

**Central Coast**



**Rugby Union**

**ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING**

**51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL REPORT**

**17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **2025**

The Annual General Meeting of the Central Coast Rugby Union  
will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025,  
at the Bateau Bay Bowling Club.

### **Agenda**

1. Attendance
2. Apologies - **Andrew Long, Kate Thomson, Craig McWilliam & Owen Clark**
3. Acceptance of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024
4. Business Arising from the Above Minutes
5. Acceptance of the 2025 Annual Report
6. Acceptance of the 2025 Financial Statement for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September.
7. Election of President
  - **1 x Nomination – Tod Wills**
8. Election of Vice Presidents (2)
  - **2 x Nominations – Chris Woutersz & Gary Head**
9. Election of Directors (4)
  - **4 x Nominations – Gordon Foubister, Stuart Dickinson, Craig McWilliam & Ryan Hazel**
10. Appointment of Patron
11. Confirmation of Affiliate Delegates
  - **CCRURA – ANTHONY FUREY**
12. Confirmation of Public Officer - **Bruce Fergusson**
13. General Business for which notice has been given
14. Conclusion



## **2025 BOARD**

PRESIDENT

Tod Wills

VICE PRESIDENTS

Stew Jenkins

Chris Woutersz

DIRECTORS

Stuart Dickinson

Gordon Foubister

Gary Head

Craig McWilliam

Tony Furey (Referees)

## **LIFE MEMBERS**

Peter Armstrong (Deceased)

Owen Clark

Denis Daly

Bruce Fergusson

Phil Friend (Deceased)

Laurie Maher (Deceased)

Bill Passlow (Deceased)

Kate Thomson

Larry Thomson

Terry Woodward

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The 51st Season of Central Coast Rugby opened with a celebration of 50 Seasons, at Gosford Races which was well supported by all clubs, affiliates and volunteers. The special event was an opportunity to present and celebrate CCRU and CCJRU Life members, with their commemorative caps. We again thank them, for their many years of support and service to CCRU & CCJRU.

This was the second year of our partnership with Community Sponsor Wyong Leagues Group, and our Premier 1 Competition, continues to be known as, "WLG/CCRU Premier 1 Competition".

Wet weather played its part late in the season, unfortunately meaning we could not complete the final round with points being shared. All other games were scheduled and completed.

For the first time ever, we were able to achieve 16 competition games each weekend, across all grades. Clubs contested WLG Premier 1, Premier 2 and Women's and Premier 3.

During the run into the finals, there was close competition for places in most grades and the standard of rugby generally was very high. The WLG Premier 1 Finals series was very hard fought. In the Minor Semi, a gallant Lake Macquarie side went down very narrowly to Warnervale who had achieved some run, after a shaky start to the season. Warnervale were victorious, in a game that was not decided until very late. Terrigal proved too strong for a brave Razorbacks in the Major Semi Final ensuring a return to the Big Dance for a second-year running. In the final, Razorbacks always seemed to be comfortable against Warnervale and proceeded to the Grand Final against Minor Premiers.

The regular season games between the grand finalist were evenly split with one win a piece and we would not be disappointed with the closeness and competitiveness of the Grand Final. Terrigal ultimately ran out victors in a cliff hanger, not decided until the final minutes, to retain their title and were crowned WLG/CCRU Premier 1 Champions for 2025. This capped off an outstanding season for Terrigal who were also crowned 2025 Club Champions.

A massive highlight for Central Coast Rugby Union was the achievement of our Senior XV to retain the Caldwell Cup at the NSW Country Championships held in Tamworth during May. This is a relatively rare achievement, and we are very proud of all involved. We have been Country Champions in three of the last four years and is a clear indication of our dominance in Country Rugby.

A massive thanks to all who contributed to the Senior Representative program this year and to our representative co-ordinator Stew Jenkins, a job well done. We continue to receive strong positive feedback to our consistent Social Media presence, and the extended NSW Rugby TV weekly coverage.

Many thanks to Aaron Crofts our new Administration Officer, for his diligent work in getting the competition completed. He has brought a new perspective to the role and works closely with council for the benefit of our clubs. Thanks to David Bowler and his judiciary committee, for their contribution to the thankless task and their efforts are much appreciated. Thanks to all Club officials and Match Officials who continue to work tirelessly and CCRU thank you for your ongoing support and positive outlook. We also thank the Zone Affiliates for their commitment, - to the Juniors, Schools and Referees Association whose task is also thankless. My personal thanks to CCRU Board members who have toiled tirelessly as volunteers this year. I appreciate your support. There are a huge number of volunteers right across Central Coast Rugby and their efforts, whether for clubs, affiliates, or at zone level, can never be underestimated. Thanks also to our Community and Naming rights sponsor, Wyong Leagues Group, and Star 104.5 FM for their support of our Zone this year. Thanks also to Stevens Group, Sublime, and Coast Sports for their support of our representative program. We look forward to their continued support in the future. We look forward to the opportunity to grow the game of Rugby on the Central Coast in 2026.

