	39,143	43,632	45,352

Over 2,000 new regular participants were welcomed to our game this year in Queensland. This growth was underpinned by a 9% increase in junior club participation and a 182% increase in female club participation. The increase in female participation is a direct result of the special initiative project with the Queensland Government. This program also accounts for a large percentage of the increase in non-regular Schools (2) participation with many school girls participating in Rugby carnivals and programs.

It would be remiss not to acknowledge the role that the QJRU, the Women in Rugby Consultancy, and the regional school convenors have all played in driving participation increases by adapting their competition structures and development strategies to encourage growth.

With the increases in junior club and school participation there were increases in the number of junior clubs and schools providing Rugby. As the population grows and distributes to new locations it is important that we keep pace with the development of new clubs and the induction of schools into Rugby.

SmartRugby was rolled out in Queensland one year ahead of its national launch as a mandatory prerequisite for participation as a coach or a referee. To say that this was a success would be an understatement. The QRU produced a free CD resource that was provided to each of the 3,500 participants (500 above expectation) who attended over 140 seminar presentations. The ARU has commissioned the QRU to use this CD resource as part of the national program in 2006.

KPI PERFORMANCE

	2007 Expectation	2005 Performance	GAP
Players	14,000 Juniors 21,500 Schools 10,500 Seniors	13,482 Juniors 22,034 Schools 8,608 Seniors	-518 +534 -1892
Providers	94 Junior Clubs 255 Schools 110 Senior Club	88 Junior Clubs 277 Schools 112 Senior Clubs	-6 +22 +2
Coaches	3000	3400	+400
Referees	SmartRugby	SmartRugby	

Goal 2: To increase the quality of participation experiences available within Community Rugby

The Queensland Rugby Union has led the way on the setting best practice in competition management. Standard models for competition rules, judicial and appeal procedures as well as enforcement of the IRB and ARU regulations on registration, clearances and insurance have all created a safer environment with reduced risk for the Union and their partners. The documentation of these competition policies will enable regional sub-unions to police all competition within their geographical bounds in a standard and uniform manner which if complied with will automatically carry the endorsement of the QRU and ARU.

There will be the production of a CD resource that will be provided to each affiliate that will step applicants and competition administrators through the process of competition sanctioning. This is due for release in early 2006.

The QRU has continued the development of competitions that support the elite development of participants.

The Junior State Championships continues to grow and is now a feature event of the Queensland Rugby calendar. Once a gathering for only the south-east corner of the state the competition now provides a pathway for the growing number of juniors from 8 country unions as well as the greater Brisbane region.

The Under 19 Transition Program was conducted in the June vacation. This competition continues to grow with eight teams expressing interest in attending in 2006. Western Australia proved to be the dominant force in 2005 although the improvement of the two Queensland Country sides was both noticeable and encouraging.

The Ballymore Cup has also grown to be the state's largest school Rugby competition. 95 non traditional rugby schools competed in regular competition for the right to contest the group of 16 finals series. For the first year quarter-finals were held in North Queensland

COMMUNITY RUGBY CONTINUED

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	BP 4+	BP -7	Pts
Western Australia	4	4	0	0	83	23	2	0	18
South Queensland	4	2	1	1	50	49	0	0	10
North Queensland	4	1	2	1	62	64	1	2	9
NSW Country	4	1	3	0	54	80	1	1	6
Queensland Suburban	4	1	3	0	52	94	1	1	6

such is the interest of schools throughout the state in this competition. All Saints Anglican School were deserved winners with Forest Lake winning the Plate competition. Congratulations should go Ian McNaughton and his committee for their efforts.

Queensland Premier Rugby took a major step forward with the inclusion of the Sunshine Coast. While results on the field were limited with a solitary win against GPS, the benefits to the development of Rugby on the Sunshine Coast have been immediately evident with increased profile and commercial revenue. The development

of this competition into a “State” competition is vital to the growth of the Rugby in Queensland. The aim is to achieve this through expansion with the existing Brisbane clubs maintaining their competitive viability however it is important that this competition increases its profile and value in line with the economic and demographic growth of our state.

A shift towards an educational based system (eg Smart Rugby and Foundation), combined with a more targeted approach regarding accreditation has meant that the number of people gaining accreditation has decreased.

While accreditation is still strategically important, the extraordinary increase in the number of individuals gaining “education” in 2005 illustrates the benefits of this system.

Goal 3: To improve the sustainability and viability of Community Rugby providers

The Queensland Rugby Union has lead the way by providing two Administration Education Staff that proactively interact with key stakeholders. The North Queensland Manager is funded by the ARU via a RWC Funding scheme. The concentration of these staff members has been in the areas

of planning, finance, governance, facilities, human resources, competitions, participation and communication. Early identification showed the lack of planning within affiliates. The facilitation of planning sessions was a priority during the year. One of the outcomes saw the increase of funding applications and approvals via the State Government and other available funding schemes. Total funding, exclusive of local council

assistance, was in excess of \$1.4 million. The QRU RWC Community Rugby Strategic Infrastructure Grants scheme attracted 15 applications resulting in excess of \$200k of approvals. Work continues in our joint venture with QUT in maintaining the QRU Financial Package.

In closing I must thank the tireless work undertaken by the full time staff in the

Community Rugby Department and the volunteer stakeholders who they work with on a daily basis. It would be remiss not to acknowledge the staff from the Department of Sport and Recreation and the numerous sponsors that continually support our game.

Luke Wyatt
Acting Community Rugby Manager

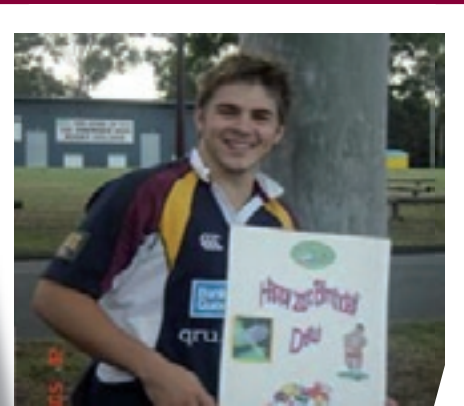
KPI PERFORMANCE

2007 Expectation	2005 Performance	GAP
Competition Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">Model Competition Rules in all Partner and affiliate member competitionsStandard Judiciary & Appeals procedures in all Partner and affiliate member competitionsMandatory online registration and insurance system in all Partner Junior and Senior club competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There is a need for tighter policing of complianceAchievedIn place for 2006 season	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Compliance policingNilNil
Integrated Competitions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Inter-regional Representative Rugby for schools, Junior and Senior playersInter-regional school and Senior club championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AchievedAchieved for schools through Ballymore Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NilSenior Club Rugby
Quality of Coaches <ul style="list-style-type: none">1800 Level 1 Coaches360 Level 2 Coaches70 Level 3 Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1379 Level 1 Coaches286 Level 2 Coaches60 Level 3 Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-421-74-10
Quality of Referees <ul style="list-style-type: none">800 Level 1 Referees100 Level 2 Referees18 Level 3 Referees40 Level 1 Referee Coaches1379 Level 1 Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">550 Level 1 Referees145 Level 2 Referees11 Level 3 Referees25 Level 1 Referee Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-250+45-7-15

KPI PERFORMANCE

2007 Expectation	2005 Performance	GAP
Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">All Partners to have submitted current Strategic Templates as provided by the QRUAll Partners to submit current annual Operations Plans, as per the QRU criteria and required KRA inclusions, prior to the commencement of the QRU Financial YearAll Partners to be able to present an annual cash flow budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1363	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-7-14-17
Financial Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">Net Income of Top 20 Partners = \$4.9M (average 3% annual increase)Average profit of Top 20 Partners = \$6.5k (average 3% annual increase)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">\$5.3M\$8.8k	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+\$\$.4M+\$2.3k
Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Current State Facilities PlanCurrent Regional Facilities Plan in all 12 affiliated regions10% increase in the grant funding for facilities average over 2005-2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ExistingIncorporated in Strategic PlanningAchieved \$1,469,647 (Facility and Education)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Audit ongoing processSpecific requirements of regional affiliatesReview of Strategic Goal
Human Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">200 nominated for Volunteer Recognition2000 attendances at free volunteer educational education seminars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">64Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-136Review of Strategic Goal

REDS IN the community



Drew with Birthday Card



*Rodney & Ole visit
Peasey Family*



Rodney Blake signs autographs



Gotcha!



ACTIVE FACTOR ADOPT A RED



29 non-rugby primary schools in Brisbane took part in the Active Factor "Adopt a Red" program in 2005, with Lawnton State School winning the prize for the most number of Junior Reds Members/Supporters during the year.

Lawnton also had a visit from the Reds – minus their adopted Red Drew Mitchell who was away with the Wallabies – for a game of Walla Rugby as their bonus prize.

Lawnton State School also finished second in the Participation category, running a successful Intra Walla Rugby Carnival, and third in the Promotion category hosting a fantastic Reds Day.



QUEENSLAND REDS 2005



Chris Latham Super 12 Player of the Year



Nathan Sharpe winner of the Stan Pilecki Medal

2005 was a testing year for all involved with the Queensland Reds, but despite its many disappointments the squad emerged united and determined at season's end.

An unbeaten tour of Argentina did much to rebuild morale and team spirit. Newer members of the squad had an opportunity to show the coaching staff what they had to offer, while the more senior players who had been badly buffeted when things did not go as planned earlier in the year were able to rebuild confidence and rekindle their enthusiasm.

The tour was a valuable circuit breaker for the Reds, who finished a disappointing tenth in the 2005 Super 12, with a 3-8 win-loss ratio.

The season had started with optimism, but a first-up loss to the Hurricanes at Ballymore in a game that was there to be won was an omen that luck would not be running Queensland's way during the next 10 games.

A 17-day tour of New Zealand also went badly until a determined performance against the Chiefs gave the Reds their first win over a Kiwi side in New Zealand since 1999.

However the Reds were forced to see out the remainder of the season without skipper Elton Flatley. After stand-in captain Nathan Sharpe announced he would be leaving the side at the end of the season, John Roe took over the leadership of the side and showed typical grit and resolve to lead by example for the remainder of the season.

REDS HONOUR BOARD

- Chris Latham played his 100th match.
- Elton Flatley scored the third fastest Super 12 tries in 23 seconds.
- Seven Reds players made their Super 12 debut - Scott Daruda, Rodney Blake, Hugh McMeniman, Mitchell Chapman, Greg Holmes, Brock James and Brett Sheehan.
- Nathan Sharpe won the Stan Pilecki Medal
- Chris Latham won the Australian Super 12 Player of the Year award for a record fourth time.
- Five Reds made their Wallaby debuts - Drew Mitchell, Lloyd Johansson, Greg Holmes, Hugh McMeniman and Stephen Moore.
- Drew Mitchell, Lloyd Johansson, Greg Holmes, Hugh McMeniman, Stephen Moore, John Roe and Chris Latham were selected on the Wallabies European Spring Tour.
- In all eight Reds players played for the Wallabies in 2005, Drew Mitchell, Lloyd Johansson, Greg Holmes, Hugh McMeniman, Stephen Moore, John Roe, Chris Latham and Elton Flatley.
- Elton Flatley captained Australia A against the Junior All Blacks.
- Flatley, David Croft, Junior Pelesasa, Drew Mitchell and Luke Doherty, Sean Hardman, Greg Holmes, Rudi Vedelago, Brett Sheehan and Julian Huxley all represented Australia A.

Players	SAM (SO)	ITA (1)	FRA (F1)	SA (SA1)	SA (SA2)	SA (SA3)	NZ (NZ1)	SA (SA4)	NZ (NZ2)	FRA (F2)	ENG	IRE	WLS
Flatley, Elton							21@			17@*	17@	1*	ns
Holmes, Greg										21 @	22 @	21 dnp	21dnp
Johansson, Lloyd									22 @ (t) *	15	15	15 (t)	15 (t)
Latham, Chris	15 (t)		15 (t)		15	15				18 @	4*	4	4
McMeniman, Hugh	18* @	18 @								22 @ (t)	11 (t)	11 (2t)	11
Mitchell, Drew		ns	ns	22* @ (1t)	22* @	22* @	15* (1t)	15	15	16 @			
Moore, Stephen	16* @	16 @	16 @	16 @	16 @	16 @	ns	16dnp		19 @	6	6	6
Roe, John	19 @	19 @	19 @	18 @	23rd Man	8 (played 6)	8	20 (t) @	19 @				

ns - not selected

Bank of Queensland Reds 2005

Back Row: Drew Mitchell, Josh Valentine, Andrew Brown, Peter Hynes, Julian Huxley, Scott Daruda, Tim Atkinson, Brock James, Nic Berry.
2nd Row: Caleb Brown, Lloyd Johnsson, Junior Pelesasa, Greg Holmes, Anthony Mathison, Stephen Moore, Richard Brown, Tai McIlsac, Pete Niumata
3rd Row: Stu Livingston, Dan Leo, Nathan Sharpe, Mitchell Chapman, Hugh McMeniman, Tom McVerry, Rodney Blake, Luke Doherty, Daniel Heenan, Rudi Vedelago, Garry Nuicifora, Anthony Eddy
Front row: Chris Latham, Ben Tune, Wendell Sailor, Elton Flatley, Jeff Miller (Coach), Nick Stiles, John Roe, Steve Keftu, Sean Hardman, David Croft.



REDS STATISTICS

COMPETITION	S12	S12	S12	S12	S12	S12	S12	S12	S12	S12	S12	S12	REDS GAMES IN 2005	TOTAL REDS CAPS	TOTAL S12 CAPS	REDS POINTS IN 2005	TOTAL REDS POINTS	TOTAL S12 POINTS
DATE VENUE OPPONENTS SCORE	26/2/05 Ballymore Hurricanes L10-24	4/3/05 Auckland Blues L15-18	12/3/05 Nelson Crusaders L24-59	18/3/05 Hamilton Chiefs W20-6	1/4/05 Ballymore Highl'ndrs L16-23	9/4/05 CapeTown Stormers L13-15	15/4/05 Pretoria Bulls L8-32	23/4/05 Ballymore Sharks W30-25	29/4/05 Ballymore Cats W21-15	6/5/05 Sydney NSW L7-28	14/5/05 Brisbane Brumbies L21-38	22/6/05 Ballymore NZ 'A' L10-48						
Berry, Nic	20 ®	20 ®	20 ®	20 dnp	20 dnp	20 ®	9	9	9	20 ®	20 ®		9	10	9	0	0	0
Blake, Rodney					17 ®	17 ®	17 ®				5	3	3	2	0	0	0	
Chapman, Mitchell			18 ®	19 ®								5	3	3	2	0	0	0
Croft, David	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7 1t	7	7	7		11	69	55	5	25	10
Daruda, Scott				21 dnp	21 ®								1	1	1	0	0	0
Doherty, Luke			19 ®	6	6	19 ®		18 ®		18®	19 ®	8	8	23	20	0	0	0
Flatley, Elton	12 1t	10 1c, 1p	10					10 t,2c,2p	10 1p			10	6	109	81	33	610	559
Hardman, Sean	16 ®	16 ®	16 ®	16 ®	16 dnp	16 ® 1t	16 ®	2	2	2	2	2	11	82	61	5	15	15
Heenan, Dan	6	61t	6			18 ®	6	6	6				7	26	23	5	15	10
Holmes, Greg	17 dnp	17 ®	17 ® 1t	3 1t	3	3	3	17 ®	17 ®	17 ®	17 ®	17 ®	11	11	10	10	10	10
Huxley, Julian	10	21 ®	21 2c	10 2c, 2p	10 2p	10 1c, 2p	10 1p	21 ®	21 ® 1c,1p	10 1t, 1c	10 1t, 3c	15	12	26	21	54	109	85
Hynes, Peter	11	11	11	22 ®	22 ®	22 ®					11 1t		7	25	23	5	20	20
James, Brock						21 ®	21 ®			21 dnp	21 ®		3	3	3	0	0	0
Johansson, Lloyd								22 ®	22 ®	22 ®	12		4	5	4	0	0	0
Kefu, Steve	21dnp	12	12	12	12	12	12				22 ®	12	8	66	50	5	52	47
Latham, Chris	15		15 1t	15	15 1t	15	15	15	15 1t, 1p	15			9	101	83	18	268	188
Mathison, Anthony	3	3	3	17 ®								3	5	21	15	0	0	0
McMeniman, Hugh	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		4	6	4		10	10	10	0	0	0
McVerry, Tom	19 ®	19 ®	6	8	6	6	19 ®	19 ®	19 ®	19 ®	6	6	12	27	19	0	0	0
Mitchell, Drew	22 ®	15	22 ®	11 1t	11	11	11 1t	11 1t	11	11	15 1t	11	12	24	22	20	35	30
Moore, Stephen	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	16 ®	16 ®	16 ®	16 ®		11	13	13	0	0	0
Pelesasa, Junior	13	13	13 2t	13	13 1t	13	13	12	12	12		14	11	41	33	15	45	45
Roe, John	8	8			19 ®	8	8	8	8	8	8		9	68	51	0	60	40
Sailor, Wendell	14	14 1t	14	14	14	14	14	14	14 1t	14	14		11	47	43	10	75	60
Sharpe, Nathan	5 1t	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		11	87	71	5	30	30
Sheehan, Brett							20 ®	20 ®	20 dnp	9	9	9	5	5	4	0	0	0
Stiles, Nick	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	93	68	0	25	25
Tune, Ben		22 ®					22 ®	13 1t	13	13	13		6	85	76	5	160	135
Valentine, Josh	9	9	9	9	9	9							6	31	28	0	15	15
Vedelago, Rudi	18 ®	18 ®		18 ®	18 ®		18 ®	4	18 ®	4	18 ®	4	10	29	23	0	15	15
Brown, Andrew												13	1	1	0	0	0	0
Avei, Oli												16 ®	1		0	0	0	0
Windle, Matt												18 ®	1	1	0	0	0	0
Stafford, Matt												19 ®	1					
Collis, David												20 ®	1					
Northcott, Cameron												21 ®	1					
Sauer, Ant												22 ®	1					

HIGH PERFORMANCE REVIEW

A newly created position of High Performance Manager, increased coaching resources for the Reds and a streamlining of the Reds Rugby College were the three main recommendations to come out of a major external review of the High Performance Unit during 2005.

The 'Delivering Peak Performance' report, which was commissioned before the start of the 2005 Super 12 season, was prepared by leading consultancy firm PEP Management and John Buchanan, coach of the Australian Cricket team.

The purpose of this report was to provide a strategic framework to take Queensland Rugby forward and to make the Reds a highly competitive team in the Super 14 series.

The report was used to produce a high performance model that can provide a template for Queensland Rugby thinking over the short to long term, identifying what should be the strategic objectives and how best to achieve them.

More than 75 people were interviewed as part of the review, including Reds players past and present, QRU Board Members, Club coaches and Presidents, QRU Life Members, leading journalists, ARU officials, schools, community and junior representatives as well as senior figures from other sports.

They were asked their views on, among other things, the strengths and weaknesses of the current HP Unit, their vision of high performance rugby in Queensland, to identify keys issues to be addressed now for the Reds to be successful and to prioritise three key recommendations they would want in the report.

The major recommendation to come out of the report was the urgent appointment of a High Performance Manager, which was filled by Dr Bob Murphy following an extensive international search and recruitment process.

Dr Murphy came to the QRU from the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), where he had been assistant-director, with responsibility for 700 athletes & 75 coaches in 35 elite sports programs, including rugby, swimming, track & field, hockey and cycling.

Dr Murphy now oversees the overall running of the High Performance Unit, including the Reds Super 14 team structure.

His key responsibilities include:

- management of the High Performance Unit
- future planning
- recruitment and retention of players
- all contract negotiations
- overseeing the talent identification program that

will be performed by the Reds coaching staff and selected identities throughout Queensland

- oversight of all coaching programs
- liaison with clubs and schools
- liaison with RUPA

Dr Murphy also works with a three-person High Performance Commission (HPC), chaired by Board member Dan Crowley and assisted by David Codey. The HPC in turn reports to the QRU Chief Executive and Board.

The independent HPU report also urged the QRU to bolster the Reds coaching resources and to appoint the following full-time specialists under the Head Coach:

- Backs Coach
- Forwards Coach
- Skills/defence coach
- Continue with two full-time strength and conditioning coaches.

A major recommendation was for the streamlining of the Reds Rugby College, with a smaller number of players targeted.

This was a reaction to the new, competitive, professional sporting environment in which players have a wider choice of playing options than simply vying for one of the 33 contracts with the Reds.

We remain committed to providing the best possible coaching facilities to help young Queenslanders ultimately play for the Reds, but will not continue to invest significant resources and dollars producing players for the benefit of other Australian teams.

The HPU also conducted the global search for a new Head Coach to take charge of the Reds at the conclusion of the 2006 Super 14 season. This resulted in the appointment of Eddie Jones in early 2006.

QUEENSLAND ACADEMY OF SPORT UNDER 19'S

An initial squad of 40 players was selected in June from: Current QAS Scholarship Holders, selected players from the Brisbane Colts Competition and eligible players from the Brisbane Premier Competition. Country players were viewed at both the QRU Transition Program and then in a Brisbane Under 19 v Country Under 19 trial.