Yours in Rugby.

Tod Wills  
CCRU President

# **Treasurer's Report 2025**

## **Notes to the 2024-2025 Financial Statements**

The 2025 season was again a very positive year for the CCRU financially. The earlier finish of the season again has made it possible for the financial year's income and expenditure to basically finish in line with the Rugby. This stable financial position has allowed CCRU to fund various items this year which are covered further below. We are expecting to be able to assist with funding again to assist with player number development in 2026. The new board to continue working on this.

CCRU again wishes to thank the Wyong Leagues Group, as our major Community Partner, for their ongoing sponsorship. This generous contribution from them is instrumental in CCRU being able to fund some additional items not previously possible. The board will be looking to continue this arrangement into next year.

CCRU also wants to note the support we received from 'The Rugby Club Foundation' who dollar matched with CCRU to provide funding for junior development days to be run early this year. The foundation has also provided some additional funding, of \$6,000, this year for junior development days to be run early next year prior to the season. The hope is this ongoing support will provide the opportunity to grow junior numbers in particular, and long-term boost senior player numbers.

The CCRU was also able to fund ten local coaches to do the NSW Rugby 'Community Coach Course' early this year, with a grant from NSW Country to assist with the funding for the course. We thank NSW Country for their support on this.

The additional funding we have received have also allowed the following items to be funded by CCRU this year:

1. \$3,500 for Grant Assistance program allowing individual clubs to receive free assistance to gain grant funding for the next twelve months.
2. CCRU to contribute approximately \$13,000 to the running of the 50<sup>th</sup> year / season launch luncheon held early this year.
3. CCRU were able to assist our local Development Officer with funding to pay for ground hire at one of their junior development days run at Tuggerah Sporting Complex.

Our other main source of income was our finals series which contributed a profit of \$38,000 from the four weeks of finals this year.

In 2025 CCRU participated in the NSW Country Championships held at Tamworth. The weekend was again very successful for the teams and the support staff. This program was

a major cost of \$47,000. However, all teams had high numbers, of our players, selected to represent NSW Country as a result. CCRU would like to thank both The Stevens Group and Michael Middleton who made donations to assist with funding for the weekend.

Please see details of the 2025 financial status of CCRU in the attached 'Financial Statement'.

# Financial Statements

Central Coast Rugby Union Inc.

ABN 95 814 827 986

For the year ended 30 September 2025

Prepared by Magna Corporate Advisory

# Income Statement

## Central Coast Rugby Union Inc.

### For the year ended 30 September 2025

	NOTES	2025	2024
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>			
Advertising		-	3,636
Affiliations		36,364	37,227
Dinners/Presentations		12,649	9,464
Fines		1,430	4,589
Gate Takings		38,285	76,427
Ground Fees		46,086	41,391
Interest Income		2,469	1,260
NSW Affiliation Fees		9	1,586
Other Revenue		2,930	953
Player Registrations		(19)	(37)
Reimbursement of Finals Expenses		4,091	5,846
Sponsorship & Promotions		42,500	43,636
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>186,793</b>	<b>225,979</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Clutch TV		-	3,541
Grants & Rebates		6,000	8,659
<b>Total Other Income</b> 12,200		<b>6,000</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>192,793</b>	<b>238,179</b>

**Expenses**

Accounting Fees	700	-
Administration/Bookkeeping	1,148	1,573
Advertising & Promotions	3,571	10,650
Asset Purchases	1,703	-
Bank Fees	79	150
Cleaning & Consumables - Finals	463	296
Donations	-	1,750
Equipment	-	3,175
Finals Expenses	-	250
First Aid - Finals	-	5
Grant Assistance	3,500	-
Ground Hire	67	-
Ground Hire - CCRU	1,197	127
Ground Hire - Clubs	54,064	252
Ground Hire Clubs	-	46,022
Interest Expense	89	26
Meeting/Function Costs	25,395	2,890
PA Hire - Finals	1,050	500
Presentation Night Costs	182	8,490
Printing & Stationery	633	900
Programs - Finals	-	4,595
Referee Fees Out	37	2,473
Rent	1,952	3,652
Reps - Functions/Presentations	655	57
Reps - Gear	22,988	26,659
Reps - Meals/Refreshments	2,112	1,841
Reps - Physios	4,285	4,301
Reps - Travel & Accom	17,118	12,538
Security - Finals	3,469	2,828
Subscriptions	1,932	1,177
Superannuation	3,622	3,068
Telephone & Internet	73	-
Trophies	1,419	1,293
Uniform	1,123	1,255



Video Costs - Finals	11,670	6,585
Volunteer Refreshments - Finals	833	381
Wages and Salaries	31,169	27,490
Website Expenses	-	213
Workers Compensation	244	159
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>198,540</b>	<b>177,620</b>
<b>Profit/(Loss) before Taxation</b>	<b>(5,748)</b>	<b>60,559</b>