After viewing all of the eligible players at either squad training, club training or in club matches, the final 24 players selected were:

Tom Hockings (Uni-Capt), Dom Fuller (Easts-V Capt), Daniel Kilmartin (Uni), Sam Cummins (Uni), Taniela Hoponoa (Sunnybank), Geoff Abram (West), Bill Johnston (Gold Coast), Adam Dance (Brothers), Will Munsie (Gold Coast), Scott Higginbotham (Gold Coast), Mark Donaldson (GPS), Ben McCormack (Brothers), Tasi Luafutu (West), Ray Stowers (Norths-QUT), Josh Parry (Easts), Sean Armstrong (Sunnybank), Matt Brandon (Easts), Luke McLean (Souths), Nathaniel Gendle (Brothers), Peter Nelson (West), Herman Porter (GPS), James Harvey (Brothers), Liam Bibb (Sunnybank), Aaron Bellamy (GPS).

David Barbella (Souths) was selected in the side but was ruled out with a hand injury.

The following QAS Scholarship Holders were not considered:

Sean Fell – left Australia in August to play rugby in Scotland.
Andrew Gray – injured knee requiring reconstructive surgery.
Sean Hennessey – suffered chronic hamstring injury during club season.
Ryan Newman – returned to live in New Zealand (played for Otago against us).

Scott Daruda and Tajhon Mailata, both members of the QAS side in 2004, were not selected after signing contracts to play for the Western Force in 2006.

Caleb Brown (Gold Coast) was also eligible, however missed our initial two matches due to injury and was then selected to tour Argentina with The Reds, thus making him unavailable for our remaining matches.

Our tournament kicked off with a match against Otago at Ballymore, in which the team showed admirable composure to win by 20-17. We backed up against Canterbury and while we created a number of opportunities we were unable to convert pressure into points and were defeated 28-7.

Geoffrey Abram. Liam Bibb and Caleb Brown were all selected to tour Argentina with The Reds and were therefore unavailable for our remaining four matches. They were replaced in the squad by Lloyd Johnson (Uni) and Enery Maulio (Norths-QUT).

The return match against Otago at Logan Park in Dunedin resulted in a 19-13 victory to the home side in windy conditions on a heavy track. The importance of the program comes to the fore on days like this as it allows our players to experience conditions that they would rarely encounter at home.

In our return clash with Canterbury we dominated in the forwards but failed to capitalise in the backs, losing 23-13.

Keen to make amends, we met traditional rivals NSW at Ballymore and scored two tries to one, only to lose 16-15 when we missed a very kickable conversion on the bell.

Revenge was gained in the return encounter in Sydney, when we turned around a 27-13 scoreline with 20 minutes to go by running in four unanswered tries to win 37-27.

It was pleasing to have members of our squad selected in The Reds side that toured Argentina. Whilst their selection certainly weakened our team, it must be our charter to have players move through to the next level.

Our on field performances would certainly be enhanced with a longer preparation including the opportunity to play more matches prior to the commencement of the Trans Tasman Tournament. This is certainly an advantage the New Zealand teams hold over us, however finding the appropriate window to allow us to do this within the current timetable is far easier said than done. Julian Gardner (Assistant Coach) and I had a very heavy emphasis on our core skills and enhancing decision making, and whilst improvement was exhibited, the players need to be exposed to this far more frequently at their respective clubs. The services provided by support staff, Julian Gardner, Tom Hillier (Physio), Dirk Spits (S & C) and Neil Armstrong (Manager) was once again of the highest standard and certainly enhanced the program as a whole.

I believe that the value of this tournament to Queensland can be seen by the fact that our last six Wallabies (Drew Mitchell, Greg Holmes, Stephen Moore, Lloyd Johansson, Hugh McMeniman and Digby Ioane) have all come through the QAS Program over the past four years and their development has been expedited by their involvement.

Queensland Rugby thanks the Queensland Academy of Sport for its continued support of this important development pathway to the Reds.

Phil Mooney
QAS Head Coach

TELSTRA PREMIER RUGBY

2005 saw Premier rugby reach new levels of professionalism and participation. With the inclusion of the Sunshine Coast Stingrays to the competition, a new era had begun for rugby in South East Queensland.

2005 began well for all clubs with the Pre-season competition kicking off in March. Sunnybank showed their form early, unbeaten in the competition and eventually taking out the pre season Grand final with a convincing win over Easts. The Dragons finished that competition with three players in the top five points



XXXX Medal Winner - James Sua



XXXX Medal Winner - Tim Sampson



Top Point Scorer - Ben Gollings

scorers (Ben Gollings 50, Nathan Stains 40 and James Sua 35) and the top two leading try scorers (James Sua 7 and Nathan stains 6 tries). Even though only early days, Sunshine Coast showed promise and passion which resulted in impressive performances on the park.

With most clubs boosted by the return of non Super 12 Reds, the grass roots rugby reached new levels. Sunnybank enjoyed the success of their major signing, English Seven's expert and IRB Seven's current leading points scorer Ben Gollings.

2004 Premiers Gold Coast Breakers looked specials to take home the cup again. With an impressive squad to choose from, coach Alex Evans delighted with the talents of Matt Windle, Vitori Buatava, Josh Fuimono and Lloyd Johansson. The Breakers went through the season undefeated and took home the Horsley Cup as well as the Welsby Cup.

Brothers celebrated their Centenary year with the clash against University the highlight of the season. The Brethen ensured their Tradition Day match went their way with a 44-12 win over their arch rivals. Brothers celebrated a great season with David Collis, Anthony Sauer, Damon Murphy and Tajohn Mailata putting in consistent performances.

West's season was indifferent with the team finding form late in the season. While still extremely competitive, West's failed to capitalize on opportunities. The future looks bright for the club with young talents Geoff Abram and Darcy Bowden set to perform with experience.

Souths Premier team finished 6th on the competition ladder however showed promising performances for the 2006 season. Captain Mark Gilbride was rewarded for his impressive season with selection in the Australian Sevens team.

Easts Tigers finished 7th on the ladder, a result which did not reflect their on field performance. The young side will gain much confidence for the 2006 season. Star player Ben Mowen again had another impressive season, earning himself a Super 12/14 contract at the end of the year.

Despite a disappointing season and suffering an extensive injury list, University took many positives from the 2005 season. Winger Drew Mitchell joined the Wallaby ranks, as did Hooker Stephen Moore. A host of other Uni players gained valuable representative level experience.

University's season saw players Tom Hockings, James Horwill and Andrew Brown duly rewarded for their performances.

Norths QUT finished the season with three wins, one of which was a thrilling victory over Souths in Round

4 of the competition. The coaching staff, management and players showed a competitive spirit throughout the competition. The most promising sign for the club was their performances against the ladder leaders Sunnubank, giving the top team a scare. With the talents of Tristan Hill and Nick Cooper on display, Norths will be a force for 2006.

GPS late surge for the finals saw the last few rounds of the Premier Rugby competition come alive. With consistent performances throughout the season, GPS looked specials to shake the competition. A highlight of the season was the thrilling one-point win over eventual Premiers Sunnybank. Advancing to the Semi's GPS were unlucky to go down to Brothers. Donovan Slade, Geoff Ingram and Steve Miller were standouts for the Gallopers.

Sunshine Coast Stingrays celebrated their inaugural year in the competition, with a fantastic win over GPS away at Ashgrove. Tim Brandson etched his name in Stingrays history being the first player to register points in the heat of competition.

2005 Premiers Sunnybank Dragons had much to smile about throughout the season. The team finished the pre-season competition on top and remained in Premiership contention despite losses to GPS and Gold Coast. The Dragons unearthed some local talents in Nathan Stains, James Sua and James Kriukeils, all of whom performed well throughout the season.



Sunnybank cleaned up at the 2005 Premier Awards night. Club stalwart Tim Sampson and try-scoring machine James Sua tied for the 2005 XXXX Medal for best and fairest. It was the second year in a row a Dragon had won the award with Dan McConaghy taking it home in 2004. Sunnybank's England Seven's star Ben Gollings was the season top points scorer with 198 points and James Sua was the competitions leading try scorer with 25 tries. Dragons coach Damon Emtage was named Coach of the year in his last year as head coach of club. Grand final runners up Gold Coast didn't leave empty handed, picking up the Welsby Cup, contested by the two teams after the first round of home and away fixtures, and, as Minor Premiers, they also collected the Horsley Cup. University's Tom Hockings was named Colt of the Year and Easts took home the Doughty Shield for 2005.



Colt of the Year - Tom Hockings

The Caxton Cup was fought out between Brisbane's two River teams, North and South. North River consisted of players from GPS, Wests, Norths QUT and Sunshine Coast while Sunnybank, Easts, Souths and Gold Coast formed the South River team. Premier South took home the Cup with a 48-32 win over their Northern counterparts. The initiative was a huge success with the competition a means to expose non-contracted Premier players to a higher caliber of rugby in Queensland

With numerous positives coming out of the competition, Premier Rugby again displayed itself as the breeding ground for tomorrow's talents. James Horwill, Ben Mowen, James Sua, Damon Murphy and Anthony Sauer all had standout seasons for their club

The Premier Rugby competition reached new levels of professionalism off field. With strong media attention and the issuing of a



2005 Media Guide, Premier rugby gained new levels of exposure. Club management strengthened their relationship with QRU with both parties identifying the need to promote and nurture the competition.

The competition was overseen by a new Premier Rugby Committee, chaired by Ross Williams, and we thank them for their efforts.

Our thanks to Ross Farquhar and the Caxton Hotel for their sponsorship of the Caxton Cup.

Thanks to all the sponsors, officials, volunteers and players who contributed to the 2005 Telstra Premier Rugby season.



Ant Sauer & Dan McConaghy with the Caxton Cup

QUEENSLAND PREMIER RUGBY STATISTICS

PREMIER GRADE COMPETITION POINTS

Team	P	W	L	D	F/A	4+	< 7pts	Pts
Gold Coast	18	17	1	0	+387	16	1	85
Sunnybank	18	16	2	0	+414	16	1	81
Brothers	18	11	6	1	+217	12	2	60
GPS	18	10	7	1	+146	9	3	54
Wests	18	9	8	1	-1	8	2	48
Souths	18	8	10	0	+31	10	1	43
Easts	18	7	10	1	-107	5	1	36
University	18	6	12	0	-169	5	2	31
Norths-QUT	18	3	15	0	-195	5	4	21
Sunshine Coast	18	1	17	0	-723	0	1	5

PREMIER GRADE LEADING POINTS SCORER

Player	Tries	Conv	PG	FG	Total
B Gollings (SB)	9	66	7	0	198
N Cooper (N)	6	23	22	0	142
J Sua (SB)	25	0	0	0	125
G Fairbanks (E)	5	28	11	0	114
V Buatava (GC)	4	31	10	0	112
D Slade (GPS)	9	26	3	0	106

GRAND FINAL RESULTS

Premier Grade				
Sunnybank	31	d	Gold Coast	17
1st Grade				
Souths	19	d	Brothers	17*
* Result subsequently overturned on appeal; Brothers declared Premiers				
2nd Grade				
Easts	18	d	Brothers	16
3rd Grade				
Souths	10	d	Wests	8
Under 19 1st Grade				
University	23	d	Brothers	6
Under 19 2nd Grade				
Redlands/Gold Coast	22	d	University	12
Under 19 3rd Grade				
GPS	19	d	Brothers	12

PREMIER GRADE LEADING TRY SCORER

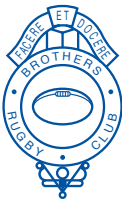
Player	Tries
J Sua (Sunnybank)	25
A Sauer (Brothers)	17
J Fuimaono (Gold Coast)	17
C Northcott (Souths)	16
O Winter (Souths)	15
M Stafford (Gold Coast)	12

XXXX Medal
Tim Sampson
James Sua (Sunnybank)
Leading try scorer
James Sua (Sunnybank) 25
Leading Points scorer
Ben Gollings (Sunnybank) 198
Coach of the year
Damon Emtage
Colt of the Year
Tom Hockings (University)
Horsley Cup
Gold Coast
Welsby Cup
Gold Coast
Doughty Shield
Easts

CLUB REPORTS

2005 Doughty Shield

Easts 689
GPS 674
Brothers 637
University 542
Souths 489
Redlands/Gold Coast 413
Sunnybank 327
Wests 308
Logan City 236
Wynnum 158
Norths-QUT 157
PIDA 114
PIRC (To'a-ni-moana) 96
Woogaroo 90
Ipswich 75
Easts Harlequins 66
Brisbane Irish 61
Pine Rivers (Boars) 60
Black Rhinos 57
Browns Plains 57
Southern Bay 55
Medicals 53
Beenleigh 48
Everton Park 44
Vet Science 43
Griffith University 42
Cromwell Cobras 41
Kenmore 38
Beaudesert 32
Pine Rivers (Pumas) 25
Brisbane Celtics 23
St Leo's Old Boys 17
Twin Rivers -1



BROTHERS

Preseason

The preseason saw Brothers Rugby Club host the Confraternity of Brothers clubs at Crosby Park to compete for the Andrew Pacey Memorial Shield. The week end was an enormous success with Brothers teams coming from Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Perth and Brisbane. The host club also invited the Brisbane Irish team to play and we supplied 2 teams to make up the even round robin number of 8 teams with the two Brisbane sides playing in the first match of the tournament, this was taken out by the Oxenham team who went on to play Brothers Mackay in the final and eventually winning by a slender margin of 12-0.

Representative Players

The season started without our usual Super 12 players in Elton Flatley, Sean Hardman and David Croft but it also saw 3 of our up and coming players being involved in the U19 Rugby World Cup in South Africa with Tajhon Mailata, Scott Daruda and Sean Hennessy all being selected to represent Australia on the tour. Tajhon and Scott were to represent Australia at the U21 World Challenge later in the year and both eventually took up contracts with the new Super 14 franchise in Perth and will be lost to the club in 2006.

Nathaniel Gendle, Ben McCormack, Adam Dance, Sean Hennessy and James Harvey were all selected to play in the Qld U19 Trans Tasman team which took place at the end of the season with Sean having to withdraw through injury.

Elton Flatley got the chance to represent the Wallabies one more time before doctors ordered the former Wallaby Vice Captain to take the rest of the season off to try to recover from concussion related injuries.

David Croft would go on and play for Australia A against the junior All Blacks and later captain the team against the French Barbarians.

Season Proper

The club would field 10 teams in various divisions in 2005 with 3 teams in the colts' competitions, 2 teams in the Normanby Cup Friday night comp, a team in the division 3A comp, 3 teams in division 1 and a Premier grade team in the Brisbane Premier competition.

CLUB REPORTS CONTINUED

All teams performed with distinction and their efforts were rewarded with 7 teams making it into the finals series and 4 teams going on to play in a grand final. Colts 1, Colts 3, div 1 1st grade & div 1 2nd grade all progressed to their grand finals without success.

Premier grade and Normanby Cup team 2 were narrowly defeated in their Preliminary finals and div1 2nd grade were defeated 6-5 by the eventual grand final winners in their knock out semi finals.

Although we didn't win a grand final the effort to have so many teams take part in a finals series is something to be very proud of and something you would have to track back to one of the "Golden Era's" of the club, the early 1980's, to compare similar efforts regarding teams taking part in finals.

Congratulations goes to all the players for their efforts in season 2005 and a special "Thank You" goes to the volunteer coaches, managers, strappers, runners etc who give up their time every week to ensure we put teams on the field.

All in all a great year on the field and we look forward to stepping up in season 2006 and going that little bit further with the results.



EASTS

2005 was another very successful year for the Tigers both on and off the field. The Senior club fielded 12 sides in the Brisbane competition and for the third year running retained the Doughty Shield for Club Champions whilst the Junior club continued to grow with 680 registered players and

Easts Riverside with over 70.

While the results of the Premier Grade were not indicative of their effort, 6 other Senior sides contested semi-finals with 4 of them going through to Grand Finals. Unfortunately Easts Longhorns and Easts Harlequins lost their Grand Finals, but the Easts Women and Division 1 2nd Grade both came away with Premierships.

The Premier grade side were again a very young team this year and the improved placing on the ladder will give confidence to the players for 2006. With the appointment of the Premier coaching staff, headed by Mark McBain, not being confirmed until the start of the season due to the resignation in January of the Premier coach, a full off season and pre season for the 2006 season with the side should ensure that the Premier performance will only be better next year. A highlight of the season was defeating 3rd placed Brothers in Round 12, playing the final 30 minutes of the match with 14 men. Wins like this throughout the 2005 season also show the potential that Easts will have in 2006.

Several Easts players made representative sides this year and they are all to be congratulated for their selection and performances. A special mention to Ben Mowen who has been contracted for the next two seasons to the QLD Reds and also Captained Australia at the U21 World Championship earlier this year. Other representative players were:

QLD A

- Ben Mowen
- Lloyd Campbell-McBride

Australian Womens

- Selena Worsley
- Bronwyn Laidlaw

Australian U21's

- Ben Mowen
- Dom Fuller

Australian U19's

- Dom Fuller
- Matt Brandon

QAS U19's

- Dom Fuller
- Matt Brandon
- Josh Parry

QLD Women's Team

- Selena Worsley
- Caroline Vakahali
- Bronwyn Laidlaw
- Hilisha Samoa

Premier South

- Ryan O'Grady
- James Keen
- Haydn Long
- Darren Gaffney
- Ian Seuala
- John Hoyland

Brisbane City

- Nigel Roy
- John Hoyland
- Tim Ashman
- Tom Hourigan

South East QLD Women

- Selena Worsley
- Caroline Vakahali
- Cathy Faasee
- Juliet Gale
- Jenny Beard
- Bronwyn Laidlaw
- Hilisha Samoa
- Jo Faasee
- Zoe Deeks

Central QLD

- Shardae Boylan

Off the field, the club continues to grow in membership and the increase in functions this year and sponsorship has improved our financial position. In addition, the Club had to spend significant funds during the year to fix or replace essential capital items at the Club including the Coldroom compressor, hot water and electrical systems and tractor.

Easts had three light poles erected for Fields 2 and 3 during the year with funding coming from the Brisbane City Council. The extra lighting will make training for the many junior teams and senior teams much easier with more room to train and should reduce the wear and tear on the fields during the season.

Looking to the future, the Club has commenced a strategic planning process with assistance from the QRU. One of the aims of the process is to determine a way forward for the Club to ensure that we become more financially sound whilst maintaining and improving upon our strong performances on the Rugby field. This will probably involve planning for a significant facilities upgrade in the next few years.

Both Junior components of the club are to be congratulated on their strong performance both on and off the field and for the sound way in which they are administered. The efforts of their strong volunteer group of parents are well appreciated by the Club.

I would like to thank all of our Club sponsors for the 2005 season. Without their strong

support, it would be very difficult for the Club to be as successful as it is. Our major sponsors for 2005 were:

- Northside Honda
- KOOGA
- PMM
- Natural Ideas in Chairs
- ChaChaChar
- Cromwell

I also thank our staff for their work, support and dedication throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the Coaches, Managers, medical staff and other volunteers for their efforts throughout the year. Without our volunteers, the Club would not be able to function and they will continue to remain vital to the success of the Club.

Michael Weibler
President



GOLD COAST BREAKERS

The 2005 season was one of consolidation for the Gold Coast Breakers both on and off the field.

As defending Premiers from 2004, the QPR team again contested its fourth Grand Final in five years after being Minor Premiers, but was beaten by a very good Sunnybank side and congratulations to the Sunnybank Dragons on their fine win.

Our alliance with the Redlands Rugby Club allowed our Division 1 first grade team and Colts 1 to compete in the Brisbane Rugby Competition and both teams had successful

seasons.

The First grade team finished third in the Minor Premiership and lost to Souths in the Minor Final. Congratulations to Souths who went on to win the Grand Final from fourth position.

Our Colts 1 team finished equal fourth with University but missed out on a finals birth on for and against. Congratulations to Uni who went on and won the Grand Final.

The Breakers wish to acknowledge the Redlands Club for allowing us to work with them and also congratulate their Colts 2 team on winning their Grand Final, truly a sensational effort.

Lloyd Johansson became the first Breakers player to first play Premier rugby for the Breakers and then become a Wallaby and we are very proud of his achievements.

Seven Breakers players have Super 14 contracts in 2006 and they include Johansson and Caleb Brown with the Reds. Tai McIsaac, David Te Moana, Matt Windle, Josh Fuimaono and Vitori Buatava are in Perth with the Western Force.

Bill Johnston, Will Munsie and Scott Higginbotham all played in the QAS under 19 team while Jacob Heilbronn was a squad member.

Jeremy Austin represented with the Australian Barbarians.

Congratulations also to Alex Evans being appointed as assistant coach with the Reds.

Alex was a great asset to the Club as Head coach for 2004 and 2005.

Off the field our facility at Albert Park continues to be upgraded with the generous help from the Gold Coast City Council. Lighting was upgraded to 250 lux, seating for 400 spectators erected, the irrigation system and playing surfaces on both fields have also been upgraded along with more area being made available for street parking.

Work will commence in the off season on two new extra change rooms and storage facilities.

Plans are also under way to add a second floor to the existing Clubhouse in 2007.

Our corporate sponsorship partnerships continue to grow with now over eighty local businesses involved with the Breakers.

The Breakers Board wishes to acknowledge the tremendous partnership we also have with our Major Sponsor, Conrad Jupiters and thank them for their ongoing support of the Club.

Our thanks are also extended to the Gold Coast & District Rugby Union for extending the invitation from the QRU for the Breakers to represent the District in the QPR Competition.

To all our loyal coaching staff, members, supporters and volunteers a big thank you and we look forward to your support once again, in 2006.

Tim Rowlands
General Manager



GPS

The GPS Club enjoyed arguably its most successful season in 30 years, finishing runner-up to Easts Tigers in the club championship and having six teams reach the semi-finals.

Three sides finished as minor premiers and two of them (Colts 3 and our 5th Grade) went all the way in their respective competitions.

Given that the club was seventh in the Doughty Shield last year, to come so close to winning it this year was a testimony to

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the planning and recruitment that began four years ago, culminating in the fielding of four colts teams and five competitive grades teams in 2005.

Off field the club enjoyed some of its best crowds in years, thanks to a policy of making “events” out of selected home games. Sponsors were encouraged to invite guests, players created halftime and post-match entertainment and the Premier Grade team played its part by playing attractive football.

The club again placed great emphasis on communication, with weekly email alerts to members previewing the weekend’s match, monthly newsletters mailed directly to members and supporters and a constantly updated club website that has become a popular tool for player communication.

Financially the club is also in better shape than it has been for a number of years, and is expected to be debt free next year. We are grateful to our sponsors, particularly Metro Nissan & Renault and Fastway Couriers, for their continued support.

The club continued its policy of taking Jeeps rugby to a wider audience by playing its final round Premier Grade match against the Gold Coast Breakers at the Brendale home ground of the Albany Creek-GPS Juniors.

This year the club invested considerable financial resources in the Fairplay match analysis software as used by the QRU and ARU. One of the reasons was to make it easier for players to press their representative claims by having access to easily prepared highlights packages.

While the club does not enjoy losing its best players to representative duties it believes its role is to help them achieve at the highest levels.

Accordingly we congratulate Aaron Bellamy, Mark Donaldson, Herman Porter and Simon Poole (before his injury) on their selection in the Qld U/19 Team, Pat O’Connor on his contract with the Force, and our best wishes go to Brock James, Junior Pelesasa, Dan Heenan, Tim Atkinson, Tom McVerry, Anthony Mathison and Ben Tune for next year’s Super 14, and hopefully for future Wallaby selection.

Well done, also, to Paul Biddulph, who

celebrated his 200th grade game with GPS in the same year that he captained the Australian Deaf Rugby side to a 1-1 series result against New Zealand.

Finally, we congratulate and thank the QRU for its efforts this year in creating a successful Premier Rugby competition and for moving heaven and earth to align it with the Brisbane divisional competition. We also appreciate the QRU’s consultation and support in promoting a late season scheduling of the proposed APC.



NORTHS QUT

2005 was a year of growth for Norths QUT rugby club. With a new coaching team lead by Chris Roche at the helm and extensive player recruitment Norths were able to assemble the best premier side we have had in years. 2005 was the first year in a long time in which Norths fielded 2 colts teams.

Our performances on the field were vastly improved from the previous year. At the end of the season we finished a disappointing second last with victories in only three games however we lost many of our games by less than 7 points and had very close games with grand final sides Gold Coast and Sunnybank. Our Colts 1 side also performed very well narrowly missing a place in the finals.

2006 is looking exciting for Norths. We have retained our coaches and most of our players in grades and colts and have already recruited for key positions. Norths are eagerly awaiting the commencement of the 2006 season!



SOUTHS

The Premiership Season

Souths enjoyed one of its best seasons for some time on the football field securing premierships in both 1st. Grade and Division II Grade II. Another of our sides was narrowly defeated in the major semi-final.

In the open grades all teams, bar premier grade, made the finals of the competition.

In the Colts a number of extremely talented players were unearthed and we look forward to their entry into the senior competition in the coming season.

The Colts 1 side started the year very slowly however built up considerable momentum by the regular season’s end. They certainly left us believing that if the season had of just gone one or two weeks longer they could have contested the finals with real vigour.

Colts II also narrowly missed a semi-final berth and as per normal we hope that a number of players from this division stick with the game, and the club, and come through next year as they so often form the backbone of club life in the coming season.

Facilities

Souths continues its struggle to create a state of the art multi-purpose oval at the “The Nest” against vociferous outrage from a minority of local residents. The inroads made on this aspect of the clubs upgrade has been Herculean in the past 18 months and we feel now that we are in the final straight

and are extremely hopeful of commencing work during 2006.

We are also currently upgrading our visitors change rooms, greatly increasing the size and quality of the amenities. We are confident that visiting sides will now find playing at Yeronga Park a far more enjoyable experience in the coming years.

Work is also being carried out on the various amenities units throughout the club to ensure that watching top class rugby at “The Nest” will be enjoyable for all of our patrons.

Trading

Souths continues to trade profitably, albeit, in difficult times. In 2005 profits increased against a background of decreased sales, due mainly to improved management and efficiencies gained in time management.

Souths continues to search diligently for an increasing variety of passive income streams so as to take the emphasis of club support away from our long term members. We have had varied success in our endeavours in this respect.

We also continue to search for ways in which we can encourage greater use of the club by creating strong relationships to local organisations and the immediate community.

Membership

	2005	2004
Player	295	310
Non-Player	65	45

As can be seen player numbers fell slightly from the preceding year, however we are very much focussed on increasing our non-player membership base. In this regard we are hopeful of creating a viable “Old Magpies” network through the creation of a data base and regular newsletter in order facilitate a greater depth of feeling and tradition at the club.

Souths will continue to canvas our local area for new social members as recent recruits have been of great assistance to the club in many ways over recent years.

Planning

As mentioned previously the clubs energies are currently fully directed toward the

approval and building of a second oval. However we are very much aware of our need to improve the lighting of the main field and preliminary discussions have been held with ENERGEX in relation to our ability to increase the power output to the level required.

Planning is also underway to provide seating at the ground for approximately 500 people. Further, in the not too distant future we are hopeful of providing a more modern amenities block at the complex to allow for future growth.

General

The club’s Annual General Meeting has been recently held and was well attended by a number of current players which was as unexpected as it was good to see. The executive committee remains almost unchanged apart from our Secretary, Peter Ascough, stepping down and his shoes being filled by Andrew Lennon. Our thanks go to Peter for all his hard work over the past two years.

Souths currently enjoys a tremendous working relationship with its junior club which has in excess of 400 young magpies on the books. Souths also maintains strong ties to the local community through its relationship with St. Laurence’s College, Brisbane State High School and the Yeronga Institute of TAFE.

Souths is hopeful of continuing its sponsorship arrangement with the Index Group in the coming seasons. On this point it is with great regret that the club must advise of the tragic loss of Mr Ross Maclean, Chairman of the Index Group, and the clubs staunchest supporter who passed away earlier this year.

Souths must also thank its other corporate partner Sekem Sports provider of our entire range of club playing and casual apparel.



SUNNYBANK

The 2005 will long be remembered, by the club, as the year Premier Grade broke the drought & claimed the Premiership trophy for the very first time. The pundits were right - it was the year of the dragon. While Premier Grade overshadowed all other results there were some solid performances, particularly in the City Pacific Finance Colts.

Colts 1 made the semi-finals going down first up to eventual premiers University .Wayne Greenhalgh & Tim Tavalea are to be congratulated on a successful season (Sponsor Maximise Physiotherapy).Colts 2 finished just outside the semis but throughout the year showed a commitment to attacking rugby which ensured all games were entertaining. Noel Braham, Damien Bottacio & Nathan Byrne showed great enthusiasm & this generated to the team. Colts 3 under Conor Mc Henry suffered due to early withdrawals & university exams which effectively ended the team season. We have to ensure a Colts 3 competition is viable in 2006 & provide further club resources to support their success. John Brew again (20th year) provided invaluable assistance throughout the year.

Div. 3A 1st Grade under the guidance of Chris Strudwick reached the Preliminary Final only to lose out to a younger & fitter outfit. From a club perspective 5ths represented the return of many old boys lost to the club & are the nucleus of SOBS committee. They enjoyed their rugby & a beer - see you all next year.

Div. 1 3rd Grade, who were sponsored by “Always Fresh”, and coached admirably by Murray Kelloway battled with player continuity due to movements in higher grades but with a win over Souths to their credit the nucleus (mainly Colts 2&3 from 2004) will be back older & wiser.

Div.1 2nd Grade also suffered similar fate to 4ths but Doug Mahoney & Col Wisemantel prepared a competitive outfit each week.

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Alison & Tessa Mahoney provided the management support throughout the season, thank you.

Div. 1.1st Grade John "Hippo" Williamson, David Magee, Debbie Dunne & Margaret Ross continued on after last years premiership win & were disappointed at the end result but all player resources were channelled to premier grade & coupled with several key season ending injuries made the task difficult. Still their desire to attack did not diminish no matter what the score line. Sponsor - Coopers Plains Dental Surgery.

Premier Grade a real team effort & a journey that has taken 3 years to complete. To Damon Emtage, his appointment as Reds backs coach is a fitting reward, for his innovation, motivation & determination in guiding the team throughout the year. Roy Saunders, Alan Edmond & Matt Taylor provided skills & coaching expertise to individuals and as a unit. Their commitment was vital to the overall success with over 30 players running on during the year. The season statistics show a picture of attacking rugby, individual skills & willing defence. 2005 P 20 W18 L2 PF 815 PA 451 (4 tries +scored in 18 games). The management team under Gary King - Sean McCoola (physio) Stuart Mitchell (fitness trainer), Ben Riley, Ross Bruggemann & Neil Fawcett assisted the team throughout the year. To our valued sponsors, thank you for your ongoing support Rosemount Wines, Alsynite Roofing Products, The Pineapple Hotel & Travelodge have been behind the club for many years. The Board of the licensed club continue to provide invaluable support to rugby in the Sunnybank community with the maintenance of 3 fields & ongoing administrative assistance to the senior & junior clubs. A special thank you to the Sunnybank Ladies Support Group (Alison Braham, Tracey Turner, Debbie Dunne, Margaret Ross & Dixie Ramn) who provided the medical support at all our home games.

When you look back on this year & remember the success of Ladies Day, Presentation Dinner, Golf Day & Annual Dinner the efforts of Kylie Sampson & Ben Riley of MVP Sports must be congratulated. Their professional approach has ensured the growing profile of the club, in particular, to our sponsors. Rugby Manager Neil Fawcett fitted in admirably to the demands on the

position. Thank you for all the hours during the season put the feet up in December for a well earned break. To Adam Millard our game day co-ordinator a thankless job but much appreciated by the committee.

Season Highlights

- SOBS holding their 1st Heritage Day. Shane Williamson & Seamus Cooley are to be congratulated on this initiative
- home game entertainment under the City Pacific Finance tent
- Approval of grant funding for the development of new clubhouse facilities & No. 1 oval plus additional lights for field 3.
- The commitment by all involved in the Premier squad to achieve their goal
- Joint XXXX Medal winners James Sua & Tim Sampson
- Qld Reds players-Greg Holmes, Rodney Blake, Ole Avei, Nic Berry, James Sua, Dan Leo, Digby Ioane & Liam Bibo.
- Australia A Greg Holmes
- Australian 7s Kacey Mitchell & James Sua
- Qld U19 Sean Armstrong, Taniela Hoponoa and Liam Bibo
- Australian U21 Nick Berry & Digby Ioane
- 2 new Wallabies selected for European Tour Greg Holmes & Digby Ioane

Looking ahead: work on the new facilities & oval have commenced & are scheduled to be completed by May 2006. Next year poses a testing time for the Dragons with the expectation high from players & supporters. Colts will continue to be a primary focus for the club while improvement in our lower grades will be an area to be worked on. The club is looking to employ a Director of Rugby who will support the accreditation of coaches, skills training, personal development & player pathway from Walla Rugby to Colts to Seniors.

We also say goodbye to Dan Leo to overseas a great ambassador for rugby, Digby Ioane another one that got away - enjoy the Western Force.

We welcome back Kacey Mitchell, Nathan Staines & Chris Hanley who all had surgery

during the season See you all in 2006, Green Blood.

Neil Fawcett Rugby Manager



UNIVERSITY

During season 2005 the University of Queensland Rugby Football Club was proud to have as Principal Sponsor FUJI XEROX.

UQRFC thank all Players, Sponsors, Club Officers, Committee Members, Volunteers and Supporters for all their effort and commitment during the year.

Off Field

The Club held successful corporate functions including the Annual Corporate Lunch which was attended by 850 guests at the Brisbane Convention Centre, a Melbourne Cup function at Hillstones St Lucia, a Corporate Breakfast, Corporate Golf Day as well as developing the home match day.

At all home matches the Club hosted a Sponsors area, which catered for the families of Sponsors and their guests.

The University of Queensland Rugby Club Foundation once again moved forward during the year with one of the highlights being the lunch pre the Brothers home fixture which was well attended.

The Club is exploring new initiatives, which will allow an improved service to all Sponsors and Supporters. A new Committee structure is being investigated with the intention of utilizing the expertise of Club Supporters

and Players in a more direct and productive manner.

On Field

University had a disappointing season following such strong seasons 2003 and 2004. The Club fielded 7 Open Grade, 3 Colts and 1 Women's teams.

Premier Grade suffered a crippling injury list as well as having very limited use of the large number of representative players developed during the last 4 seasons. This however will be a short lived downturn in form with all three Colts sides making the finals with Colts 1 who were so wonderfully led by Paul (Taffy) Longman and Rob Murdoch finishing the season strongly with a hard earned Premiership.

Representative Players

Nathan Sharpe was joined in the Wallaby ranks by hooker Stephen Moore and Fullback/Wing Drew Mitchell who all represented the Wallabies with distinction and made the end of year European Tour.

Drew Mitchell, Stephen Moore and Rudi Vedelago made the Australia A team with Mitchell Chapman included in the training squad.

James Horwill represented Australia in the Under 21 World Cup with UQRFC Player of the Year Tom Hockings making the Australian U19s.

Andrew Brown represented the Australian 7's team and was awarded a long overdue full Reds contract.

Nathan Sharpe, Nick Stiles, Josh Valentine, Rudi Vedelago, Stephen Moore, Peter Hynes, Drew Mitchell, Mitchell Chapman, Tom Hockings and Andrew Brown represented the Bank of Queensland Reds.

James Horwill represented Queensland A

The University of Queensland awarded Stephen Moore, Andrew Brown and Mitchell Chapman Sporting Blues with Tom Hockings, James Horwill, Ben Ward and Jackie Cutts awarded Half Blues.

The Club would like to wish Rudi Vedelago, Ben Ward, Josh Graham and Nathan Sharpe the very best of luck in their new team the Western Force. It is unfortunate that we

have lost the services of such wonderful Red Heavies but understand and respect their decision to move states to further their careers.

The Club also acknowledges the playing career of Wallaby Nick Stiles who will not play for the Reds next season. Nick was a few games short of playing 100 matches for Queensland as well as representing the Wallabies on 12 occasions and has been a great servant to rugby with University, Queensland and Australia. We all wish Nick and his family well in the future.

Season 2005 Club Awards

Grade Player of the Year – Tom Hockings
Colt of the Year – Darren McClelland
Coach of the Year – Paul Longman (Colts 1)
Most Improved Colt – Hamish Clark

The Future

With a strong base of impressive Colts graduating to grades there is optimism that the on-field future is bright at St Lucia. The Club has lost the services of some reserve Grade players to other Clubs promising Premier action. It is difficult to keep all Players happy with so many representative Players at the Club. However there is an opportunity following a below par season, for the youngsters at St Lucia to step up to the Premier Grade squad and it is with excitement that we await the new campaign.

Director of Rugby and Premier Coach Andy Tucker has stood down from his position following four years at the helm to pursue his business interests. The Club has made the decision to split the position and appoint two individuals. Wallaby Nick Stiles has been appointed Premier Grade Coach with Shaun Brown coming in as Director of Rugby. Both individuals are extremely impressive and ambitious and all Red Heavies wish them well.

It is important that we continue to provide a quality environment for all Club Members at St Lucia. With work underway to improve playing surfaces, Coach and Player development and education through the UQ Rugby Academy, new Sponsorship initiatives and the clubhouse facilities being improved during the off-season, we predict a strong season 2006 and ahead towards the Clubs Centenary in three years.

Club Officers for Season 2005

Bruce Brown - President
Eric Anning - Vice President
Russell Banham - Treasurer
Andy Tucker - Director of Rugby & Head Coach
Lisa Tucker - Business Manager
Gerald Bosch - Rugby Manager
Mike Madden - Registrar

Club Committee Members Season 2005

Mark Anderson
Eric Anning
Russell Banham
Bruce Brown
Viny Byrne
Kim Guerin
Howard Hickey
Michael Hughes
Sam Ingham-Myers
Mike Madden
Stuart Price
John Roebothom
David Shand
Simon Tutt



WEST BRISBANE BULLDOGS

Executive Summary

2005 saw an average performance for the West Brisbane Bulldogs. Our Division 1 3rd Grade team made the grand final but were pipped by Souths and our women's team made the semi-finals before being knocked out of the competition. Our Premier team had some ups and downs and was in the finals hunt right up to the last game of the regular season. If a couple of close losses earlier in the year could have been

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turned around, we would have been in the finals race with a good chance of being competitive.

The club also suffered disruptions off the field with the need to refill a couple of major roles within the club. Whilst these actions caused some adverse impacts at the time, the outcomes were beneficial in the long run with the club positively positioned moving into the 2006 season.

Rugby Performance

The 2005 season started a bit haphazardly for the club with a strong coaching structure supporting the Premier squad but a lack of suitable resources to support the lower grades and Colts to the level we would expect.

By the start of the season proper we had a full coaching structure in place for the senior teams but remained stretched with our Colts coaching for the season. Our Colts numbers were also down on previous seasons and the structure we provided would have been a contributing factor to our inability to retain the younger players at the kennel.

Highlights of the rugby year:

- The improvement of a number of our younger senior players moving up the grades and performing well in new company.
- The large number of Colts players new to rugby who stuck in with the Colts 2 and while the on-field performance was less than satisfactory, the spirit with which these guys developed will auger well for the club in future seasons.
- The club players who made representative honours in 2005 for Australia, Queensland, Australian U21, Australian U19, Australian Women's squad, Queensland Women's, Queensland U21, Queensland U19, Premier North and the Australian Services Team.

Club Performance

This year saw some new blood (older members) getting involved in the management of club business. Various changes and plans are being instigated to better position the club to support the playing and non-playing members going

forward. The support provided by the QRU will allow the club to streamline plans and get the implemented within the timeframes.



The 2005 rugby year has been one of many new challenges within the QSRU for both administrators and players alike. Whilst participation rates in aggregate within Queensland continue to increase, the majority of this increase is occurring at school and junior rugby levels but is markedly declining at the Colts and Senior rugby levels, across both the BRU and QSRU. Whilst increased competition from other high profile sports combined with social and personal choice issues such as user pays education, other forms of entertainment and the geographical expansion of the Greater Brisbane demographic profile are impacting the reduction in participation rates; the concept of Community Rugby now provides an alternative pathway for greater participation whilst balancing the above concerns.

The 2005 competition format once again provided the framework for all Brisbane and Suburban clubs to enter a competition based on actual playing numbers and football ability. Following a revamp of the Premier Competition which was reduced from two grades to one senior grade, it would be fair to say that the standard of the Brisbane Division 1 competition was significantly improved – consequently, Logan City Rugby Union who had acquitted themselves very well in 2004, was one of two Suburban clubs to compete in this grade. Whilst not enjoying the success of the previous year, Logan's A grade side finished mid table ahead of established clubs Sunnybank, Wests, University and Norths-QUT. Redlands Rugby Union Club was the other Suburban club that competed in Division 1, under a joint venture/alliance with Gold Coast Breakers. It participated in Division 1 2nd Grade (where it finished 2nd in the minor premiership, lost the major semi-final to Easts, the eventual premiers, and the preliminary final to Brothers), 3rd Grade (where it finished 7th in a 9 team competition) and Under 19 2nd Grade (where it finished 2nd in the minor premiership and won the Grand Final defeating University 22–12). This was a very strong result for the Club and places them in good stead to compete effectively on a stand-alone basis in the not too distant future.

A core underlying aim of Suburban Rugby has always been to provide an enjoyable, competitive, alternative competition structure for rugby players, irrespective of individual playing abilities, who can not or do not wish to play within the established Brisbane rugby club competition. Accordingly, the QSRU seeks to accommodate not only the established and larger clubs with multiple grades such as Logan City, Ipswich, Redlands and Wynnum but also the one-team clubs whose philosophy is based on a corporate or social base. Therefore it is not surprising that the numbers of registered players and clubs vary from year to year depending on the individual circumstances. So it was in 2005 with four one-team clubs from 2004 not fielding a side in the 2005 competition.

One issue which disappointed me this year was the decision by one of the QSRU's long standing clubs, Murrumba (previously known as Caboolture) electing to opt out of the QSRU competition and play in the Sunshine Coast District Rugby Union competition. This factor alone saw participation numbers in the QSRU drop by 110. There is no doubt in my mind that the Murrumba/Caboolture district will continue to be an important growth area for rugby in general, and whilst I understand some of the issues, I look forward to working with them to resolve these issues and their ultimate return to the QSRU, hopefully in the not-too-distant future.