## Appropriation Statement

### Central Coast Rugby Union Inc. For the year ended 30 September 2025

	NOTES	2025	2024
<b>Retained Earnings after Appropriation</b>			
Retained Earnings at Start of Year		163,468	102,909
Profit/(Loss) Before Taxation		(5,748)	60,559
Retained Earnings After Appropriation		157,720	163,468



# Balance Sheet

## Central Coast Rugby Union Inc.

### As at 30 September 2025

NOTES      30SEPT2025      30SEPT2024

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Community Sols Cash Reserve	26,604	16,421
Community Solutions One	65,478	128,387
Premier Investment Account	51,902	23,616
Bond	1,731	2,218
Accounts Receivable	17,015	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>162,730</b>	<b>170,642</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>162,730</b>	<b>170,642</b>

#### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	174	276
PAYG Withholdings Payable	1,611	1,940
Superannuation Payable	934	1,040
GST	2,291	3,919
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>5,010</b>	<b>7,175</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>5,010</b>	<b>7,175</b>

**Net Assets**      **157,720**      **163,468**

#### Equity

Retained Earnings	157,720	163,468
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>157,720</b>	<b>163,468</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## Central Coast Rugby Union Inc. For the year ended 30 September 2025

### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity and accordingly, this financial report is a special purpose report prepared for the sole purpose of distributing a financial report to members and must not be used for any other purpose. The committee have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and under the historical cost convention, except for certain assets, which, as noted, have been written down to fair value as a result of impairment. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the prior year.

The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

#### **Income Tax**

The incorporated association is income tax exempt

#### **Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at the cost of acquisition or fair value less, if applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Plant and equipment that has been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, is valued and recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired. The plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure that the carrying amount 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 that will be received from the utilisation of the assets and the subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in estimating recoverable amounts.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is offset against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

#### **Trade and Other Receivables**

Trade receivables and other receivables, including distributions receivable, are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money. If required a provision for doubtful debt has been created.

#### **Financial Assets**

Investments held are originally recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at fair value which is equivalent to their market bid price at the end of the reporting period. Movements in fair value are recognised through an equity reserve.

#### **Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the company that remain unpaid at 30 September 2025. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. They are subject to normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

## Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation resulting from past events, for which it is probable that there will be an outflow of economic benefits and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured using the best estimate available of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

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These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.  
Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Goods and Services Tax

Transactions are recognised net of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

# Committee Declaration

**Central Coast Rugby Union Inc.**

**For the year ended 30 September 2025**

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

The committee of the association declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, present fairly the company's financial position as at 30 September 2025 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. In the committee's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association 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 committee.



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President



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Treasurer

# Compilation Report

## Central Coast Rugby Union Inc. For the year ended 30 September 2025

Compilation report to Central Coast Rugby Union Incorporated

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Central Coast Rugby Union Incorporated, which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 September 2025, the income statement, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

### The Responsibility of the Directors

The directors of Central Coast Rugby Union Incorporated are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that financial statements were prepared.

### Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the directors we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

### Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the directors who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.



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Jason Crofts  
Magna Corporate Advisory Pty Ltd  
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# **AFFILIATE REPORTS**

## **C.C.J.R.U. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

On behalf of the Central Coast Junior Rugby Union (CCJRU) Committee, I would like to extend a very big thank you to all players, families and those that dedicate valuable time from all participating clubs on the Central Coast and for the 2025 season.

Once again, our 2025 season started early with a well-attended development program with an attendance of over one hundred players (new/current) wanting to develop rugby skills. A massive thank you to all coaches and support staff. These days once again proved to be a success with more being planned to start in of the 2026 season. I again encourage all clubs to get involved and send as many new/current players as possible. Promoting our game within the community and at events like these provides us opportunities to share the wonderful experiences our game provides to attract those interested in playing. In 2025/26, the Committee would like to continue to focus on player retention, coach development and recruitment opportunities to ensure that all players, families, and spectators gain the best experience we can give them.

2025 also saw us continue with Sunday rugby with some of our age groups in both the girls and boy's competitions. Whilst we still have only seen a slight increase in our numbers, we still have a lot of work to do with our recruitment, and I look forward to seeing a further increase in 2026. Sunday rugby does come with its challenges which has tested us all, though with a dedicated committee and club delegates we have managed to overcome some of these challenges, with the betterment of the game in the forefront of everyone's minds. There are still challenges faced and we will need to continue to improve in some areas, though I'm confident this can be achieved if everyone works together.

2025 also saw the Final series played in line with the seniors and those games played on Sundays this year and a thank you to the clubs that hosted those days. Our Grand Finals were again played at the stadium along with the Seniors and over two days. This was to accommodate our age groups that played on Sundays, and again all players valued and enjoyed the experience of playing at such a magnificent stadium. With some improvements being made in coming years our Grand final days will continue to grow and be successful. Congratulations to all teams that made the finals series and especially the Grand Final winning teams. Your presence on both days certainly showed that your hard work paid off in 2025.