Despite these setbacks it is interesting to note the following statistics:

PARTICIPATION RATES

	2003	2004	2005
QSRU	1,229	1,499	1,472
BRU	2,083	2,458	2,317

Despite the non-participation of five clubs representing approximately 200 players, player numbers reduced by only 27. I and my committee are very encouraged by this statistic.

Once again, teams competed for the following trophies and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate not only all of the premiers but also thank all Suburban clubs for making the season the success that it was. Crowds at all of the finals games were probably the best ever and I thank all club supporters for your patronage throughout the year.

Competition	Premiers	Runners Up
J Barber Cup	Ipswich	Brisbane Irish
GR Pegg Cup	Wynnum	Beenleigh
RA Tuckey Cup	GPS	Easts Harlequins
IJ Scotney Cup	Browns Plains	Pine Rivers
Wyatt Cup	PIDA	Logan City
Normanby Cup	Black Rhinos	Easts Longhorns

2005 QSRU REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Seniors

The representative season started in February with the re-appointment of most of the team management from the 2004 year, with the exception of Greg Burke who stood down and was replaced by Steve Ryan. It would be fair to say that this year's team was probably the best prepared ever with lead up games against some quality opposition, including QLD Country, heading into the annual Barraclough Shield interstate clash with our NSW Suburban adversaries, which was played at

Ballymore on 1 July as the curtain raiser to the Australian Universities versus Australian Defence Forces match.

Those present at the game would agree that it was one of complete contrasting halves. A couple of crucial mistakes and subsequent dominance by NSW saw them leading 15-0 at half time. The second half however was dominated by QLD which saw them run in 3 tries to 1. But for a few missed kicks at goal, QLD could have snatched a win for the first time in 13 years – the final score NSW 25 QLD 17.

On behalf of my Committee, I would like to congratulate the team on their wholehearted effort, an effort that did not go unnoticed by our opponents who conceded that “the better team had lost”. To the coaching staff of Lachlan Ferguson and Steve Ryan, Manager Rick Packer and their support staff, thank you for a job well done.

Your dedicated efforts have restored a lot of pride in the QLD jersey and engendered a real hunger for success next year in the players. To the players themselves, thank you for your commitment and dedication – you have represented the QSRU and your clubs with pride. The 2005 QSRU representative side in no particular order was as follows:

John MacInnes (C), Fred Motusaga, Jerome Togia, Rob Gattsche, Mitch O'Hara, Markus Franke, Rex Harrison, Rob Donaghue, Pale Feaunati, Tevita Pohiva, Miller Lemalu, Taniela Funaki, Terence Shedlock, Des Russell, Dan Draper, Solomon Avaula, Stewart Cameron, Jarrod Ellmers, Tony Hunt, Perenise Liana, Senetiki Matebu and Nathan Parker.

To the sponsors of the representative team – Queensland Rugby Club and Classic Clothing – without your support we would not be able to mount such a program for our players. We look forward to a continuing association in 2006.

COLTS TRANSITION PROGRAM

Once again, the QSRU assembled a colts representative squad for participation in the 2005 Colts Transition Program which was held at Ballymore from 19th to 26th June. From a Possibles v Probables series of trials, an initial squad of 30 players was selected which was eventually reduced to 26 with

up to 8 of last year's team returning for the second year of the carnival.

The squad lived in at Marist College Ashgrove over the course of the week with a structured training, skills and playing program generously supported by QRU personnel on an “as needs” basis. With the primary aim of the week long program being to give each player as equal games time as possible, the on-field results were not a true indication of the players' football capabilities. Out of the four games played, the QSRU won one and lost three although the losses to South Queensland (Sunshine Coast, gold Coast and Darling Downs) and North Queensland could easily have been wins.

QSRU	10	South Queensland	16
QSRU	0	Western Australia	35
QSRU	27	NSW Country	17
QSRU	15	North Queensland	26

I would like to thank firstly the QRU for their continued organisation and fostering of this program, Marist College Ashgrove for their hospitality and the squad management of Chris Richards and David Crowe (Coaches), Peter McFerran (Manager) and their support staff for generously giving their time during the week long carnival.

QSRU OUTLOOK FOR 2006

Looking ahead, I believe the QSRU is in good shape but it could be improved in a number of crucial areas:

1. As I mentioned in my opening remarks, one of the core aims of the QSRU is to provide a framework to accommodate a viable competition structure for multi-team clubs while at the same time ensuring that any such structure is flexible enough to accommodate one-team clubs with a corporate or social base. With regard to multi-team clubs, it is imperative that they be given every assistance to expand so as to be in a position to compete in the Division 1 and Premier competitions within the next five years.

For one-team clubs wishing to join the Union, while it is important to cater for them, we must be mindful that we do not jeopardise the future stability of existing similar sized clubs within the same locality. Too many clubs in a locality will no doubt

reduce the size of the available pool of players. A set of guidelines needs to be established, similar to that in operation within the Brisbane Junior Rugby Union, outlining the criteria a club wishing to register with the QSRU needs to comply with and parameters within which it can operate.

This will in turn facilitate a natural but planned expansion of rugby within Greater Brisbane which is in accordance with the QRU's strategic plan to grow the game.

2. The other critical area of focus is the growth of participation of Colts aged players within the QSRU to provide the missing link between Junior and Senior Rugby. In 2005 the number of eligible age Colts players participating in the QSRU competition doubled from around 41 in 2004 to around 80. Unfortunately these 80 or so players were concentrated within only three or four clubs affiliated with the QSRU. With no QSRU based Colts competition, many of these players actually played in the senior competition for the whole of the season. One of the main priorities in 2006 is to establish a viable QSRU based Colts competition comprising a minimum of 8 “A Grade” Colts teams with possibly 3 or 4 of the larger clubs providing two Colts aged teams. Earlier this year, David Hanham from the QRU addressed the Committee and heard first hand the issues which our Suburban clubs face in trying to attract those players approaching the end of their Junior and Schools Rugby program. All of our clubs have now been given the details of all the schools in their respective regions so they can commence a recruiting program before the end of the school year and the QRU has committed to assist the clubs in whatever ways they can

The investment in the program by the QSRU has been and will continue to be quite substantial; however, I and my committee are firmly of the view that not only is the investment well worth it but needs to be made if we are to establish a clear pathway within the QSRU between junior and senior rugby.

Preliminary discussions have already commenced regarding the structure and

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format of the 2006 competition and I am please to advise that there will be no structural changes. Clubs will soon be invited to participate in the competition and every effort will be made to enable multi-team clubs to play together at the one venue on the same day as well as accommodate those clubs wishing to play on a Friday night.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the clubs and their respective management committees for their participation, engagement and honest feedback which they have provided to my Committee and I throughout the year. My thanks also to the QRAA for their support throughout the year; without your members' passion and enthusiasm for the game, there would be no competition.

To the QRU, in particular Michael Backstrom, thank you for your assistance and the long hours you put in to ensure the administrative functions run as smoothly as they do. Yours is a thankless task that invariably cops the blame unfairly for unpopular decisions when they are made. Your guidance, assistance and sense of humour when needed have been invaluable to me throughout the year.

Finally, to my own management committee, thank you gentlemen for your dedication and support throughout the year. This year has been one of many challenges – a new committee, a change in competition structure, social issues – to name just a few; however, on reflection it has also been a year where much of the groundwork has been established and policy developed to take the QSRU to the next level to meet the needs of its members.

Noel Rafter
President

QUEENSLAND COUNTRY RUGBY UNION



Peter Moore

QCRU has had a successful 2005 with a number of milestones being achieved. The process of incorporation is well underway. Constitutional redrafting and Strategic Planning workshop initiatives will be presented at the AGM. The committee has worked hard in drafting the new constitution and I would like to thank a number of people for their invaluable contribution. Megan Snape Company secretary of the QRU, Ian Coombe, President of R.D.R.U., Robin Thomson, Chairman QRU and Nicole Comerford, Country Administrator and all the committee. I would also like to thank Ben Kehoe for helping to facilitate our Strategic Planning forum and Tamara Sheppard for helping to document and collate the session. Finalisation of Incorporation, Constitutional Reform and Strategic plan are important to country to move forward in 2006. The Brisbane Rugby Union is about to incorporate in 2006. Together the Incorporated bodies of QCRU and BRU will help forge the Resurgence of the QRU as a force in wide international provincial Rugby.

Sponsorship

I would thank the 2005 sponsors for their loyal support. Landmark – as major QCRU sponsor and naming rights to the 2005 Country Championships and QLD Country Heelers. Macair for their continuing support of the Transition Program and the invaluable support of the Queensland Rugby Club in their support of the Regional Academies. The academies continue to grow in importance and will be of immense importance to QCRU and QRU in the years to come.

2006 will see a new major sponsor come on board. "Farmoz" are most welcome and we look forward to partnering them in Regional Rugby's growth. Mark Allison has been a great friend in the past and we look forward to continuing that relationship. We also welcome Queensland Rail and look forward to continuing our relationship with Macair.

Country Champs

2005 Country Championships were of the highest standard. North and South divisions included open and U/19's competed this year. This final was hosted by Cairns. In the open division Gold Coast defeated Cairns 22-7 whilst in the U/19 division Townsville defeated Sunshine Coast 22-12. Congratulations to the open coaches and managers - Gold Coast, Tom Rosewarne / Barry Moon, Townsville, John Faithful / Terry Shields, Sunshine Coast, Steve Beakey / Greg Dodd. Its great to see "Past" Country Rep. players involved in team coaching and management. The Central Division was won by Mount Isa followed by Bundaberg – Congratulations to Mount Isa, coach Ros Campbell. In 2006 the Country Championship for the first time will be a state wide competition with the 7 major unions all competing. The central division will follow the same

carnival format and be played in Mount Isa.

Premier Rugby

Sunshine Coast entered the Premier competition for its inaugural year. It was brutal initiation and yet I know no-one stood taller than Greg Dodds the day they defeated G.P.S. at Noosa. I know Sunshine Coast will have learnt by the encounter, recruitment would already be underway. I look forward to their 2006 performance. Congratulations to the Breakers for making their fourth consecutive Grand Final. Despite a stoic effort Sunnybank were victorious. The Breakers can still stand tall as they have been the leading force in Premier Rugby over the past four years. They have been responsible for raising the standard.

Heelers

It has been a great year for our Senior Representative team. One loss, one draw and two wins secured a finals birth against Perth Gold. History found a way to repeat itself as the landmark QLD country Heelers were defeated 18-11 by a very professional Perth Gold who have played and trained together for 3 months prior to the Telstra Australian Rugby Shield. Daniel Ese was players player and a special word of congratulations to Coach Terry Shiells, assistant John Faithful, Manager Martin Gillem and Physio therapist, Jon Moses.

Transition Program

A most successful U/19 program this year. Both North and South Queensland exceeded in their performance, especially against Perth and the old enemy, NSW Country. Congratulations to all the coaches and managers for their professionalism and dedication. Country U/19 played a Brisbane U/19 team as the Curtin Raiser to the Brisbane North versus South Premier Rep. Teams. The match provided valuable exposure to the pace, skill and physical confrontation that our country lads must achieve to move to the next level. Whilst they were soundly defeated, there were players who showed they have the skill and ability to take the next step. Let's hope this match continues as an annual event. Thanks to coach John Faithful for his efforts.

Regional Academies and H.P.U. (High Performance Unit)

The regional academies operated in Townsville, Rockhampton, Sunshine Coast, Darling Downs and Gold Coast. Damian Hearne and Julian Gardner ran the program with assistance of regional coaches and sub-unions. During the year assessments were made. Townsville and Gold Coast ran exceptionally well. Special thanks to coaches John Faithful and John Mulvihill for their efforts. Following the HPU review the Regional Colleges have been removed from the

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HPU program to enable more focus on the Reds. The Acadamies will continue with QJRU running the program and supported financially by QRU and BJRU. A full time regional manager will be appointed, working from the QRU and accessing HPU resources he will continue to work closely with the sub-unions and regional coaches.

Barbarians

The Central Barbarians played their inaugural match against a Presidents selection from Rockhampton. It was an outstanding success. Thanks to Jeff Miller and Phil Mooney for helping to prepare and coach the team. Players who travel non-stop from Mount Isa are to be applauded for their enthusiasm and vigor. Thanks also to Ian Coombe who provided the spirited opposition. Thanks to the wheeling and dealing Nicole did to find accommodation for the lads. Plans are under way to continue the program in 2006.

I would like to thank all my committee members for their hard work and commitment during the year. I congratulate David Nicholson for being granted Life Membership of the QCRU. No one deserves it more. I would also take the opportunity to thank the QRU staff with whom I have worked with over the past years. It has been a rewarding experience and one I will miss. I would like to thank Nicole Comerford for her contribution as Queensland Country Rugby Administrator and wish her all the best in her new role as QRU Sponsorship Manager.

You all deserve an explanation for my sudden resignation from the Board and Country. I thought long and hard about leaving as I had become, to my thinking, ineffective, as a board member. I was unable to influence my fellow board members of issues that I felt particularly close to. I hope my replacement will be more successful in the future.

There has been a lot of anguish and anger over the past months especially in regard to the board. I leave the board my best wishes for the future and know the QRU will rise to take its place among the world's strongest Provinces. The QRU and the board needs our support and help, together we can move forward.

Peter Moore

RESULTS

Round 1 - Sat 26 Feb 2005			
Open Cairns	def	Mackay	12-8
U19 Cairns	def	Mackay	24-3
Open Gold Coast	def	Darling Downs	8-15
U19 Darling Downs	def	Gold Coast	12-5
Open Rockhampton	def	Sunshine Coast	23-19
U19 Sunshine Coast	def	Rockhampton	40-6

Round 3 - Sat 12 Mar 2005			
Open Cairns	v	Townsville	NR*
U19 Cairns	v	Townsville	NR*
Open Sunshine Coast	def	Gold Coast	30-18
U19 Sunshine Coast	def	Gold Coast	34-10
Open Darling Downs	def	Rockhampton	42-25
U19 Darling Downs	def	Rockhampton	50-10

* Abandoned due to inclement weather
(Maximum points split between 2 teams)

Round 5 - Day 1/3 Fri 25 Mar 2005			
Open Bundaberg	def	Western Qld	13-12
Open Mt Isa	draw	Central Highlands	17-17

Round 5 - Day 3/3 Sun 27 Mar 2005			
Open Mt Isa	def	Western Qld	22-5
Open Bundaberg	def	Central Highlands	24-7

Round 7 - Sat 9 April 2005			
Open Cairns	def	Townsville	34-0
U19 Townsville	def	Cairns	50-0
Open Darling Downs	def	Rockhampton	31-3
U19 Rockhampton	def	Darling Downs	17-15
Open Gold Coast	def	Sunshine Coast 2	5-12
U19 Sunshine Coast	wof	Gold Coast	NR**

**Sunshine Coast won on Forfeit

Round 2 - Sat 5 Mar 2005			
Open Townsville	def	Mackay	24-7
U19 Townsville	def	Mackay	42-0
Open Sunshine Coast	def	Darling Downs	31-8
U19 Sunshine Coast	def	Darling Downs	28-6
Open Gold Coast	def	Rockhampton	31-15
U19 Gold Coast	draw	Rockhampton	26-26

Round 4 - Sat 19 Mar 2005			
Open Cairns	def	Mackay	41-14
U19 Cairns	def	Mackay	24-5
Open Sunshine Coast	def	Rockhampton	19-16
U19 Sunshine Coast	def	Rockhampton	19-5
Open Gold Coast	def	Darling Downs	41-3
U19 Darling Downs	wof	Gold Coast	NR**

**Darling Downs won of forfeit

Round 5 - Day 2/3 Sat 26 Mar 2005			
Open Mt Isa	def	Bundaberg	26-7
Open Western Qld	def	Central Highlands	24-21

Round 6 - Sat 2 April 2005			
Open Townsville	def	Mackay	25-8
U19 Townsville	def	Mackay	54-0
Open Sunshine Coast	def	Darling Downs	30-22
U19 Sunshine Coast	def	Darling Downs	18-12
Open Gold Coast	def	Rockhampton	34-6
U19 Rockhamtpon	wof	Gold Coast	NR**

**GCDRU withdraw from Competition

Round 8 - Sat 16 April 2005 (Finals)			
Open Gold Coast	def	Cairns	22-7
U19 Townsville	def	Sunshine Coast	22-12

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS

The traditional start of the CHRU season saw the Emerald Rams take out the Capella Telstra Tens for the first time. Emerald defeated the Capella Cattledogs 19-5 in a final dominated by some blistering runs by Emerald winger Manuel Smith. The revamped competition saw five teams nominate to participate in the regular season. The dominance of other codes and the disjointed availability of players due to work commitments saw two of the sides struggle for much of the season.

It seems that each year a club feels obliged to muster the troops and give the premiership a real shake.

In 2005, it was the Clermont Bushpigs starting the season in a clinical and controlled fashion, dominating oppositions across all aspects of the field. A new coaching team and the influx of some new players were the catalyst for this turnaround in fortunes. They were fit, well drilled, and played to a game plan that all players were aware of.

It became clear midway through the season that nobody was going to stop Clermont from winning the Minor Premiership and consequently securing a home Grand Final.

For the rest of the competition, their was only two things left to decide – who was going to challenge Clermont in the Grand Final, and what did they have to do to overcome the huge psychological barrier that a successful team generates over its opponents. Clermont remained undefeated for the entirety of the regular season.

Last seasons Minor Premiers, the Capella Cattledogs, were defeated by the 2004 Premiers Emerald Rams 20-6 in the semi-final. The Grand Final was a promoter's dream, with the incumbents set to take on Clermont and attempt to once again steal a victory away from home. A massive crowd of over six hundred people flocked to Clermont to see their favourite players battle it out for rugby supremacy. The match started as expected with the Bushpigs hitting the ground running and dominating ball possession, field position and scoring opportunities. Within twenty-five minutes the Bushpigs had run out to 24-5 lead and the victory and undefeated premiership looked

certain. To their credit the Emerald Rams showed an enormous amount of composure and started to exert some attacking pressure of their own. Relentless pressure and perseverance saw points accumulate for Emerald with worrying regularity for the tiring Bushpigs. The half-time score of 24-15 ensured that the spectators were going to be in for a thrilling conclusion. Relentless attacking raids were repelled by desperate defensive lines as both sides through everything at each other. With the score at 24-20 in favour of Clermont with three minutes remaining in the season the evergreen Zac Costar scored in the corner for Emerald to secure the most amazing premiership comeback in CHRU history. The final score was Emerald 25 – Clermont 24.

The 2005 Representative season promised so much for CHRU but unfortunately an inability to field our strongest side saw some very disappointing results. Home defeats in the pre-season from Rockhampton and Mackay were followed with an unrewarding Easter carnival at Bundaberg. A classic 17-all draw with eventual winners Mt.Isa was the only saving grace to come out of the carnival. Fortunately, eight CH players were chosen for the inaugural Central Barbarians to play against a Rockhampton Presidents XV on June 4th. The opportunity to develop another level of representative rugby was widely viewed as a success and a further enhancement in 2006 can only help to strengthen the central sub-unions.

In women's rugby, the CH Titans finished off an outstanding season by comprehensively defeating defending premiers Bundaberg 48-5. The girls were rewarded with nine members selected for the Central Queensland side, which competed in the inaugural State Championships at Maroochydore.

I would like to formally thank the committee members for their support, commitment and professional approach to running the competition. The tireless efforts of Secretary Judy Werner, Treasurer Marg Henn and Vice-President Peter Townsend have ensured that rugby in the Central Highlands has been capably managed.

DARLING DOWNS

Off-Field

The 2005 season of Darling Downs rugby was marked by the resurgence of a number of our traditional clubs, the continued improvement by others, and the struggle by most to meet financial and numerical commitments required to put their teams on the paddock.

I reported last year that the DDRU Management Committee was determined to continue to improve the sub-union's financial and playing strength. We again expect to record a small operating profit; however this has come at a cost to our members resulting in a decline of some, which must be addressed. We are clearly suffering the effects of the loss of cash-flow from major matches (representative and finals etc) resulting from the agreement with Gold Park Sporting Club, and we must find ways to counter this.

However, I have been greatly impressed with the energy shown by our participants, and believe that the current issues can be overcome provided all our members work hard towards the common goals.

2005 administrative highlights include:

1. The set-up of a “President’s Sub-Committee” tasked with overseeing the Risdon Cup (club) competition. Despite some minor issues, this sub-committee functioned well and the season had few hitches. Thanks to the participants, and in particular the Chairman, Doug Beattie (Roma) for this.
2. Further progress was made on our future application to participate in the Premier Rugby competition. A steering committee is being set up, however whilst we were initially aiming for entry in 2006, there has been a lack of support for this from above, and 2007 now seems to be a preferred position.
3. Unfortunately, the South Burnett club was forced to withdraw from the competition mid-way through the season due to a lack of players and finances. However, the club committee has shown great energy and commitment to taking part in the 2006 season, and is being fully supported in this by the DDRU.
4. Our Development Officer (Nigel Logan) unfortunately resigned during the season,

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and we thank him for his great work, especially with schools rugby. We have appointed Brett Shields to the position, and Brett has already shown that he will be a great asset to the Downs.