I once again would also like to sincerely thank the present committee for the hard work they do behind the scenes and the passion they have in growing our game at the junior level. Without your commitment, passion, and enthusiasm our game would not be where it is. Being on the Committee can be a thankless job, though please know your efforts and work is very much appreciated. With some of you moving on again this year, it will provide a spot for someone to come in with the passion you have to continue to grow our game on the central coast. I thank those that are leaving us and

wish you all the very best in the future and thank you on behalf of all members of CCJRU.

The 2025 Committee would also like to thank all clubs that hosted games and congratulate players, coaches, managers, trainers, and spectators for their behaviour over this time. It was a pleasure to see all games being played, watched, and supported in good spirits!!

In saying this we do still have some work to do in improving the behaviour of some and this will be a continued further focus area in 2026 for the Committee.

2025 saw another successful year for our representative teams – our U16s Girls were crowned Country Champions in their age group; a massive congratulations to you all. We would like to acknowledge all the coaching staff in preparing the teams and thank them for the time and effort over the representative season. On behalf of the CCJRU Committee congratulations to all players, coaches, and support staff. We had varied results in other age groups, though over all we had improvement in all our zone results with all teams making their parents and the Central Coast very proud. We should also acknowledge those players that played at a higher level and went on to play in the NSW Country teams and NSW teams. Please join me in congratulating all the players and teams for an amazing effort in 2025!

The committee would also like to acknowledge our wonderful sponsors once again in Trojans Restaurant and Sports Bar, Central Coast Branches of Bendigo Bank and Lift 3 Gym your support is valued, and we hope to see you back in 2026.

To our match officials in 2025, we thank you for your efforts each week and the wonderful job you do for our game on the Coast. Being a match official or cadet is not easy at the best of times, though week in and week out you all turn up and do your very best! Keep up the great work and we thank you all for your commitment, professionalism, and support.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Parents, Volunteers, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Administrators and Club Officials whose continuous hard work and commitment makes junior rugby on the Coast successful – without all of you we would not have a game that is played and enjoyed by so many!

Finally, I would like to thank the CCJRU Committee for the efforts they put in behind the scenes to ensure that our game continues to build and move ahead in the right direction. We are looking forward to building on a successful 2025 in 2026!!!

Yours in Rugby  
Gary Head  
Junior President - CCJRU

# **NSW RUGBY / CENTRAL COAST**

## **DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

2025 has been a massively successful year for Rugby development on the Central Coast. Our number of Sporting Schools attended has doubled from 2024, our Primary School and Secondary School 7s events increased in attendance, and we have had successful 7s and XV school based competitions implemented at state schools.

### **Schools Rugby**

- **Primary School 7s** – 15 total teams
  - Helped coach 3 schools in preparation for the event
- **Secondary School 7s** – 22 total teams
  - Helped coach 2 schools in preparation for the event
  - SS7s Finals day hosted at Tuggerah – 60 teams from across NSW, helped coordinate this event on behalf of NSW Rugby
- **Bryan Palmer Shield (PSSA Rugby)**
  - 5 male teams
  - 5 female teams – Terrigal PS advanced to further stages vs Singleton High (at date of printing).
- **PSSA trials:**
  - 91 Boys
  - 51 Girls
  
- **Independent Schools:**
  - 3 x games between Green Point Christian and Coast Christian
  - Broken Bay Trials – 48 students
- **CHS**
  - Ran trials for Sydney North Opens – 40 boys
  - CHS U16s Final trial – 150 boys
  - Terrigal High vs Erina High – 32 boys
  
- **Sporting Schools – Get Into Rugby**
  - Wyong High School – 120 students per session – 5 weeks
  - Northlakes High School – 160 students per session – 5 weeks
  - Gosford Public School – 360 students per session – 4 weeks
  - Kariong Mountains High School - 60 students per session – 4 weeks
  - St Brigid's Catholic College – 72 students per session – 3 weeks
  - Tjidabaring AECG Cup – 150 students per session – 1 day

### **Coach Education**

- o Game Activator (Get Into Rugby) Courses – 38 attendees
- o CCC (Level 2) – 30 attendees
- o Junior Coaching Course (The Bay) – had to be postponed due to lack of bookings

# **JUDICIARY REPORT**

I appreciate the support from members of the CCRU Board and Central Coast Rugby community who have given freely of their time, especially Mr. Gary Head and Mr. Neil Matthew and other individuals who have assisted the Panel from time to time. The Judiciary dealt with 33 Red Cards, 2 Citing Reports and 1 Code of Conduct matter during the 2025 season.

Offences summarised as follows:

<b>Dangerous Tackles</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Striking</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Kicking / Stamping</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Man In</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Citings</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Match Official Abuse / Dissent</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Cumulative Yellow Cards</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Code of Conduct</b>	<b>1</b>

Age demographics were 30 players from Senior grades, 2 players from Junior Age Groups and 4 from Women's Competition.

Detailed statistics for individual Clubs are available on request by contacting Judiciary Chairman.

David Bowler  
Chairman  
Central Coast Rugby Union Judiciary

# **CENTRAL COAST REFEREE'S ASSOCIATION**

2025 has been year of great on field performances but ongoing off-field struggles for the Referees Association. Whilst our association experienced some great on field success, including great achievements at representative level, 4 Premier 1 debutants and further growth in our junior ranks, it also saw significant struggles with lack of senior numbers and ongoing referee abuse during games at all levels. Unfortunately, 2025 saw a large number of "Respect Rugby Reports" being made by our members following abuse of members during games byb players, coaches and spectators, which is a frustrating issue that our association continues to work with Central Coast Rugby Union about. It is hoped that in 2026 these incidents will be significantly reduced.

The season began with our participation at the annual Sevens by the Sea, hosted by Lakes Rugby Club, and this was a great way to start the season as a team of referees helped contribute to a great day of Rugby.

2025 saw another influx of junior referees, which continues to strengthen our association's ability to cover as many Junior rugby games as possible every weekend. However, whilst our junior numbers continue to grow, we saw significant struggles in covering games in our senior ranks, with multiple rounds requiring assistance from other associations (Newcastle and NSW Rugby Referees) to ensure Premier 1 and Premier 2 games had a qualified referee. In total 10 Premier 1 games were officiated by visiting referees in 2025. 2025 also saw 4 referees make their Premier 1 debut on the Central Coast. We were fortunate to have Greg Johnstone join us from NSW Rugby Referees Association, who brought Shute Shield Refereeing experience to our ranks. Greg went on to referee the Premier 1 Grand Final in his first season with our association. Long time member Peter Scholes continued his rise through the ranks by making his debut in 2025 and cementing himself as regular part of the Premier 1 appointments by the end of the season. Then we had the rare occasion of 2 referees making their Premier 1 debut in the same match. Former Test Referee Stuart Dickinson assisted our association by agreeing to come out of retirement and cover a Premier 1 game, being appointed to Avoca vs Terrigal. Unfortunately, he battled injury in the game, and had to be replaced by another debutant, Lachlan Ireland, who had the distinction of having played in the Premier 2 game immediately before.

2025 saw the referee's association continue its exchange program with Counties Manuka in New Zealand. Dale Macauley and I were selected to participate in the interchange this season, and both of us thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I was privileged to be able to referee a school's game at the school which All Black legend Jonah Lomu was a student. In return we were visited by Glen, Nigel and Steve, who seemed to enjoy an amazing time in our beautiful part of the world. We look forward to continuing this relationship with Counties Manuka in the years to come. We also welcomed visiting referees from Newcastle, Central West, Mid North Coast, Illawarra, Tasmania and Sydney during the season.

2025 saw the Central Coast referees continue to excel at representative level, with multiple referees and coaches involved in the various country championships through the year. For a small association, we are truly punching above our weight. Of special note this season was the appointment of Lachlan Ireland to the Australian Schoolboys Championship, in which he was selected to referee the final of the carnival. This result led to Lachlan then being appointed to the Australian Rugby Shield in Newcastle at the conclusion of the season. Both of these appointments are magnificent achievements for both Lachlan and our association.

As part of our associations ongoing commitment to remaining connected with our former members, 2026 saw the first ever Former Referees Day (“Old Boys Day”). Woy Woy Rugby Club graciously allowed our association to use their clubhouse for this event during the Woy Woy vs Warnervale games. The event was attended by many former referees of our association, including some of our Old Boys. We look forward to this becoming an annual event as we seek for this day to grow in 2026. Once again, the finals series was a great opportunity for our referees to celebrate the season, and congratulations go out to all referees and coaches involved in the finals series. Everyone conducted themselves with distinction, and the two days of Grand Finals games were a great experience to all involved. We concluded our season with our annual awards night. Where we celebrated the achievements of our members both on and off the field.

Congratulations goes out to our major award winners on the night, Central Coast Junior Referee of the Year: Flynn Winton Central Coast Senior Referee of the Year (sleeked by the Prem 1 club coaches): Bruce Bennett David Sloane Encouragement Award: Callum Bice Most Improved: Ben Callaway Representative Referee: Lachlan Ireland Referee Coach of the Year: Grant Smith Clubman of the Year: Steve Smith I would like to take this time to thank all the referees and our M.O.D’s for their commitment to this association, and to the game on the Central Coast. Everyone is willing to not only give up their time to referee, but also actively take the time to support each other and further the game on the Coast by supporting clubs and players. I would also especially like to thank Steve Keiler and Grant Smith for all their efforts in doing the appointments on a weekly basis. I would like to thank the Executive for 2025. Firstly, to Ginie, for all the work she has put in as secretary, in helping organise our events and liaising with venues. Thank You to Bruce for his role as treasurer and managing the finances through the season, as well as all the work he has done in liaising with our sponsors, and your assistance in organising Former Members Day. Thank you, Peter, for your support, and the work you did in development this year, and to Shane for your assistance, and your willingness to continue to allow our supplies of uniforms and other trinkets to live in your garage.