On-Field [Representative]

2005 was somewhat disappointing in terms of results for the Dingoes, with high hopes held for the Country Championships. However, there was no shortage of commitment from our players and the coaching staff, and I wish to thank and congratulate all players and officials for their efforts. In particular, Mike Bishop (Open) and Paul Hanna (U/19) did great work, often with very little preparation. We are hoping the change of format for next season will be positive for the teams.

On-Field [Local Competition]

The local club Grand Finals were held on Saturday, 27th of August. Once again, the rugby on the day (and the support for it) was outstanding, with the highlights undoubtedly being the two wins by Toowoomba Rangers (C grade and Under 19), and especially by the Goondiwindi Emus who backed up their powerful semi-final performance with a win over USQ. Whilst crowd numbers were down marginally against last year, we again had a good cross-section of representation across the Downs, with 6 different clubs involved in the 4 grand finals.

Results on the day were:

C grade - **Rangers** d. **Bears** 15-10 (Rangers minor premiers)

Under 19 - **Rangers** d. **Warwick** 32-20 (Rangers undefeated minor premiers)

B grade - **USQ** d. **Dalby** 21-3 (Rangers minor premiers)

Risdon Cup - **Goondiwindi** d. **USQ** 18-15 (USQ minor premiers)

In club matters generally, I have already mentioned the withdrawal of South Burnett. Whilst extremely unfortunate, they will definitely be back bigger and better, and the Risdon Cup will be the main beneficiary. I also want to give a special mention to the Condamine Cods, whose efforts have been an inspiration to all. Crowd numbers at the "Fishbowl" averaged in the multi-hundreds

and at times thousands; they defeated last year's premiers Dalby in round 2; and finished off the season with a last-round defeat of minor premiers and beaten grand finalists USQ in front of a huge crowd at home.

Finally, I especially congratulate Toowoomba Rangers, who through hard work and determination, have turned their fortunes around and deservedly took out the Club Championship by a wide margin, a truly great achievement.

I again wish to pay tribute to our General Manager, Dominic Doyle, our former and current Junior Development Officers, Nigel Logan and Brett Shields, and the members of our Committee for their unstinting efforts during a tough season. Dominic in particular continues to provide exceptional assistance well beyond the scope of his job description.

I look forward to the challenges of 2006, and to a bright future for Downs rugby.

James Anderson
DDRU President

GOLD COAST & DISTRICT

Gold Coast Rugby 2005 could be best described as a year for both "change and challenge". Previous years of negotiations were always shrouded with uncertainty and "was the timing right for change?" We are glad that we took the extra time to source out the answers to our concerns, and this year, with the unanimous support of our stakeholders, we have taken a huge step towards unification. With the support of the Q.R.U., we have an interim Board, containing some very skilled persons, in their own corporate fields, to formulate a plan to take the Gold Coast & District Rugby into the future. We are, at present, looking back on 43 years of our history and reflecting on where we have come from, where we are now, and where we want to be, by 2010.

Competition review

Seniors; produced some very skilled talent from players and coaches, that are being drawn to the clubs in our area. This of course made our selection of coaches and players to contest the "Landmark" Country Championship much easier, and the results were resounding - our

seniors were rewarded as the winners of the elite tournament. Resulting from this performance, we had players selected to play for the Queensland Country "Heelers", in the Australian Rugby Shield.

The Gold Coast Premier team "Breakers" defended its 2004 success, as winners of the "Hospital Cup", to become runners-up in 2005, to Sunnybank R.U.C.

Our domestic season saw resounding results, with Premiers, as follows:

First-Grade - Palm Beach-Currumbin;
Second-Grade - Surfers Paradise;

Third-Grade - Palm Beach-Currumbin;
Colt's - Bond.

Development & Administration review

Our two Development Officers have performed faultlessly, and their program for our District, and our clubs, has been a driving force in the results of our Junior Rugby development, and the Rugby involvement, at schools. Our A.O., has been on a learning-curve for a time, and with the bombardment of transmitted instructions from more appointed QRU personnel, in many departments, has in the opinion of our stakeholders, performed strongly, and without doubt, has my total support, on all matters.

Juniors have continued to grow, with 1,774 registered players, on the books. Of course, at this point in time the accolades rush forth, to applaud the performances of our volunteers, who without them, results, as we declare, could not be achieved.

Future direction

In conjunction with the 'unification' progress, we will be commencing our 2006 season, with an elected Management Committee, under our current Constitution, to ensure that we lose no down-time, while our transition to the new order becomes official. Our 2006 Budget, will be of a major concern, as there are always 'grey' areas at the start of the season, that effect costs. They are slow, being made known and these delays grossly affect our clubs and their individual budgets.

At closure: I wish to record my appreciation to the support that I have received, from all the staff at Q.R.U. and Q.C.R.U., and the

interest and concerns, our country affiliates have shared with us, throughout the season. May I also express our Christmas wishes to all, and trust you all enjoy a prosperous Rugby new year 2006.

R.E. Carroll
President

SUNSHINE COAST AND DISTRICTS

Executive Committee:
Greg Dodd (President);
Geoff McNamara (Vice President/Treasurer),
Ian McKinnon (Secretary).

Highlight of the Year:

Undoubtedly, entry into the statewide QRU Premier competition was the highlight of the year. After planning and plotting, over 7 years, an avenue for the rise to a much "higher level" of competition, the goal was finally achieved when the Stingrays took to the field on 7 May 2005. Try scorer Tim Bransdon has gone down in Sunshine Coast history as being the first player to register points for the Stingrays in the heat of competition.

Whilst the Stingrays did not worry the statisticians too often in the inaugural year, the first and only win of the season against GPS (26/17) away at Ashgrove will stand beside Bransdon's name in the history books. Notwithstanding the lack of onfield success in the first year, most other areas of Stingrays Rugby prospered from the elevation into Premier competition. Media and sponsorship support both far exceeded all planning expectations. The solid support gained in 2005 will set the rock-solid foundation for many years to come.

The representative model adopted was a first in Premier Rugby. It will, with the support of all clubs in the local competitions over the years to come, undoubtedly improve all Rugby on the Sunshine Coast from Under 7 upwards through the Schools then Under 19 Colts and higher into Open Grades.

Substantially increased commercial support has already been committed to the Stingrays for 2006. This has enabled coach David Clark to already embark on player recruitment and squad training from 1 November 2005.

Affiliation also Historic

Sunshine Coast Rugby had been one of those incomplete structures whereby the Seniors and Juniors, whilst on very cooperative terms, were not aligned with each other. The Referees Association had, some years ago, affiliated with the Seniors. The Schools were yet another separate organisation.

Nevertheless, persistence eventually paid off and after twelve months of serious negotiations the Sub-Union achieved another milestone in its evolution when the Seniors, the Stingrays sub-committee, the Juniors, the Schools, and the Referees agreed to form an overall policy-making Board for the benefit of all Rugby on the Sunshine Coast. The new Board will replace the Senior's association as the affiliate to the QRU.

Participation Numbers

With the advent of the Stingrays into Premier Rugby the Sub-Union enjoyed the best of both worlds when the Sunshine Coast Breakers also played in the Queensland Country Rugby Union Championships.

When compared to Year 2004, growth in player numbers for Year 2005 witnessed further spectacular increases in Seniors by 12% (80), in Juniors by 20% (240), and in Schools by 9% (202). The increases 2005 over 2004 reflected an overall 522 additional players (12%). The strength of the player base is revealed in the table below -

Category	Clubs/Schools	Teams	Players
Senior	9	26	763
Junior	10	103	1462
Secondary School	28	93*	1671
Primary School	12	28	849
Total	59	250	4745

* Includes 19 schoolgirl teams.

There are also 8 independent schools competing in a 32 team competition.

The Women's Rugby continued to enjoy regular competition with Noosa entering a team for the first time to swell the numbers to 5 teams being Fraser Coast, Gympie, Kawana, Noosa, and University clubs.

Local Senior Results

Noosa again secured the Club Championship for the seventh year in a row but this time only by the 18 points provided by its "first time" Women's team. Maroochydhore finished the "home & away" competitions as Minor Premiers in A's, with Noosa in both Reggies and Under 19 Colts, and Fraser Coast for a second year in a row in the Women's.

Maroochydhore halted Noosa's bid for 7 A Grade Premierships in a row with a 39/25 victory while Noosa won yet another Reggies Grand Final 22/16 over Maroochydhore and Noosa defeated Maroochydhore 17/10 in the Under 19 Colts. Noosa and Maroochydhore now share the number of A Grade Grand Final wins at 12/12 giving both clubs all Grand Final victories in the 24 year history of the local competition. University Women's caused the upset of the season by defeating the unbackable Fraser Coast team by 10/5 in the Women's Grand Final.

Player of the A Grade Grand Final award went to Dan Sowden (Maroochydhore).

Referees' Best & Fairest awards for the Year went to: Shane Jefferson (Maroochydhore) in A's; Dallas Loomes (Kawana) in B's; Mitchell Brown (Maroochydhore) in Under 19 Colts, and Sally Galloway (Fraser Coast) in Women's.

"The Spirit of Rugby Award" was presented to Ian McGahey (Secretary of the Sunshine Coast Referees Association).

Ben Walker (Noosa) and Ben Nilsen (Noosa) won the Breakers Best & Fairest Awards in Opens and Under 19 Colts respectively in the Queensland Country Championships for 2005.

Future Development

The most immediate issues facing the Sub-Union are to bed-down the success of the Affiliation, to improve the Stingrays onfield and structural performances based on the solid commercial foundation provided by sponsors and supporters in 2005, and to consolidate the local competitions now that the Stingrays in QPR are a fact of life.

Success in these issues will be achieved through the planning processes now underway. These plans cover forward processes for Strategic Planning,

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Finance, Governance, Human Resources, Competition Management, Facilities (including consideration of a central venue for Premier Rugby), and Participation.

Russell Sheil
General Manager

WESTERN QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION

The 2005 rugby season in Western Queensland has again seen our game expand in terms of the number of players participating as well as a pleasing improvement in playing standards.

The WQ Senior representative side showed some solid improvements in the 2005 season. Our season commenced with two trial matches this year which resulted in two wins. In March, Western Queensland hosted Aichi Shukutoku University from Nagoya, Japan who first toured Western Queensland in 2001. We also hosted Roma as a full trial match at Ilfracombe to prepare for the Country Championships. It was very pleasing to see a big crowd in Ilfracombe for the Roma match, as it was the first time we have staged rugby matches there. Both games proved to be a good hit out for the Championships.

For the second year in a row, WQ finished third in our division of the Country Championships which included a win against Central Highlands and narrow losses to Bundaberg and Mt Isa. This was a creditable performance as a number of our players were unavailable for the Easter carnival format in Bundaberg. Congratulations to the team and coaching staff on their performance. Thanks to Paul Smith and Glen Holmes for coaching and organizing the team this year.

The WQ Competition began in earnest once our representative commitments were over. Barcaldine were rebuilding after a number of years of drought that has seen a number of shearers leave Western Queensland in search of work – these men represent a considerable number of Barcaldine players. The Collegian Rustlers won their second premiership in two years with a solid win over the Longreach Jumbucks in the Grand Final. This was a disappointment for the Jumbucks who had won the minor premiership however the Collegians win was

certainly deserved. Congratulations to all teams on a successful year.

Womens' Rugby continued this year with a level of commitment that really should be admired. Our WQ women entered a team in the Central zone this year which involved an incredible amount of travel each week. The team performed admirably and will continue to improve. Thanks to Emma Egan, Jodie Cronin and Nadia Wakefield for their tireless enthusiasm in organizing womens' rugby and to Stirling McDonald for his coaching efforts .

Junior rugby has again been a feature of WQ this year. Nearly 50 junior players signed up this year and we have seen a tremendous improvement in the skill levels of the kids. To all the parents who have volunteered their time during the year and especially to Jim King we say well done and thank you.

Our annual awards night ended with the Player of the Year award being won by Rob Johnstone of the Longreach Jumbucks. The Presidents trophy, awarded for the person who contributed most to rugby during the year was won by Emma Egan for her efforts in organizing Womens' rugby. The "Rodney Button Memorial Trophy – The Rugby Spirit" which is donated by the Button family was won by Hoepea Renall from the Collegian Rustlers. The WQ Representative Player of the Year was won by Paul McClymont.

This year saw a number of representative honors for our small sub union. Three senior players were selected in the Outback Barbarians team – Dougal Bailey, Matt Hughes and Dan Walker. Four of our Women's' players were selected in the Central Queensland side with Shade Boylan progressing to be selected in the Australian Rugby squad. Congratulations to all players who have won representative honors.

Former Queensland player Andrew King has been our Referee coordinator this year and has given up his weekends to referee games. I thank him for his commitment as it is certainly a thankless job. Andrew has decided that after 20 years involvement in WQ Rugby, it is time to retire from his referee duties but will continue to be involved in junior rugby. We thank him for his long service to our game.

Thanks to the Executive of Western

Queensland Rugby, James Walker and Mick Newell, the Presidents of the Clubs, Nic Williams, Bob Searles and Paul Grams, and to all the Club workers, players and supporters for their efforts and support this year. We look forward to the continued rise of Rugby in the West in 2006.

Bill Ringrose
President - WQRU

TOWNSVILLE AND DISTRICT RUGBY UNION

Like every year, we can report progress gained in many areas and also challenges that are yet to be met.

The following summary qualifies the achievements for Rugby in the Townsville region over the past 12 months

1. **The continuing expansion of Junior Rugby including:**
 - More than 540 registered junior players involved in club rugby
 - The introduction of Fairfield Waters Junior Rugby
 - The atmosphere of sportsmanship at Friday Night Juniors
 - The quality of rugby during the Junior Finals series
 - The hosting (once again) of the Japanese National Schoolboy side and several British Schoolboy teams
2. **The involvement of many new supporters**
 - More than 300 parents and juniors attended one recent Junior Club Presentation Night
 - More than 100 participants in Smart Rugby
3. **The announcement of Super 14 for Townsville**
 - This is the single biggest opportunity we have had for expanding our sponsorship base in many years
 - This game will be locked in until 2010
4. **The Performance of our senior representatives and coaches**

- Brolga Under 19's winning the Country Championships
- Six Brolgas representing the Heelers
- Terry Shiells and John Faithfull forming a successful coaching combination with the Heelers

5. Two Development Officers appointed

- Sam and Jomi can now double the development impact

6. Grant Funding

- Sport and Recreation Queensland have been very supportive with a Development Grant utilised in early 2005 for Coach Education
- Gaming Benefit Fund supported the TDRU with funding for new lights at Hugh Street
- Together the TDRU obtained more than \$40,000 in grant funding during season 2005

The major challenge for Year 2006 and beyond is developing the financial capability to expand the profile of the game further in this region. This includes developing the capability to attract and host more international quality games; field a competitive representative team in as high a profile competition as possible and to attract in excess of 1,000 registered club rugby juniors.

Acknowledgements

The game in this region survives only by the goodwill and efforts of so many people, and on behalf of the TDRU these people need to be acknowledged:

1. Terry Shiells – Over the years, Terry has worked above and beyond his job description. He invests as much time voluntarily as he does as Director of Rugby, and his weekends are rarely his own. His role through 2006 will alter slightly to become more of a general manager role for the TDRU rather than a director of Rugby.
2. John Rauch and John Faithful – Both Johns helped Terry tremendously with our Brolga Academy. This required

two evenings every week through the year. Further to this John Rauch did a tremendous job through the year attracting and hosting a number of visiting schools from overseas and the Japanese National Schoolboys team. The efforts from these tow fellows have been extraordinary.

3. The Referees – to Mark and his referees, thank you again. As a wider group, we need to acknowledge and include the referees as much as possible. They are truly representative of people with the highest passion for the game

4. Club administrators – It is evident to me that in many cases, the work being done in the clubs is completed by 2 or 3 mainstays. To each of you, we remain very grateful. One word of advice though is do not be too proud or embarrassed to ask for assistance where needed. The compliance requirements for an incorporated body are simply becoming too onerous for any small group of volunteers to satisfy. The best thing we can do as a relatively small rugby community is to assist each other, other wise we will have clubs falling over despite the best intentions of many of us.

5. Those involved in Junior Rugby – This body continues to produce a quality product in terms of player improvement, fellowship between teams and expanded numbers. Well done.

6. The TDRU executive – Thankyou to those who performed on the executive through 2005 as without your efforts we would not survive. A special thank you to those members not seeking re-election. We know you will not be lost to rugby and we will be in touch. A welcome to new executive members, I look forward to working together with you.

Finally, 2006 will be a special year for Townsville rugby. The advent of Super 14 for Townsville provides an opportunity for a planned, focussed approach for increased exposure and sponsorship support.

I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Craig Stack
President

ROCKHAMPTON

Competition Review

i) 2005 was another good season with many highlights. We had a terrific finals series with Colts defeating University in A Grade. We also had some close and exciting matches in the other grades. Congratulations go to our other premiership winners with Biloela in sub districts and Colts in reserve grade.

University and Colts both had a women's team which competed in a regional competition involving Bundaberg, Emerald and Longreach.

ii) Our representative teams performed with distinction though not as successful as we had hoped. This year saw us move from the Northern Division of the Country Championships to the Southern Division seeking a change in competition. It certainly proved to our players that the Southern Division was also a very tough competition. Congratulations to all the players involved and a special thanks to our coaches Darren Solomons, Tom Moore and all their support staff.

A number of players were selected for the U/19 Qld Country transition program and we congratulate them as well as coach Tom Moore. Also congratulations to Jamie Blyton, Sean Kearns and Joel Johnston for making the Qld Country team to play in the Telstra Australian Rugby Shield. We would also mention that Joel was selected for the Australian University team which toured United Kingdom in January.

Development & Administration Review

i) Facilities

Our grounds at rugby park have held up well this year. 2005 saw field 2 become operational again and this has certainly helped in scheduling matches. Our priority for facilities is to get lights on Field 2. This is essential for the sustainability and growth of rugby particularly at a junior level.

ii) Participation

This year saw 5 senior teams fielded in A grade, Reserve grade and Sub Districts. Unfortunately we could not get a u/19

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competition up and running. Our junior sub committee have been working toward a junior competition and this year we saw the first steps in this process. We have also conducted a successful schools and pathways competition. As previously mentioned we also have a number of womens teams.	to be of tremendous help to all involved in rugby.
iii) Volunteer Recognition	I would like to thank all of our staff for their efforts during 2005. Finally I would like to thank all clubs for their support and cooperation during the 2005 season.
<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>Ian Coombe</div></div><div><div>President</div></div></div></div></div></div>	
iv) Committee	
<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>The following are members of the RDRU management committee for 2005.</div></div></div><div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>Ian Coombe - President</div></div><div><div>Mark Brown - Vice President</div></div><div><div>Adrian Price- Secretary</div></div><div><div>Greg Starr - Treasurer</div></div><div><div>Allan Austin</div></div><div><div>James McRea</div></div><div><div>Errol Mellor</div></div></div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>Thank you to all committee members for your efforts in 2005. Also a big thank you to all sub committee members especially the chairman of our junior sub committee Mr Richard Thompson and our chairman of the schools competition committee Mr Alastair Whaite.</div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>The quality of Rugby in the Far North has taken a quantum leap forward and this was evidenced from our Representative Team right through the grade competition to the Juniors. The Coaches have to take a lot of the credit for this improvement. Their dedication and commitment has to be admired.</div></div></div><div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>Season 2005 started off with our pre-season competition with the final hosted by Port Douglas. This was a very exciting game between JCU and Barron. The final score after extra time was 22-22 with JCU taking the title as a result of scoring the first try.</div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div>
v) Juniors	
<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>As mentioned in participation our junior sub committee is working toward a junior club competition. We also hope to continue to expand our pathway competition.</div></div></div><div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>C) Future Direction</div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>Our Representative Team, the Cairns Thunder, again had high expectations of success and coupled with an excellent Coaching Team headed by Mark Copeland there was a positive vibe. Their first game against Mackay showed they had the talent and skills with a 12-8 victory followed by a 41-14 victory at home and then 34-0 victory over Townsville. Cairns then hosted the Country Championships Final where we fell 22-7 to the big and strong Gold Coast Team. Cairns were rewarded with four players earning Queensland Country selection. They were fullback Shane Collins, hooker Jordan Massey, prop Paul Rossi and lock Jason Harrington. The Under 19's had a good year under David Morgan but were ultimately overwhelmed by the highly competitive Townsville Team missing out on the Nth Qld</div></div></div></div></div></div>

Country Championships. Three players did make the U19's representative squad. They were Lloyd Wright, Christian Piat and Richard Gerle with Patty Williams selected for the North Queensland Team.

Womens Rugby has provided some great entertainment and true running Rugby. Cairns beat Townsville 32-0 at home and drew 12-12 in Townsville. Two players were selected to play in the National Squad being Kristy Wilson and Jenny Moevao. Three other players joined them in the Queensland Squad being Megan Stiffler, Kelly Drake and Jo Taylor. Six players were selected to play in the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team.

The main Grade Competition provided some great games with an exhibition in skills improvement. The Rainforestation Cup Grand Final was eventually won by JCU with a 36-28 victory over Brothers in what had to be the game of the season. The game was extremely well supported with a large crowd. JCU topped their excellent season by winning the Reserve Grade Final against a valiant Innisfail 37-29. The consensus

was that the whole home and away format plus combining Opens and Reserve Grade had been an overwhelming success with all the Clubs welcoming the opportunity to develop their fund raising and sponsorships.