Finally, I want to thank our sponsors for their ongoing support in 2025: WOLF, Bungaree Aboriginal Association, Callaway Plumbing, Fabric Design, Chapman & Frazer, and Spencer Lawyers.

I look forward to seeing everyone come back in 2026.

David Hall  
President

# **CLUB REPORTS**

## **AVOCA BEACH RUGBY CLUB**

Another successful campaign on and off the field comes to a close for Avoca Beach Rugby in the season that was 2025. 2 of our 4 senior teams won their respective grand finals which in a horror year for injuries for the club was a mighty effort.

Avoca juniors continue to go from strength to strength, our participation rate remains extremely high and importantly the culture and behaviour of these kids is outstanding which augers well for the future of the club.

On behalf of Avoca, I congratulate all other teams and clubs who won premierships in other grades, competitions or age groups

Off the field we have celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> year in fine style with a hige event celebrating all things Avoca Rugby. We are in the early stages of designing a new clubhouse which we see as important in supporting us for the next 50 years and have made some significant adjustments in reshaping the committee of the club ensuring we deliver against both strategic and operational outputs. We recognise the need to constantly evolve and are confident that these tweaks position us well to do that.

At Avoca we are extremely proud of the women's Rugby program we have developed which has seen our senior team as premiership winners this year but also evidenced in the continued individual honours continuing with so many of our women progressing through our junior ranks to representing on the biggest Rugby stages at local state and national levels. Of special note and a particular highlight for our club was seeing Ruby Anderson make her Wallaroo debut this season.

To our club – THANKYOU to all our players, families, volunteers, sponsors and supporters. A special call out to the amazing committee at our club - We have a very strong “one club” mentality and it is great to see the fruition of so much hard work in evidence with our senior teams littered with players who have come through our junior ranks.

Off the field the club remains strong and we look forward to continued growth in the coming seasons.

Cheers boys and girls

Brendan Slape  
President  
Avoca Beach Rugby

# **GK RUGBY CLUB**

Wow what a ride this season has been with the merging of two great central coast rugby clubs. After several seasons of playing together in many different forms the decision to merge Gosford Rugby Club and Kariong Wanderers Rugby Club.

This process was done in the most professional way with both clubs wanting to ensure their legacies and histories were maintained, with this in mind it was a pleasure to work with the committee to get GK Rugby up and running for the 2025 Season. This is where the real work started, Gear, Names and logos all had to be sorted out, how do you get the primary colours of Red and Maroon to look good in a jersey? You do not so the decision to go to our secondary colours of Navy and White were decided and we now have one of the best-looking kits on the coast. Incorporating the mountains from Kariong and Devil from Gosford, the Mountains Devils were born with a fantastic new logo.

It was with great pleasure to secure the services of Peter 'Chew' Kay as our first-grade coach. This was an important appointment for our club having the skill set and experience of a Wallaby. Chew has brought a great vibe to the club and its training and having such a leader has been invaluable to our players and their individual growth. I'm looking forward to 2026 and seeing what Chew and the coaching staff will bring to playing group and success will follow.

To all our sponsors for the 2025 season, we cannot thank you enough for your support. Without this support, community clubs don't exist.

We had some trials and tribulations to get through in the 2025, whilst I feel this did distract us from the football side of things, the professionalism and unity of the executive was something I am so proud of, with these issues behind us we can focus on the future and growth in the playing group.

One of the greatest achievements this year has been our women's side. These girls have been such a fantastic addition to the club and have brought with them an energy that just lifts everyone around them. They have shown true strength and hold the values of the game at such a high level, whether being on a loss, or not having enough numbers to compete, these women have held their heads high, never given up and showed everyone the true Mountain Devils spirit. I'm looking forward to watching their growth in the game, and the success that will come their way.

To every player that has pulled in the jersey this year, I thank you. It has been a tough year with a crazy number of injuries, players playing two games. This has been a tough year, and it shows the true grit of our players backing up and making sure we always meet our obligations to the competition. It will get better and the plans that are in place will see increased player numbers and more stability to the sides in 2026.

Whilst we only had the one junior side this year, it was a pleasure to watch these youngsters play and enjoy the game, they are a fantastic side and will do well in the future. Some of the boys playing their first representative rugby, this season and they will learn and be better players for the experience, the club is very proud of their achievements.

There are so many people that have had a massive contribution to the club this year, weather at a working bee, in the canteen, sorting and organizing gear, keeping our finances in check, coaching, fundraising, field maintenance, coaching and managing. Your time, effort and commitment to the club and the game is second to none and I can't thank you all enough.