Junior Rugby continues to grow in numbers and quality with the game entrenching itself within the junior sporting landscape of Cairns. Programs such as the Rugby Academy have had a direct impact with the Cairns Storm Juniors taking three teams to the Qld State Championships with all teams winning at least two games.

The CDRU finished the year financially well prepared for 2006. Our Sponsors and especially Tropic Wings and Rainforestation through Charlie Woodward have helped us to grow our position and quality. Our thanks also go to "The Friends of Rugby" who have provided funding for a number of special ventures and support for the fringe financial requirements. There continues in the Far North a small group of dedicated volunteers who help make this great game greater. Without them it would not be the same.

2006 will see the same focus on developing the game but enjoying the game through

the "Spirit of Rugby" and understanding the Rugby Culture. The QRU have assisted enormously in helping us put this together. The indications are that once again we will enjoy the increased support for the Game they Play in Heaven in Paradise.

Andy Poynter
President
Cairns and District Rugby Union

BUNDABERG AND DISTRICT RUGBY UNION

The BDRU had another successful and challenging year. We opened the year with a new concept having matches played on Australia Day and on Waitangi Day between the International Wallabies v Barbarians All Blacks which proved successful on two fronts. It enabled us to get Rugby into the media first and it enabled us to select a representative team to form the basis of the 2005 Bundaberg Rum Rebels.

This year we ran a successful transition program targeting boys turning 18 and 19 who were not yet ready for the rigors of senior football. The boys played a number of matches developing skills and match hardness with older members of the team playing for all of the senior clubs this year.

The Bundaberg Rum Rebels went on to perform admirably in the Central Division of the Country Championships which was beautifully hosted at the most picturesque rugby ground at Bargara. Although we expected that we would win at home the Rebels were runners up to Mt Isa. From these games four Bundaberg players were chosen in the Central Barbarians team that played a Rockhampton President's XV.

The Darwin Mossies and Queensland Country came to town for a round of the Telstra Australian Rugby Shield at ATW Sports Club. The Queensland Country boys showed the Darwin boys how to play rugby. This match gave our match officials an opportunity to officiate at a representative level with the Bundaberg Referees providing Touch judges and other support staff for the referee.

The senior competition was a hotly contested competition with the finals make up only decided in the last round. The finals proved very physical contests played with

great spirit. In the end Buccaneers prevailed in a very tight final against Barbarians in front of one of the biggest crowds seen at a rugby game in Bundaberg.

2006 is shaping up to being a season of growth with two more senior clubs (Maryborough Mudcrabs and ST Lukes Old Boys (SLOBS)) nominating teams to play in our local competition, The News Mail Cup.

Of particular note this year was the spectacular development of our juniors, all done through the dedication and hard work of the Junior Committee lead by Ian Loeskow and Mark Clancy. Junior players were fielded in U8s to U 14. Special thanks go to our out going development officer Matt Price who will be missed in his official capacity. The great hope is that we can continue the growth in this area with our new development officer based in Rocky.

Schools had another successful year. Our annual Anton Toia Memorial Carnival was held with Bundaberg North SHS defeating St Lukes College in the open final. A fantastic, close game played in a torrential, tropical downpour. A combined High Schools team will be holding a development tour to Vanuatu with 27 boys from six high schools participating. Our challenge in 2006 is to continue to grow in this area.

MACKAY DISTRICT RUGBY UNION INC.

Competition Review

Our Senior competition consisted of eight teams – Bowen, Brothers, Glenden, Keas, Kuttabul, Mackay City, Slade Point and Whitsunday. These clubs had 321 registered players. The competition commenced on 03 April with three rounds for a total of 18 games. The competition rounds were completed on the 13 August. We had a Final series of four weeks and our Grand Final was played on 10 September at Quarry Hill

Grand Final Results

The Longwall Associates Cup 2005

Open Division

Slade Point - 17 d. Mackay City - 6

The Plate

Brothers - 32 d. Glenden - 20

Secondary Schools Competition

This Competition ran from 22 April through to 15 July – 29 teams competed with approximately 580 players. North Mackay High took out the Open Boys defeating St. Patrick's College in the Grand Final. The Under 15 Women ran from 31 August through to the 09 November – with 9 teams competing.

Juniors

There were 626 registered players this year. The Junior season ran from August through to November with Under 7's to Under 12's playing on Friday night and Under 14's, Under 16's and Under 18's playing on Wednesday nights.

The Under 18 Competition consisted of four teams with 68 registered players. Keas and Brothers played in the Grand Final with Keas running out winners.

Development and Administration Review

Facilities

Third field still to be lit, lights have been delivered and poles purchased. Cages for poles to be ordered after results of soil testing to determine class of cage required.

Sealing of car park delayed awaiting new engineering plans.

Volunteer Recognition

The following volunteers were recognised through the QRU Monthly 'Recognise a Volunteer Scheme' – Bryan Sheedy (March), Richard Incledon (April), Martin Gillham (May), Grace Hoffman (June), Dale Miinchow (July) and Dan Cronin (August)

Future Directions

The MDRU have secured the freehold lease of the parcel of land that includes the clubhouse and the car park. This is a significant step forward for this sub-union and for our plans for future development.

Next Easter the 2006 Suncorp North Queensland Games will be held in Mackay. Rugby Union is the designated "Signature Event" and we are planning a 'Sevens' Tournament from April 15, 16 & 17 April 2006. We are hoping teams from all over Queensland will attend.

Dan Coonan
President

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MT ISA RUGBY UNION

The 2006 year for Mt Isa Rugby Union started promisingly with a full committee, which in the past has been a major feat, and with four teams in our competition once again.

Mt Isa plays a Summer Competition which starts in September and plays through until April. There are three local teams - Keas, Warrigals and Euros - plus our fourth team Cloncurry who travel 120km to compete. This definitely gives our competition more gusto. If it weren't for the fourth team - no matter who it is - Mt Isa Rugby would struggle to hold a decent competition.

All four local teams are financial and support themselves with great sponsorship from the community. Our home games attracted a local crowd of around 200 spectators a night, increasing during the season to approximately 800 people for the Grand Final. Due to this fantastic support Mt Isa Rugby Union is in a better financial position than for a very long time.

Competition was tough throughout the year, with the two top teams Keas and Cloncurry playing the Grand Final. Keas went through to defeat Cloncurry and take their third championship in a row. Considering Cloncurry struggled to join our comp at the beginning of the season, they put in a magnificent effort and improved every week.

Mt Isa's high standard of football and players proved rewarding when we took our Rep Side to the Central Division Carnival in Bundaberg. After three days of highly competitive Rugby, we won all three games to take out the Championship. Eight of the Mt Isa rep team were then selected to represent the Central Division Barbarians team.

2005 also saw us put a lot of time into trying to get a junior competition up and running. With a lot of organisation and finding volunteers to run a school based program, we finally got the ball rolling around mid year. All credit for this program must go to a man named Andre Ponga. Andre was definitely the backbone for the junior program, giving up all of his days off and nights to pull this together with great success. Mt Isa schools witnessed the professional talent of Jason Gilmore of QRU when he travelled out to see

the program through.

The school based program was very successful, with the children then improving their skills every Friday afternoon at the MIRU grounds. Sadly, tragedy struck our small rugby community with the loss of Andre's 18 month old son, Kasey, after a freak accident when he was with his family at one of the Friday skill sessions.

We would like to pass on our gratitude to the QRU, ARU and other representatives of Rugby Union and also the people of Mt Isa and beyond for their amazing support and monetary donations to the Ponga Family in their time of need as they stayed beside their son in Townsville Hospital for several days.

The Ponga family has now moved back to their home of New Zealand and we are working to get together a new committee to carry on Andre's excellent work. There are many children in Mt Isa very keen to continue with Rugby and we would not like to see the junior program fold.

We would like to see a program run by the ARU or QRU similar to that of Auskick in AFL. This program runs through all local schools on a yearly basis and has great return in numbers of students attending and then continuing with the sport locally. If this was available through Rugby we would reap even better rewards.

Paul Stretton
President, Mt Isa Rugby Union



QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL SCHOOLS UNION

It would seem most appropriate to commence this report by acknowledging the teachers in our schools who each year volunteer to coach, manage and organise school rugby. As the teaching profession exists in an environment where accountability and compliance are now an accepted part of the teachers' world it is apparent that many teachers have walked away from sport and say it is simply too hard. However, there is a core group of teachers who commit each year to take on sporting responsibilities for the best of altruistic reasons. Could I thank these teachers and ensure them that their efforts are appreciated by the students they work with and by all associated with the organisation of schoolboy rugby.

Recently I addressed a QRU Board meeting about how schools' rugby is travelling. During this discussion I encouraged the Board not to ignore schoolboy rugby and assume that all is well. Like all sports rugby comes under the microscope in a host of ways from the pressure of the school's educational programme to the availability of a competent referee to take an Under 13D game on a Saturday morning. I encouraged the Board to think and act strategically in the best interest of schools and rugby and suggested that the first step would be to communicate regularly with headmasters and principals through regular principal forums. Hopefully the Board will take up this offer in the New Year.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The representative schoolboy season started in Townsville in May with the State Under 18 Championships. Over 4 days the competing regions keenly contested the Championships with South Coast emerging as narrow but well deserved victors over a very competitive and well coached Sunshine Coast region. The Championships was well organised by John Rauch who was ably supported by Rob Armstrong, the Regional Sports Officer, Bruce Galletty, the billeting co-ordinator, and Tony Reddy who co-ordinated the day to day operations of the Championships. They ensured that all players and coaching staff had a very enjoyable stay in Townsville.

The Under 15 Championships was held at The Southport School in early August. Again the games were keenly contested and it was great to see the very competitive performance of the Wide Bay region. The winning region was Metropolitan East. Metropolitan North proved a worthy finalist. The Championships was well organised by Clint Bullock with great support from Tony Cannon and Julie Henderson. Clint, Tony and Julie ensured that all participants had an enjoyable rugby experience.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following the Schoolboy Trials held at Ballymore in late June two Queensland teams were selected to

participate in the national championships in Canberra in early July. The two teams were well prepared and managed by David Meehan, Pat Richards, Paul Herbert (Queensland 1) and Rick Saunders, Rob Nowlan and Rod Jenkins (Queensland 2). I would extend my thanks to these gentlemen for the time and energy they gave to preparing two very competitive teams.

Queensland 1 qualified for the final despite losing a game to the ACT. In atrocious conditions the team suffered a narrow loss to NSW 1 by 20 points to 10. Queensland 2 recorded a good victory over Combined States and recorded some narrow losses.

Two games were played by Queensland teams after the Championships. A Queensland team recorded a comprehensive victory over Japan at the The Southport School while a narrow loss was recorded against Samoan Schools at Noosa. Could I thank The Southport School and Noosa Rugby Club for their willingness to host these internationals.

QUEENSLAND SCHOOLBOY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Queensland selectors nominate players for this award based on player performance from the Queensland trials and the national championships. The following players were nominated for 2005:

Player of the Year **David Pocock** ACGS
(Ian MacMillan Memorial Award)

AIC Player of the Year **Alex Tallon** Marist Ashgrove

CSS Player of the Year **Ben Daley** All Saints College

GPS Player of the Year **Josh Afu** Brisbane State High

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

One of the real attractions of schoolboy rugby is the opportunity to play representative rugby. While this pathway is part of the road to professional rugby and higher representative honours it is also an end in itself. I would like to congratulate the following players on their selection in Australian teams during 2005:

V Japanese Schools: Ben Daley, Lagi Setu, David Pocock, Brett Stapleton, Brett Gillespie, Rota Setu, James Hanson, Gavin Warren, Daniel Linde, Josh Afu, Quade Cooper

V Samoan Schools: As above

V New Zealand Schools: Josh Afu, Quade Cooper, Ben Daley, Brett Gillespie, James Hanson, Malo Lauti, David Pocock, Brett Stapleton, Gavin Warren

V Tour of the UK and Ireland: Same players as New Zealand as well as Ben Lucas

- Glen Cronan and David Grogan managed these Australian teams and David Meehan was the assistant

coach of the Australian A team. Marin Collins, Toby Fawson, Will Genia, Ben Lucas, Alex Tallon played games for Australia A.

CHALLENGES FOR THE QRFSU IN 2006

The following issues remain as key concerns for the QRFSU Committee in 2006:

- The implementation of the two year window in school competitions
- The restructuring of the committee so that it complies to QSSSA policy but retains the interests of its key school groups
- The partnership with the QRU including some certainty about funding of Queensland teams
- Succession planning for up and coming coaches and managers
- Improving the safety of all participants at QRFSU events
- Retention and expansion of the service awards

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Could I acknowledge with gratitude the following people and groups:

- Damian Hearne who recently resigned from the QRU provided significant support for the QRFSU through his work with the Reds College
- Members of the QRFSU Executive especially Bill Newcombe, John Brew and Darren Kayrooz
- All levels of the QRU for their interest and support of schoolboy rugby especially Gavin Head, Peter Moore and Jason Gilmore
- All the regional coaches and managers
- Our regional convenors as outlined in the report
- All our referees
- Phil Muller for his terrific assistance with various tasks associated with the QSSSA

Finally thank you to all involved with schoolboy rugby throughout Queensland

Damien Barker
Chairman QRFSU

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

This has been a traumatic year for Rugby in Queensland. Not helped by the display of some members of executive council at the mid year meeting. This was at best an appalling display by the supreme body charged with the governance of Rugby in Queensland.

Over some years the QRU Board has been moving to more objective governance with less emphasis on the Reds and Premier Rugby clubs and with more of the decisions recognising that there is rugby played in the State outside of those narrow fields. Unfortunately the knee jerk reaction to the mid year meeting has been a loss of that objectivity.

In all of my involvement in the administration of junior rugby the ethos has been for equality of both treatment and opportunity for all. QJRU management committees over many years have steadily moved to ensure that governance is based on objectivity and that every child in this state has the opportunity of a clear and visible pathway to the Reds and Wallabies.

QJRU management committee believe that we have done our job if our programs develop the majority of the Reds and at least half of the players in the other three super 14 teams. It is outside of our control if the QRU is unable for a number or reasons to contract the best team out of those players.

If we are to continue to grow as we have (Sunshine Coast 20% in last season) we need great leadership from the QRU Board. We need administrators in Rugby like Craig Matheson, the President of Saints Junior Club in Toowoomba. A few weeks ago he was faced with taking information back to his club, if presented objectively, and the club was to agree to vote in the best interest of junior rugby, he would be forced to stand down as club president and his involvement in junior rugby would be limited at best. The club voted in the best interest of junior rugby. To be as objective as Craig clearly was, took a great deal of intestinal fortitude.

It is the quality of administrators like Craig through all of the levels of junior rugby who allow me to be very confident that junior rugby will go from strength to strength into the future.

The great strength that Junior Rugby has is the regular (2 to 3 years) changing of administration at all levels. As a consequence we do not cling blindly to tradition, our administration is more in touch with the general community and their perceptions of what is and what is not acceptable behavior. Over the last year there has been a large improvement in the governance of junior rugby throughout the state. It is a credit to the majority of the affiliates on their improvement in seeking the information to help them make better-informed decisions.

In this year we are losing some very good people from the management committee of QJRU. They have set a standard that the incoming members are going to have to be on their game to maintain. I thank them for their considerable input and the pleasure that I have had in being given the opportunity of working with all of them. Thank you to Tom Wooller, Chris Gunthorpe, Ross Sanson and Ron Warren for their contribution to QJRU.

I wish to thank Narelle Cathcart and her committee for their outstanding achievement in the organisation and running of the state championships. They have shown us that the opportunity exists to carry this forward to make this a carnival that every player in the state wants to be a part of.

I also must congratulate the permanent staff of QRU who have performed professionally in a trying year. We thank them for the outstanding support that they give to Junior Club Rugby. Our relationship with Theo Psaros and Gaven Head is excellent and that is then reflected by the others at Rugby House who perform above duty frequently on our behalf.

As with all employees they expect our support in turn therefore I urge each of the affiliates to be fully informed of the individual roles so that we can give these excellent people the full measure of our support.

A special thank you to Damien Hearne who is no longer with QRU for the enormous personal effort that he put into the regional rugby colleges to make them as successful as they were. There is no possibility without that effort, knowledge and forward planning could the success have been achieved.

I am looking to 2006 with great confidence; we have many exciting things to achieve. None of the affiliates yet use even a small amount of the support that is available from the staff of QRU and the resources both human and financial of QJRU. The situation is improving but we can go much further. When we begin to fully communicate and share experience and resources that is when QJRU will become a fully effective organisation.

Thank you all for your fantastic support.



Noosa Juniors

QUEENSLAND RUGBY CLUB REPORT

Despite the distractions and challenges faced by the Club, all indications are that we have had another successful year in 2005. This has enabled us to once again fulfil the Club's charter of supporting grass roots rugby and providing enjoyment and comradeship for our members.

The Club has positively responded to many requests for support and has provided grants to a host of rugby affiliates including referees, junior rugby, schoolboy rugby, country rugby, suburban rugby and the Ballymore Ladies Support Group.

A new membership rebate incentive scheme has been offered to affiliates whereby members of all QRU affiliate clubs who join the Queensland Rugby Club will have their \$100 nomination fee rebated back to their own club. Clubs are encouraged to reap the benefit of this offer.

Regular functions including the Penfolds Lunches, XXXX Ballymore Lunch, the Qantas Lunch and the AACo Lunch have been extremely well patronised and have provided a succession of high profile speakers such as John Connolly, John Mitchell, Kerry O'Keefe, David Boon etc. Feedback from these events was very positive.

The Club is privileged to have a stable of highly profiled and well regarded sponsors and their combined support is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Any organisation would be proud to boast the likes of Penfolds, Castlemaine Perkins, Qantas and AACo as major sponsors. Other valued supporters of the Club included Total Sports Travel, Simon George & Sons and Marriott Hotels.

2006 will see the relocation of Super 14 games to Suncorp Stadium and with that move the loss of a significant source of the Club's income base with the loss of the Ballymore Stadium catering. Not to be daunted, the Club members unanimously supported the exciting new Rugby Plaza project at an EGM in September. Planning for this project has been ongoing for all of 2005 and culminated with the lodging of the Development Application with Brisbane City Council just prior to Christmas. The Club has secured a long term tenure for the entire development. Initial indications are that the project has the support of Council.

Subject to approvals, the vision for the development is for the following facilities to be the core of the projects infrastructure.

- an all encompassing open pedestrian space.
- a two level members only QRC headquarters comprising members bar on the boardwalk level and a members dining room on the plaza level.
- a five star 450 seat ballroom / event centre on the

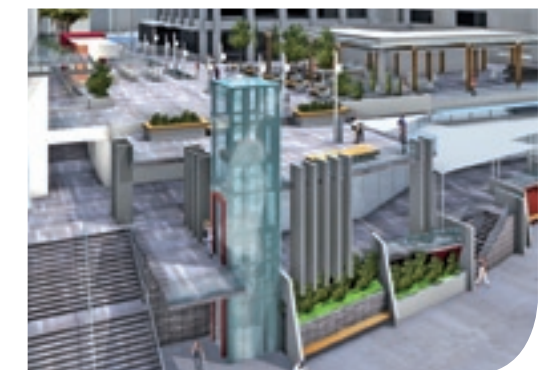
boardwalk level

- a members only Qantas club style business/leisure centre
- a 150 seat a la carte restaurant
- an alfresco wine bar / café

The Board believes that this project with its extensive member and public facilities will provide a solid base to provide wonderful amenities for members and ensure our ability to continue to support community rugby. It is envisaged that the project will open prior to Rugby World Cup 2007.

The Club has enjoyed an open line of communication with the QRU Chairman Robin Thomson and his Board. In association with the QRU, we were proud to initiate the Norbert Byrne Medal which is intended to honour and acknowledge exceptional effort or achievement in any facet of administration, promotion, playing or refereeing of rugby union. The inaugural winner of the medal was the organising committee of the Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival Brisbane 2003.

Whilst excited about our future developments, Ballymore remains the Club's spiritual home.



Artists Impression of the QRC's proposed Rugby Plaza Development on the river in Eagle Street, Brisbane.

QRU JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The Committee commenced hearings in early April and concluded in late September. Throughout the year, 91 hearings were actually convened with a further 14 players who were sent off having refused to appear and therefore remain suspended until such time as they do so.

The most severe sentence imposed was a 12 week ban which effectively concluded the season for the offender.

The source of the offenders, based on the competition they compete in, ranges across the whole spectrum – for instance 10 players from Premier 1st Grade were dealt with as were 4 players in the Women's competition. Generally, there remains a disproportionate number of players coming from the Normanby and Wyatt Cup compared with the playing strength in other competitions.

Two other matters require specific mention:

THE SAFETY DIRECTIVE

This was introduced in 1998 and makes it mandatory for players throwing a punch or using a boot on opponents on the ground to be given a red card. Despite initial concerns about the sheer volume of players likely to be red carded, the directive has worked well and there is a clear ethos in all matches that such acts of foul play will be dealt with and consequently, the incidents of these types of foul play appear to have reduced significantly. Of further significance, the English RFU has sought details of the directive and is considering its introduction next season.