Moving into 2026, the planning that has been put in place and the work being done behind the scenes by the leadership group, will take the club on a new pathway and will lead to an exciting 2026,

Yours in Rugby

Craig Parker

President GK Rugby 2025

## **LAKE MACQUARIE RUGBY CLUB**

2025 was another year of growth and success for Lake Macquarie Rugby Club (LMRC). Building on the foundations laid in 2024, our first-grade side, supported by a strong returning core and exciting new additions, delivered an outstanding season — with 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, and the Women's team all making the finals. This marks an achievement not seen at LMRC for many years and highlights the positive direction of the club.

Across all grades, we worked hard to ensure consistency and commitment, with no forfeits throughout the season — a testament to the depth and culture developing within the club.

Our women's program underwent a significant rebuild this year, with only four players remaining from the previous grand final squad and a coaching change early in the season. Despite these challenges, the team rallied together to reach the preliminary final, showcasing the resilience and passion of our players and coaching staff.

Off the field, LMRC experienced strong growth in sponsorship, volunteer support, player numbers, and community engagement. With the momentum from 2025, we anticipate these areas will continue to strengthen in 2026.

Our junior program was another standout success, with participation numbers tripling this year. The future of the club is bright, particularly in our girls' rugby program, which continues to thrive. The Under 13s and Under 15s both claimed premiership titles, and we proudly celebrated a record number of representative selections — including eight Country players and four Under 15 Waratah representatives, all from a single team.

On behalf of everyone at LMRC, I would like to thank the CCRU and all participating clubs for a truly enjoyable and competitive 2025 season. Every game was played in great spirit, and our match days were a celebration of community rugby at its best.

We look forward to carrying this success and camaraderie into 2026 — which we hope will be the Year of the Roos!

Yours in Rugby,  
Frank Westwood  
Club President – Lake Macquarie Rugby Club

## **RAZORBACKS RUGBY CLUB**

I'd like to start off by thanking everyone involved in the Razorbacks for the successful year we had in 2025. Players, members, and especially volunteers ensured on-field success and smooth sailing on match days. I'd like to thank our sponsors whose financial support keeps the club functioning and growing; and ensures that we have the means to continue to be a success in years to come. There is a lot of love within the Razorbacks family, from past players to spectators, everyone is welcomed into the fold, and we know that our sponsors feel that too.

Congratulations to three of our sides that made it into the Grand Final at Polytec Stadium: 1<sup>st</sup> XV, 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, and in their first competition year, our junior u11s. Our Women's XII and 3<sup>rd</sup> XV were also in close contention, only just missing out on a spot in the finals. This return to the GF in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XV demonstrates that we are a high-performing club and aim to continue to be, only falling short by 3 points across both games. We want to solidify ourselves as a top tier club on the Central Coast and will continue to build our club and grounds to maintain that.

I'd also like to congratulate the individual performances of our players across juniors and seniors who were selected for representative, and subsequently, state teams. It's fantastic to see the club represented at such a high level!  
A rededication to the club and its growth has stemmed from our results this year, and we're looking forward to a bigger and even better 2026. With an expanded committee and more members actively putting their hands up to see how they can help us out, we're coming in hot next year!

## **TERRIGAL RUGBY CLUB**

### **Season Review**

- a. Highlights and achievements – *all teams into the semifinals, 9 teams in the grand final, 5 premierships, teams playing in all junior and senior competitions.*
- b. Representative honors- *18 players being selected across juniors and seniors at NSW Country level or above, 2 x club members selected as NSW country coaches*
- c. Strong committee – *all working together to enable the players and supporters to have a great experience in season 2025 AGM scheduled for Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.*
- d. Community engagement – *Terrigal Turtles all abilities team have played in 4 Golden Oldie Tournaments in 2025 turning into cult figures at these events:*
  - Held Golden Oldie/All Ability Day in June will be holding another in 2026

- Trojan Bistro and Bar Sponsorship of Central Junior Rugby Union program
  - e. Moving forward- *would like to see the U/18 boys comp back on the coast – vital to the development of strong links between junior and senior competitions.*

## **THE BAY RUGBY CLUB**

2025 was another great year of rebuilding for our little club , with first grade rugby played out of JBO for the first time in 8 years with our affiliation with Northlakes rugby club , our player pool swelled to well over 45 registered players wearing the colours and a highlight of the season was our old boys day with an enormous turnout to celebrate were we came from The entrance rams , something that we will grow again into season 2026 , a huge thank you to our loyal sponsors and new ones that came aboard to help community sport grow , to our players a huge thank you , it was a very successful year going from wooden spooners to semi-finalist , with numerous young players making there first grade debuts having started at the club in U6s , this was a proud moment for all involved , our juniors continued to succeed with many joint sides helping other clubs in certain age groups and our 13s again winning the minor premiership and going down in a cracker of a grand final to terrigal , our 14s never let there coaches down turning up to train each week , and special mentions to our 3 newly qualified referees this season helping get games going and doing whatever was needed on the day to help. Especially Peter and Felix Friend, looking forward to continuing to connect with the community in 2026 and see what the future holds. Forever running rugby and the lifelong friendships the game provides.