THE CITING PROCESS

Without video of all matches and an appointed independent citing commissioner, the Citing Procedure permits citings from a limited class of persons who observe incidents of foul play. Nevertheless, the Citing Regulations as proscribed by IRB Regulation 17 apply and for a citing to progress, the 'red card threshold' must be met, that is, the incident must of such gravity that, had it been detected by the match officials, the offending player would have been given a red card.

During the year, the long-standing Deputy Chairman retired ahead of a family move back to Victoria. Barry Kelly joined the Committee in 1990 and has given 16 years of selfless voluntary work to Queensland Rugby which was recognised by a presentation to Barry by the QRU Chairman and CEO. Paul Tully and Ron Stanley have joined the Committee. The contribution by QRRA nominee, Geoff Gardiner is always appreciated and highly regarded.

H W Shand.
Chairman
QRU Judiciary Committee

STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Robin Thomson-QRU Board Member

Secretary Cole Barrett (QRU)

Members Ian Scotney, Terry O'Connor, Frank Meiklejohn (QRU) Geoff Pegg, Dave Shing (Referee Delegates)

The QRU State Referee Committee was formed in late 2004 and operated fully throughout 2005 meeting monthly.

The charter of the committee was to promote and develop referees and resources throughout the State. A range of activities were undertaken and completed.

COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT

Appointments were made to the Country Championships with all matches refereed by Country referees bar one. Level 3 Referee Coaches attended 75% of the matches of which several were videoed for coaching purposes. Following the Championships participants were surveyed with a view to incorporating improvements in 2006.

From the Championship Referees, Callie Prinsloo (Sunshine Coast) was selected to referee 2 matches in the Australian Rugby Shield. Geoff Pegg, Peter Goffton, Peter Smith and Cole Barrett all undertook coaching duties during those championships.

The Australian Rugby Union undertook a Development Program in Sydney which was attended by Dave Shing (Sunshine Coast) and Dan Mollard (Rockhampton).

The Committee invited Peter Smith and Peter Goffton to co-ordinate a coaching plan to develop referee Coaches in the Country and so far Dan Mollard (Rockhampton) and Paul Jones (Central Highlands) have completed the course. A further intake has been assembled for 2006.

Further activities to develop Country referees will be undertaken in 2006.

REFEREE COACHING

The Australian Rugby Union conducted Advanced Referee Coaching Seminars throughout Australia during the year. The first was held in Queensland. A further seminar is to be held in Canberra in March 2006 with 5 coaches from the State participating.

A coaching report website which enables coaches to put their reports on the site for

Assistance in selections and coaching was undertaken by the QRRA and partly subsidized by this committee. It should be enhanced in 2006.

PREMIER RUGBY

Officials were appointed to all Premier Fixtures. A Referee Coach attended each match and the Referee received a DVD of the game. A mid-season review meeting was held and feedback for referees sought from Premier Coaches. A protocol for referee conduct was developed. Communication equipment was purchased to assist with the match officiating and 2006 may see the striking a SRC Referee strip.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

In addition to Country and Premier Appointments referees were allocated to the following tournaments-

State Junior Championships
Women's Championships
Open and U/15 Schoolboy trials
U/19 Transition
U/19 Trans Tasman
NZ Marist Tour
Ballymore Cup semi-finals and Finals

OPERATIONAL PLAN 2006

Extensive planning was undertaken for 2006 and includes

- Establishment of City and Country Development Squads
- Establishment of a State Referee's Coaching Panel
- Establish a Junior Referee Development Program
- Develop a State appointments/succession plan
- Encourage a Schools Referee Development Program
- Developing a generic operational plan for Tournaments
- Providing Officials for all SRC matches
- Provide Experience opportunities for promising referees
- Establish Referee's Medal for Premier Rugby
- Strike a SRC Refereeing Strip
- Consider a State Referee Education Tour

A solid foundation on which to build was established during the year. Completion of the 2006 Operational Plan will see Referees and Referee Coaches identified for the future and given opportunities to progress along the various officiating pathways.

Cole Barrett and Frank Meiklejohn have now moved on but many thanks are due to them for their efforts during the year in the field of administration and appointments.

The State Referee Committee

QRRR REPORT

Excluding appointments for which the Association undertook responsibility at Premier Grade (touch judges and no. 4 officials), carnivals and other tournaments, we have in 2005 again appointed and provided referees to some 3,500 games in the Brisbane Rugby Committee Senior Competition, the Brisbane Junior Rugby Union Competition (from U11 to U17) and the Schools' Competitions (1st XV, 2nd XV and A teams). This, again, represents a wonderful achievement by an Association of only just over 200 members of whom some 140 are active as referees.

The ever expanding BJRU Competition (this year we appointed to 1,777 BJRU games compared to 1,662 in 2004) represented a significant challenge. Over 50% of junior games are at the U11 and U12 age groups, and the Association expresses gratitude to those members of the Association, particularly our very senior, "retired" and "semi-retired" referees who have given of their time to ensure the Association can fulfil its obligations to the BJRU this year.

From a Management Committee perspective, quite a few significant developments occurred in season 2005. They include:

- Development of an official website for the associate
- The formulation of a sponsorship policy
- The formulation and implementation of a 3 year coaching plan
- Commencement of recruitment drive via BJRU Pathway course
- Appointment of a contracted Administrator
- Re-development of the Referee's Room at Ballymore
- Organising for members to become Smart Rugby compliant
- The implementation of a "re-imbursment of expenses" for all official games refereed

From an association perspective, many of our members have continued to excel on and off the rugby field. On the international scene, Andrew Cole and Scott Young again refereed a number of test matches in addition to their numerous Super 12 appointments. More specifically, congratulations to Andrew on his Lions/All Blacks and his All Blacks/Springboks appointments and to Scott on his return to the IRB's "A" panel. This year saw the retirement of Greg Hinton from the Australian panel, but the elevation of Paul Marks in his place. As one door closes, another opens. The Association also congratulates those members who achieved significant Milestones in their refereeing careers including Mick Abell's 1000 games, and those talented and fortunate

enough to achieve IRB, ARU and other representative honours.

As always though, it was the weekly refereeing appointments that occupied the minds and hearts of the majority of our members. As in previous seasons, this onerous task of appointments fell upon the shoulders of our Appointment's Board chaired by our Vice -President, Tim Matthews, with tireless efforts from both Tom Ryan and Brian O'Donnell for their contributions this year. Although the pullouts early in the season added to what is a time consuming and arduous task, the Appointments Board's functions were rendered more efficient by the engagement by this year's Management Committee of John English as the Administrator of the Association. We also thank John for his tireless efforts and liaison with the Appointments Board and Michael Jennings as Honorary Secretary to ensure that appointments and revisions to appointments were kept as up to date as possible on the Association's newly established website. As with all processes, there were some "teething problems", but as the season progressed they became fewer.

To our major sponsors, The Queensland Rugby Club and our principle support sponsor, Dixon Homes, thank you for your continued financial backing. Over the past three seasons, this has enabled the Association to become a financially sound organisation within the local rugby community. This has enabled us to maintain, and in some instances increase both the delivery and quality of services to our various stakeholders.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Robin Thomson



David Usasz



Will Colwell



David Croft



Dan Crowley



Murray d'Almeida



Col Harkness



Theo Psaros



Ross Williams

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors of Queensland Rugby Union Limited, except where otherwise stated, present their report on the company for the 14 month period ended 31 December 2005.

DIRECTORS

The name and particulars of the Directors of the company in office at any time during or since the end of the period are:

Mr R J Thomson, Mr D C Crombie (resg 12/5/05), Mr R J Marks (resg 1/3/05), Mr D E Usasz, Mr D J Crowley (appt 19/5/05), Mr P D Moore (resg 6/10/05), Mr W M Colwell (appt 19/5/05), Mr M H d'Almeida (appt 6/9/05), Mr T J Psaros, Mr D N Croft, Mr C O Harkness (appt 19/12/05), Mr R S Williams, Mr B J Kehoe (resg 12/7/05)

Information on Directors

Mr R. J. Thomson

Robin Thomson was elected Chairman in July 2005 and has been a Director since 2000. He is Principal at Thomson Law. He played rugby for GPS from 1967 to 2003 and was GPS President for nine years from 1990 to 1999. Robin is currently Director of the Australian Rugby Union Ltd. He has also been Vice-President of the Queensland Rugby Union for three years from 1997 to 1999 and was a Director of the Reds Rugby College from its inception in 1997 until 2000. Robin is 59 years old.

Mr D.E. Usasz B.Com (UQ), FCA

David Usasz is a Chartered Accountant and has been a Director since September 2001 when he was appointed as Treasurer. David has been a Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers since 1987 and was National Director of Corporate Finance Australasia for six years. He is currently a Director of the Australian Rugby Union Ltd and has been a Director of the Reds Rugby College Pty Ltd since its inception in 1997. David is 50 years old.

Mr W. M. Colwell B.Com (UQ) CA

Will Colwell is a Chartered Accountant and was appointed a Director in May 2005. Will has been a Partner of Ferrier Hodgson which specialises in corporate restructuring and turnaround, since 2000. His long association with the GPS rugby club began in 1987 where his involvement was as a player, coach and later as treasurer, playing a key role in rebuilding the club during the 1990s. Will is currently involved at Brothers' Juniors. Will is 38 years old.

Mr D. N. Croft

David Croft has been a Director since January 2004. He has played 69 matches for Queensland. He was

a member of the Wallabies squad at the 2003 Rugby World Cup and has won five Test Caps. He has also captained Australia A and was the Australian Super 12 Rookie of the Year in 2001. He is the current Reds player representative on the Board. Off field, David is currently studying a Bachelor of Business Management Degree at the University of Queensland. David is 26 years old.

Mr D. J. Crowley

Dan Crowley was appointed a Director in May 2005. He is a Director of Verifact Pty Ltd and Sunder Services Pty Ltd. Dan was previously a Director of Australian Rugby Union for four years and played 124 matches for Queensland and 39 Tests with the Wallabies, including the 1991, 1995 and 1999 Rugby World Cups. Dan is 40 years old.

Mr M. H. d'Almeida

Murray d'Almeida was appointed a Director in September 2005. Murray has 30 years experience in national and international business and is currently extensively involved in food importation and distribution. He is Chairman of Bartercard Australian Pty Ltd and the Institute of Business Leaders and a Director of Bartercard International Plc (London) and L Monforte & Co. Murray is 57 years old.

Mr C. O. Harkness

Col Harkness was appointed a Director in December 2005. Col brings with him strong rugby administrative experience as a former Vice President of Queensland Rugby in the late 1960s to the mid 1970s, and also as President of the Queensland Country Rugby Union in 1974 and 1984. As well as practicing law, he holds a number of positions including Director and Member of the Management Committee of Fairfield Land Pty Ltd, Director of the Chan Group, member of the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) and is a former President of the northern branch of the UDIA Qld. Col is 65 years old.

Mr T. J. Psaros (UNE) B.F.A. CA

Theo Psaros was appointed Chief Executive Officer and Director in October 2003. Theo is a Chartered Accountant and prior to joining QRU in July 1998, he was a Senior Manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Theo's professional background includes major infrastructure feasibility, business valuations, and business advisory services. Theo is 43 years old.

Mr R.S. Williams LLB, ArbiAMA, FAIM

Ross Williams has been a Director since November 2002. He is a Partner of Ebsworth & Ebsworth. Ross is a graded arbitrator; a Director of Mount Olivet Hospital, Saint Vincent's Hospital Toowoomba and the Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital; a past president of

DIRECTORS’ REPORT CONTINUED

the Queensland Rugby Union Club; and the Honorary Solicitor and Life Member of the Royal Life Saving Association. Ross is 42 years old.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company's principal activities in the course of the period were the control and operation of Rugby Union in Queensland.

During the period there was no significant change in the nature of these activities.

LIKELY DEVELOPMENT AND RESULTS

Likely developments in the operations of the company and the expected results of those operations have not been included in this report as the directors believe, on reasonable grounds, that the inclusion of such information would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the company.

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 7.

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

During the period, 25 meetings of Directors were held. The number of meetings attended by each Director during the period is as follows:

	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Mr R. J. Thomson	25	25
Mr T. J. Psaros	25	25
Mr D.E. Usasz	25	25
Mr R.S. Williams	25	24
Mr D. N. Croft	25	16
Mr P. D. Moore	21	19
Mr B. J. Kehoe	16	16
Mr W. M. Colwell	11	11
Mr D. J. Crowley	11	9
Mr D.C. Crombie	11	7
Mr R. J. Marks	6	4
Mr M.H. d'Almeida	5	4
Mr C.O. Harkness	-	-

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

During the period, the following committees met and the attendances by Directors at these meetings were:

	Finance & Strategy	Professional Rugby	Country Committee	Referees Committee	High Performance Commission	Brisbane Competition	Premier Rugby
No: Meetings held	9	7	13	10	4	11	10
Mr R. J. Thomson		7		10			
Mr D. E. Usasz	9						
Mr R. S. Williams						6	8
Mr W.M. Colwell	3						
Mr P. D. Moore			10				5
Mr T. J. Psaros	6	7					3
Mr B. J. Kehoe	4						
Mr D.J. Crombie		4					
Mr D.J. Crowley					4		

OPERATING RESULTS

The company's profit/(loss) for the financial period after income tax was a loss of (\$195,856) which compares to a 2004 year profit of \$1,337,096.

DIVIDENDS

The company is a company limited by guarantee and is prohibited under its Constitution to declare dividends.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

Details of the Commercial, Community Rugby, Professional Rugby and Corporate activities of the company for the period have been outlined under those operational headings in the previous pages of the annual report.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

We have moved the reporting of the QRU business to a calendar year and hence this report is including a one-off fourteen month period.

No other significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the period.

AFTER BALANCE DATE EVENTS

No matters or circumstances have arisen

since the end of the financial period which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in subsequent financial years.

OFFICERS AND AUDITORS INDEMNIFICATION

The company has not, during or since the financial period, in respect of any person who is, or has been, an officer or auditor of the company or of a related body corporate:

- indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability incurred as an officer or auditor, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability incurred as an officer or auditor for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings;

with the exception of the following:

During or since the financial period the company has paid premiums to insure each of the directors and the company secretary against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director or

company secretary of the company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the company. Further details are prohibited by a confidentiality clause.

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking

responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of these proceedings.

The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the period.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to Section 298(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 on behalf of the Directors.


R. J. Thomson
Chairman


D.E. Usasz
Finance Director

Brisbane this sixteenth day of February 2006.

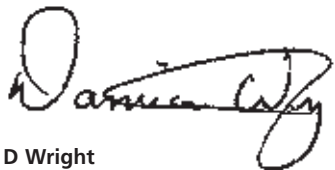


AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE DIRECTORS OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION LTD

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the period ended 31 December 2005 there have been

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements asset out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit

BDO Kendalls
Chartered Accountants



D Wright
Partner

Brisbane
Dated: 16 February 2006

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Note	Period Ended 31 December 2005 (14 months) \$	Period Ended 31 October 2004 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	19,295,210	18,622,991
Government development grant		-	771,253
ARU RWC Funding		1,450,000	-
ARU RWC Funding Grants		(500,000)	-
ARU RWC Compensation		-	250,000
Employee and Player costs		(9,427,798)	(8,074,520)
Depreciation & Amortisation expense		(1,420,964)	(958,705)
Match day operational expense		(764,234)	(849,678)
Borrowing cost expense		(71,123)	(186,174)
Other expense from ordinary activities	3(c)	<u>(8,756,947)</u>	<u>(8,238,071)</u>
(Loss)/profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense		(195,856)	1,337,096
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities	1(c)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net (loss)/profit from ordinary activities after income tax expense attributable to the members	12	<u>(195,856)</u>	<u>1,337,096</u>
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with members as members		<u>(195,856)</u>	<u>1,337,096</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Note	Period Ended 31 December 2005 (14 months) \$	Period Ended 31 October 2004 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets		543,848	550,200
Trade and other receivables	4	612,759	1,488,474
Inventories	5&1(b)	11,270	8,691
Other current assets	6	<u>737,851</u>	<u>293,426</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,905,728</u>	<u>2,340,791</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property Plant & Equipment	7&1(a)	<u>27,107,276</u>	<u>28,208,451</u>
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		<u>27,107,276</u>	<u>28,208,451</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>29,013,004</u>	<u>30,549,242</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	8	3,845,297	2,720,532
Short term borrowings	9	64,669	300,443
Short term provisions	10	<u>243,622</u>	<u>208,174</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>4,153,588</u>	<u>3,229,149</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	8	790,480	839,885
Long term borrowings	9	103,434	2,332,284
Long term provisions	10	<u>81,674</u>	<u>68,240</u>
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>975,588</u>	<u>3,240,409</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>5,129,176</u>	<u>6,469,558</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>23,883,828</u>	<u>24,079,684</u>
MEMBERS EQUITY			
Members' Liability	11	-	-
Retained Profits	12	<u>23,883,828</u>	<u>24,079,684</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY		<u>23,883,828</u>	<u>24,079,684</u>
Capital, leasing and contractual commitments 13,14			
Contingent liabilities	18		

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Note	Period Ended 31 December 2005 (14 months) \$	Period Ended 31 October 2004 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from patrons, sponsors etc		20,064,129	18,019,804
Interest received		57,014	20,850
Grants from Queensland State Government		230,000	976,425
Payments to suppliers, wages etc		(17,501,166)	(16,278,869)
Interest paid & other financial costs		(71,123)	(180,174)
Net cash (used)/provided by operating activities (b)		<u>2,778,854</u>	<u>2,552,036</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of property plant & equipment		14,000	17,395
Payments for property, plant & equipment		(283,838)	(3,126,434)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(269,838)</u>	<u>(3,109,039)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from borrowings		(2,450,001)	1,070,001
Repayment of finance commitments		(65,367)	45,291
Net cash provided by financing activities		<u>(2,515,368)</u>	<u>1,024,710</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(6,352)	467,707
Cash at beginning of the period		550,200	82,493
Cash at end of the period	(a)	<u>543,848</u>	<u>550,200</u>
Note (a)			
For the purposes of Statement of Cash Flows			
Cash Comprises:-			
Cash On Hand		1,500	1,500
Cash At Bank		542,348	548,700
		<u>543,848</u>	<u>550,200</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Note	Period Ended 31 December 2005 (14 months) \$	Period Ended 31 October 2004 \$
Note (b)			
Reconciliation of Cash Flow provided by Operating Activities to Profit from ordinary activities			
Net Cash (used)/provided by operating activities		2,778,854	2,552,036
Non cash flows in Profit from ordinary activities			
Depreciation		(1,330,500)	(1,101,830)
Amortisation		(90,464)	(14,493)
Loss on Disposal of Assets		(793)	(19,031)
Changes in assets and liabilities			
(Decrease) in debtors		(875,715)	(282,530)
Increase/(Decrease) in inventories		2,579	(26,371)
Increase /(Decrease) in other debtors & prepayments		444,425	(55,974)
(Increase) in provisions		(48,882)	(21,985)
(Increase)/Decrease in creditors		<u>(1,075,360)</u>	<u>307,274</u>
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities for the period		<u>(195,856)</u>	<u>1,337,096</u>
Financing Facilities			
1) The permanent overdraft facility is \$125,000. At 31 December 2005 this facility is unused.			
2) Loan facility - Commercial Facilities secured (note 9)			
Amount used		-	2,450,001
Amount unused		<u>2,200,001</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>2,200,001</u>	<u>2,450,001</u>
These facilities have been negotiated to the year 2006.			

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

NOTE 1 – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001. The financial report covers the entity, Queensland Rugby Union Limited as an individual entity. Queensland Rugby Union Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Land

Land is measured at deemed cost based on the fair value of the land granted to the company by the Queensland Government, being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction. The land was recognised in the financial statements in 2001 on the basis of a valuation prepared by independent valuers.

The carrying value of land is assessed annually by reference to an independent valuation.

Buildings

Buildings are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of buildings is reviewed annually by directors to ensure that it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from the buildings. The recoverable amount of the buildings is the higher of the buildings fair value less costs to sell or value in use. In relation to the Ballymore Buildings and Stadium, value in use is determined by reference to depreciated replacement cost. This value has been determined by reference to a independent assessment of the deemed replacement cost of land and buildings at Ballymore.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to their present value in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised lease assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets in the current and previous financial periods are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Buildings and Improvements	2.5 - 10%
Plant and Equipment	17 – 33.3%

Depreciation rates in relation to the above classes of fixed assets are regularly reviewed by Directors.

(b) Inventories

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

(c) Income Tax

The company is exempt from income tax pursuant to the Income Tax Assessment Act.

(d) Contra Sponsorships

The company is in receipt of sponsorships in the form of contras for travel, playing gear, advertising, car leasing etc. These contras

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

have been recognised in the financial statements as both income and expenditure.

(e) Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the Lessor, are expensed in the periods in which they are incurred. This basis reflects the pattern of benefits derived from the use of the leased assets.

Lease payments for finance leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the Lessee, are expensed in the periods in which they are incurred. This basis reflects the pattern of benefits derived from the use of the leased assets.

(f) Deferred Income

The company has sold certain grandstand seats and sponsorships over time periods exceeding one year. In addition, certain Government grants have been received which are required to be utilised during the 2006 financial year. The income therefrom is brought to account over the respective time periods on a pro rata yearly basis. The unexpired portion has been disclosed as a current or non current liability.

(g) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries and annual leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on costs. Other employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

Contributions are made by the entity to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(h) Land

The Land situated at the Junction of Butterfield Street and Clyde Road, Herston is held by way of a Deed of Grant issued by the State Government. This land is shown in the financial statements on the basis of an independent valuation being the fair value of the asset acquired.

(i) Comparative Figures

Where required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial period.

(j) Shortfall of Working Capital

The balance sheet shows there is a deficiency of working capital of \$2,247,860 (2004 - \$888,358). The directors believe the company can continue to pay its debts as and when they fall due as a result of the generation of cash from operations in the 2006 year.

(k) Revenue

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

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rate applicable to the financial assets.

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

(l) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

(m) Change of Financial Year

During the 2005 year, the Company sought and was granted approval from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to change the end of its financial year from 31 October to 31 December. The purpose was to align the financial year with the commercial rugby playing year.

As a consequence the 2005 financial report reflects a 14 month period whereas the comparative balances are for a 12 month period.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

Note	Period Ended 31 December 2005 (14 months) \$	Period Ended 31 October 2004 \$
NOTE 2 - REVENUE		
Operating activities		
- grants/sponsorship received	13,250,604	12,286,838
- gate takings	3,428,047	3,804,652
- corporate facilities	1,017,360	903,244
- food and beverage royalties	444,831	529,623
- merchandising and royalties	383,715	325,855
- affiliation fees	3,000	3,800
- other revenue	294,994	307,643
	<u>18,822,551</u>	<u>18,161,655</u>
Non-operating activities		
- car parking income	239,779	282,713
- rent received	175,866	140,378
- interest received	57,014	20,850
- sale of assets	-	17,395
	<u>472,659</u>	<u>461,336</u>
Total revenue	<u>19,295,210</u>	<u>18,622,991</u>
NOTE 3 - PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax has been determined after:		
(a) Expenses:		
Interest paid or payable to:		
- other persons	<u>71,123</u>	<u>186,174</u>
Movements in Provisions		
Depreciation of non-current assets:		
Buildings & improvements	1,175,471	783,372
Plant & equipment	155,028	160,840
Writedown of buildings & improvements to recoverable amount	-	157,618
Amortisation of leased assets:		
Plant & equipment	<u>90,465</u>	<u>14,493</u>
	<u>1,420,964</u>	<u>1,116,323</u>
Other provisions		
- employee entitlements	48,882	21,985

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Net expense resulting from movement in provisions	<u>1,469,846</u>	<u>1,138,308</u>
Bad and doubtful debts	-	60,000
Remuneration of the auditors for the audit of financial statements	17,000	16,500
Rental expense on operating leases	28,213	188,165
Sale of Fixed Assets	793	-
(b) Significant Revenues and Expenses		
The following significant revenue and expense items are relevant in explaining the financial performance:		
Amount Received from ARU as disbursement of RWC funding	1,450,000	-
Amount granted to affiliates from ARU RWC funding	(500,000)	-
Amount Received from Queensland State Government for development of Administration Building	-	771,253
Amount Received from ARU for compensation of RWC matches relocated	-	250,000
(c) Other Expenses		
Sponsorship Servicing	1,279,150	1,407,708
Ballymore Expenditure	883,381	919,559
Promotions and Advertising	853,093	942,368
Premier Rugby Funding	945,186	938,223
Country Rugby Funding	755,338	768,663
Grants to Affiliates	443,450	511,950
Reds Team Expenses	515,087	290,813
Other Expenses	3,082,262	2,172,137
NOTE 4 - TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
CURRENT		
Trade Receivables	214,656	1,437,059
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	<u>-</u>	<u>(60,000)</u>
	214,656	1,377,059
Amounts receivable from		
- associated companies (refer to note 19(c))	<u>398,103</u>	<u>111,415</u>
	<u>612,759</u>	<u>1,488,474</u>
NOTE 5 - INVENTORIES		
CURRENT		
Finished Goods at cost	<u>11,270</u>	<u>8,691</u>

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FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Period Ended 31 December 2005 (14 months) \$	Period Ended 31 October 2004 \$
NOTE 6 - OTHER CURRENT ASSETS		
Prepayments	737,851	293,246
NOTE 7 - PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Land at deemed cost	10,000,000	10,000,000
	10,000,000	10,000,000
Buildings & improvements - at cost	26,075,478	26,463,382
Accumulated Depreciation	(5,712,265)	(5,055,058)
Recoverable Amount Write Down	(3,715,218)	(3,715,218)
	16,647,995	17,693,106
Plant & Equipment - at cost	887,478	894,712
Accumulated Depreciation	(601,998)	(592,890)
	285,480	301,822
Leased Assets - at cost	278,759	228,016
Accumulated Amortisation	(104,958)	(14,493)
	173,801	(213,523)
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	27,107,276	28,208,451

An independent valuation of Land, Buildings and Improvements was undertaken as at 31 December 2005 by Mr Matthew Buckley, AAPI certified, Registered Valuer No. 1771, of FPD Savills. The revaluation was undertaken to enable directors to assess the current value of Land, Buildings and Improvements. The revaluation revealed a current value for Land of \$11,500,000 and Buildings and Improvements of \$18,571,837. The revaluation of Land was not taken up in the accounts.

(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in carrying amounts for each class of Property, Plant and Equipment between the beginning and the end of the period

	Land \$	Buildings & improvements at cost \$	Plant & equipment at cost \$	Leased assets at cost \$	Total \$
Carrying amount at start of period	10,000,000	17,693,106	301,822	213,523	28,208,451
Additions	-	137,694	146,144	50,743	334,581
Disposals	-	(7,334)	(7,458)	-	(14,792)
Depreciation/Amortisation charge for period	-	(1,175,471)	(155,028)	(90,465)	(1,420,964)
Carrying amount at end of period	10,000,000	16,647,995	285,480	173,801	27,107,276

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Period Ended 31 December 2005 (14 months) \$	Period Ended 31 October 2004 \$
NOTE 8 - TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
CURRENT		
UNSECURED LIABILITIES		
Trade creditors	1,598,267	2,311,845
Deferred income (a)	2,247,030	408,687
	3,845,297	2,720,532
NON-CURRENT		
UNSECURED LIABILITIES		
Deferred income (a)	790,480	839,885
(a) Deferred Income		
Red Pass Subscribers to seats in the Eastern Stand purchased these seats for a period of 30 years. The Red Pass deferred income disclosed as a current liability represents income which will accrue to the company in 2005.		
Red Pass deferred income disclosed as non current liability represents the income value that will accrue to the company after 2005.		
The accounting treatment for deferred income has been disclosed in Note 1(f).		
Represented by:-		
Corporate Facilities	621,782	-
Season Tickets	506,487	189,536
ARU RWC Infrastructure Grants	376,700	-
2006 Sponsorship	261,596	-
2006 Government Grant	235,980	-
Grants & Rentals in advance	195,079	169,746
Red Pass- 30 years	49,405	49,405
	2,247,029	408,687
NON CURRENT		
2-5 years		
Red Pass- 30 years	197,621	197,620
After 5 years		
Red Pass- 30 years	592,860	642,265
	790,481	839,885
TOTAL DEFERRED INCOME	3,037,510	1,248,572

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Period Ended 31 December 2005 (14 months) \$	Period Ended 31 October 2004 \$
NOTE 9 - INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES		
CURRENT SECURED LIABILITIES		
Leased Assets	64,669	50,443
Commercial facilities (a)	-	250,000
	<u>64,669</u>	<u>300,443</u>
NON-CURRENT SECURED LIABILITIES		
Leased Assets	103,434	132,283
Commercial facilities (a)	0	2,200,001
	<u>103,434</u>	<u>2,332,284</u>
(a) Secured by a first mortgage and registered second mortgage by the Bank of Queensland Ltd over property situated at the junction of Butterfield Street and Clyde Road, Herston.		
The carrying amount of non current assets pledged as security are:		
Freehold Land	10,000,000	10,000,000
Buildings & Improvements	16,647,995	17,693,106
	<u>26,647,995</u>	<u>27,693,106</u>
NOTE 10 - PROVISIONS		
CURRENT		
Employee Entitlements	243,622	208,174
	<u>243,622</u>	<u>208,174</u>
NON-CURRENT		
Employee Entitlements	81,674	68,240
	<u>81,674</u>	<u>68,240</u>
(a) Aggregate employee entitlements liability	<u>325,296</u>	<u>276,414</u>
Number of employees at the end of the period	77	70

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FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Period Ended 31 December 2005 (14 months) \$	Period Ended 31 October 2004 \$
NOTE 11 - MEMBERS' LIABILITY		
The company is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. If the company is wound-up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. At 31 December 2005, the number of members was 44 (2004 - 55)		
NOTE 12 - RETAINED PROFITS		
Retained profits at the beginning of the period	24,079,684	22,742,588
Net profit/(loss) attributable to the members	(195,856)	1,337,096
Retained profits at the end of the period	<u>23,883,828</u>	<u>24,079,684</u>
NOTE 13 - LEASE COMMITMENTS		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements.		
Payable:		
Not later than one year	17,137	32,391
Later than one year and not later than five years	4,434	16,254
	<u>21,571</u>	<u>48,645</u>
NOTE 14 - CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS		
As at 31 December 2005, the company had entered into contractual obligations with certain players and support staff for the 2006 and subsequent seasons. This will result in payments as follows:		
Not later than one year	5,955,580	5,328,340
Later than one year but not later than five years	4,318,033	3,489,200
	<u>10,273,613</u>	<u>8,826,540</u>
Income to support these commitments is to be received from the Australian Rugby Union Limited as a grant.		
The Queensland Rugby Union Limited has signed a collective bargaining agreement on 23 December 2004 together with the Australian Rugby Union Limited, the New South Wales Rugby Union Limited, the Australian Capital Territory Rugby Union Incorporated, Western Australian Rugby Union Inc and the Rugby Union Players Association Incorporated which provides amongst other things minimum remuneration requirements for contracted players.		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Period Ended 31 December 2005 (14 months) \$	Period Ended 31 October 2004 \$
NOTE 15 - SEGMENT REPORTING		
Queensland Rugby Union operates in one geographical segment, Queensland. In the industry segment of the sport of Rugby Union.		
NOTE 16 - REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS		
Amounts received, or due and receivable by the Auditors from the company for:		
Auditing the Financial Statements – current period	17,000	16,500
Auditing the Financial Statements – prior period	18	-
Consulting Fees	3,527	200
	<u>20,545</u>	<u>16,700</u>
NOTE 17 - REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS		
Non-executive Directors do not receive remuneration from the company. This is in accordance with the Constitution. The Executive Director and Players' Representative Director or his alternate receive remuneration from the company.		
Remuneration includes payments received by Directors in relation to the management of the affairs of the company.		
The number of Directors (including the Executive Director) whose total income falls within the following bands:	No.	No.
Nil	12	9
\$1 - \$9,999	-	-
\$150,000 - \$159,999	-	-
\$220,000 - \$229,999	-	1
\$330,000 - \$339,000	1	-
	\$	\$
Aggregate income paid or payable to all	<u>333,850</u>	<u>222,300</u>
In addition, Directors' and Officers' insurance is paid on behalf of the Directors by the company.		
NOTE 18 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES		
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd is currently defending an outstanding litigation claim bought against the company by a former player. This claim is being defended by the company.		

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NOTE 19 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS
(a) During the period the following Directors held office: R. J. Thomson D.E. Usasz W. M. Colwell D.N. Croft D.C. Crombie D. J. Crowley M.H. d'Almeida C.O. Harkness B.J. Kehoe R .J. Marks P.D. Moore T.J. Psaros R.S. Williams
(b) Director Related Entities Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated. (1) Messrs, D.C Crombie, D.J. Crowley and R.S. Williams are the three Queensland members of the Council of the Australian Rugby Union Limited. The Australian Rugby Union Limited receives affiliation fees from the company and distributes grants to the company. (2) Messrs B.J. Kehoe, R.J. Thomson and D.E. Usasz are directors of the Australian Rugby Union Ltd.
(c) Associated Entities (1) Queensland Rugby Union Club Inc. is charged rent for their premises at Ballymore, \$137,764 (2004 \$114,200). The club was charged a licence fee of \$385,900 (2004 \$436,000) for its operations at Ballymore (2) Queensland Junior Rugby Union Inc. is not charged rent. (3) Queensland Suburban Rugby Union Inc. is not charged rent.
NOTE 20 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY
Income to support the contractual obligations of players and support staff for the 2006 season is to be received from The Australian Rugby Union Ltd as a grant. The company is dependent upon the receipt of these funds from The Australian Rugby Union Limited in order to meet the contractual obligations as noted in Note 14 to the financial statements.
NOTE 21 – COMPANY DETAILS
The company's registered office and principle place of business is located at: 231 Butterfield Street Herston QLD 4006
NOTE 22 – FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS
(a) Interest Rate Risk The economic entity's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on classes of financial assets and financial liabilities, is as overleaf.
(b) Credit Risk The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for doubtful debts, as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements.
(c) Net Fair Values For all assets and liabilities the net fair value approximates their carrying value. No financial assets and financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in standardised form.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Floating Interest Rate		Fixed Interest Maturing in 1 Year or Less		Non Interest Bearing		TOTAL	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	(14 months)		(14 months)		(14 months)		(14 months)	
Notes								
Financial Assets								
Cash & Deposits	548,700	542,348			1,500	1,500	550,200	543,848
Receivables	4				1,488,474	612,759	1,488,474	612,759
	548,700	542,348	-	-	1,489,974	614,259	2,038,674	1,156,607
Weighted average interest rate.	3.0%	3.0%	-	-				
Financial Liabilities								
Trade and other creditors	8				(3,560,417)	(4,635,777)	(3,560,417)	(4,635,777)
Borrowings	9		(2,632,727)	(168,103)	-	-	(2,632,727)	(168,103)
	-	-	(2,632,727)	(168,103)	(3,560,417)	(4,635,777)	(6,193,144)	(4,803,880)
Weighted average interest rate			7.13%	7.13%				
Net financial assets (liabilities)	548,700	542,348	(2,632,727)	(168,103)	(2,070,443)	(4,021,518)	(4,154,470)	(3,647,273)

DIRECTORS’ DECLARATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

The directors of the company declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 8 to 26, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001:

a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and

b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2005 and of the performance for the period ended on that date of the company;
2. in the directors’ opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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


R.J. Thomson
Chairman


D.E. Usasz
Finance Director

Dated in Brisbane this sixteenth day of February 2006.

AUDITOR’S REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

Independent audit report to members of Queensland Rugby Union Limited

Scope

The financial report and directors’ responsibility

The financial report comprises the balance sheet, profit & loss statement, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the directors’ declaration for Queensland Rugby Union Limited, for the period ended 31 December 2005.

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 judgment, 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.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including compliance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company’s financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

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.

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.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Corporations Act 2001.

Audit opinion

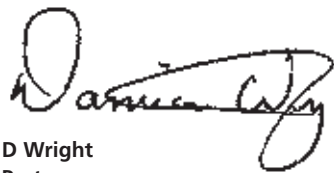
In our opinion, the financial report of Queensland Rugby Union Limited is in accordance with:

- (a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:

(i) giving a true and fair view of the Queensland Rugby Union Limited financial position as at 31 December 2005 and of its performance for the period ended on that date; and

(ii) complying with Accounting Standards in Australia and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia.

BDO Kendalls
Chartered Accountants


D Wright
Partner

Brisbane
Dated: 16 February 2006

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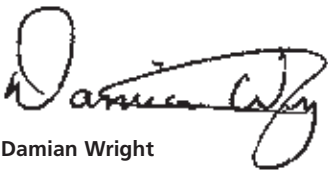


To the members of Queensland Rugby Union Limited

The additional financial data presented on pages 31 to 33 are in accordance with the books and records of the company which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the company for the period ended 31 December 2005. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person other than the Queensland Rugby Union Limited in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein however caused.

Dated this sixteenth day of February 2006.

BDO Kendalls
Chartered Accountants


Damian Wright
Partner

TRADING PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Period Ended 31 December 2005 (14 months) \$	Period Ended 31 October 2004 \$
INCOME		
Commercial		
Gate Takings		
- Representative Games	3,291,781	3,677,877
- Club Games	136,266	126,775
Sponsorships and Advertising	4,901,389	4,418,939
Corporate Facilities	1,017,360	903,244
Food & Beverage Royalties	444,831	529,623
Merchandising & Royalties	383,715	325,855
Car Parking Income	239,779	282,713
Rent Received	175,866	140,378
Red Barons	31,095	77,593
Other income	185,210	151,100
Total Commercial Income	10,807,292	10,634,097
Community Rugby		
Grants Received	2,454,729	2,215,974
Total Community Rugby Income	2,454,729	2,215,974
Professional Rugby		
ARU Player & Support Staff Distribution	5,644,486	5,396,395
ARU College Grants	250,000	225,000
Total Professional Rugby Income	5,894,486	5,621,395
Corporate		
Affiliation fees	3,000	3,800
Interest Received	57,014	20,850
Other income	78,689	126,875
Total Corporate Income	138,703	151,525
TOTAL INCOME	19,295,210	18,622,991

TRADING PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Period Ended 31 December 2005 (14 months) \$	Period Ended 31 October 2004 \$
EXPENDITURE		
<i>Commercial</i>		
Sponsorship servicing	1,280,679	1,407,708
Depreciation	1,006,788	943,818
Employee Costs	935,249	641,012
Promotions and Advertising	883,093	942,368
Match Day Operational Costs	764,234	849,678
Ticketing Expenses	473,032	239,008
Rates	307,244	244,112
Maintenance	229,931	274,787
Insurance	155,437	235,896
Light & Power	150,388	123,746
Pre/Post Match Functions	49,106	90,003
Security	31,499	30,379
Program Costs	-	24,879
Bad Debts	-	60,000
Total Commercial Expenses	6,266,679	6,107,394
<i>Community Rugby</i>		
Employee Costs	1,133,636	794,004
Premier Rugby Funding	945,186	938,223
Country Grant Funding Scheme	755,376	768,663
Grants to Affiliates	443,450	511,950
Accreditation and Administration	97,097	114,288
RWC Project Funds	115,234	-
Total Community Rugby Expenses	3,489,979	3,127,128
<i>Professional Rugby</i>		
Player Costs	5,548,018	4,904,901
Support Staff Payments	1,182,446	1,033,017
Reds Team Expenses	515,087	290,813
Accommodation and Travel Visiting Teams	145,569	92,352
Players' Association Contribution	78,881	76,584
College Employee Costs	344,223	275,800
College Operating Expenses	475,382	363,120

TRADING PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Period Ended 31 December 2005 (14 months) \$	Period Ended 31 October 2004 \$
Total Professional Rugby Expenses	8,289,606	7,036,587
<i>Communications</i>		
Employee Costs	165,021	167,146
Other Costs	17,770	45,469
Total Communications	182,791	212,615
<i>Corporate</i>		
Employee Costs	619,791	512,288
Depreciation	414,176	158,011
Legal and Consulting Fees	254,102	194,509
IT and Website Costs	237,711	134,093
Telephone	182,648	128,489
Hospitality and General Expenses	169,490	124,999
Printing, Postage and Office Costs	132,532	155,011
Insurance	102,877	50,022
Bank Charges and Interest	71,123	186,174
Audit Fees	22,018	16,500
Affiliation Fees	4,750	4,775
Loss on Sale of Assets	793	-
Rent	-	151,053
Centre for Rugby Studies Contribution	-	7,500
Total Corporate	2,212,011	1,823,424
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	20,441,066	18,307,148
TRADING PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX	(1,145,856)	315,843

NOTES

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AC Governor of Queensland

The Honourable Peter Beattie
Premier of Queensland

The Right Honourable
The Lord Mayor of Brisbane
Cr Campbell Newman

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David Crombie (from May 2005)

Tom McVeigh, Paul McGahan, Andy Purcell

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RJ Thomson (Chairman from 12/7/05)
DE Usasz B. Com (UQ), FCA (Treasurer)
RS Williams LLB, ArblAMA, FAIM
RJP Marks (to 1/3/05)
DC Crombie B.Ec (UQ) (to 12/5/05)
PD Moore B.Phty (UQ), Post Grad Dip. Sports, Dip P.E.
(to 6/10/05)
WM Colwell B. Com (QU), CA, IP (from 19/5/05)
DJ Crowley (from 19/5/05)
M D'Almeida (from 6/9/05)
CO Harkness (from 19/12/05)
TJ Psaros B.F.A (UNE)
DN Croft (Player)

Chief Executive
Theo Psaros

Commercial Manager
Tony Hancock

Community Rugby Manager
Gaven Head (to December 2005)
Luke Wyatt (acting CRM from December 2005)

Finance & Administration Manager
Megan Snape (to December 2005)

Media & Communications Manager
Bruce McKendry (to December 2005)
Mandy Hill (Reds Media Manager from January 2005)

Head Coach
Jeff Miller

Jeff Miller, Anthony Eddy, Bill Ross

Julian Gardner, Phil Mooney

David Crombie, Ross Williams, Peter Moore

Ross Williams (chairman), Peter Moore (to October, 2005), Theo Psaros, Warren Carey, Paul Reid, Dan McConaghy, Gaven Head

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Harold Shand (Chairman), Geoff Gardiner, Barry Kelly (to July, 2005), Paul Tully and Ron Stanley

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