Andrew Long  
President

## **NORTHLAKES RUGBY CLUB**

At the beginning of the 2025 season, our club faced some significant decisions regarding our playing location, which placed considerable strain on the organisation. With a decline in committee members and available helpers, Paul Wilson stepped up to take on the role of President. Paul embraced the challenge of building on our 2024 success, when we fielded one strong team in 3rd Grade. Under his leadership, and with the support of Izzy Cama, the club proudly fielded two competitive men's teams.

After the season commenced, Paul stepped down from the President's role due to personal reasons. I would like to sincerely thank Paul for the outstanding work he did and the dedication he showed during a particularly challenging period.

Following Paul's departure, Scotty and I stepped in to continue leading the club. Despite the obstacles we faced, we finished the year with three competitive men's teams and a revived women's team. I am incredibly proud and grateful for the hard work and commitment of all our members who helped make 2025 such a successful year.

Our women's team had a tough start, with their coach stepping down just before the season began. However, Billy Moroney and Rei Hemopo took on the challenge of

coaching and rebuilding the team. Although the ladies were forced to forfeit their first game against Lake Mac, Billy and Rei regrouped the side and developed a strong, competitive team that became one of the season's great success stories. Their achievements were a highlight for our club, and the women have already begun pre-season training and they will be a team to watch in 2026!

Our AGM, held in early October, was a great success. We now have a newly formed, combined committee made up of both junior and senior members, setting a strong foundation for what promises to be an exciting 2026 season for NLURU.

Our new Executive Committee is as follows:

- President: Chris Seckold
- Vice President (Seniors): Billy Moroney
- Vice President (Juniors): Steve Tubnor

Additionally, Scotty Moroney has been working tirelessly to organise our Sevens competition, which will be held in February 2026. Exciting announcements regarding this event will be shared in the coming weeks.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to making 2025 a successful and memorable season. I look forward to what's ahead as we continue to grow and strengthen NLURU in 2026.

Warm regards,  
Chris Seckold  
President, NLURU

## **WARNERVALE RUGBY CLUB**

Firstly, I would like to begin with thanking the committee for their continual efforts throughout the season. In particular I would like to acknowledge those who have stepped up to help out in roles that were vacated throughout the season.

Secondly, I'd like to acknowledge all of our sponsors both new and old for their continual support. Without our sponsors our club would not have had the success that we achieved this season.

Thank you to our coaching and support staff across both seniors and juniors for the work that you have all put in this season. Thank you to everyone who helped out around the ground this season whether that be on the BBQ, set up or pack down.

Thank you to the CCRU and CCJRU for the work they put in throughout the season to keep us on the field. We appreciate all you do.

With the introduction of new roles into the 2026 season, we are hoping to lighten the load of our small but mighty team. This will see us dividing our tasks across more volunteers and providing clear jobs for individuals to sign up for. I am excited to see this in action.

Moving into 2026, the club's goals are to continue to expand and grow and bring more success on and off the field. We are hoping to achieve this by increasing the engagement and involvement of our junior volunteers and hope to have more junior representation within the committee.

A special mention to all our players involved in representative rugby. I would also like to thank our supporters who show up week in and week out both home and away for our club and even show up for our players at a representative level. Our culture is like none other.

Guy Lumby  
President  
Warnervale Rugby Club

## **WOY WOY RUGBY CLUB**

The 2025 season marked a significant turning point for Woy Woy Rugby Club. To fully appreciate the progress made, it is important to reflect on the challenges faced in 2024—a year focused on preserving our status as a senior club.

In 2024, the club fielded only two senior men's teams and one women's team. Unfortunately, all senior grades experienced multiple game forfeits, and it was not uncommon for half or more of our second-grade men to back up and play first grade immediately afterwards. These circumstances placed considerable strain on our players and highlighted the need for structural and cultural renewal.

By contrast, 2025 saw the club field three senior men's teams alongside our women's team, with zero forfeits recorded across the season. This achievement was underpinned by several key developments:

- The return of Woy Woy Junior Damien Fleming, former captain of West Harbour's Shute Shield side, proved instrumental in attracting new talent to the club.
- Several Woy Woy Juniors returned, further strengthening our player base.
- A unified and well-structured pre-season program, led by Director of Coaching Stu Formston, brought men's and women's squads together and laid the foundation for improved cohesion and fitness.

To support the expansion to a third-grade men's team, the club also broadened its recruitment efforts internationally. Players from Italy, France, and the United Kingdom joined the Lions, contributing meaningfully on the field and integrating seamlessly into the club's culture off it.

While on-field results placed us toward the lower end of the competition tables across all grades, the groundwork laid in 2025 positions us well for future success. With new

coaching appointments and continued squad development, we are optimistic about qualifying for finals in multiple senior grades in 2026.

In the Juniors we had a terrific season with our many teams, and we will continue to grow this crucial area of our club in 2026 under the stewardship of Bianca Plunkett-Gooley.

The club's resilience, growth, and renewed sense of purpose in 2025 reflect the collective efforts of players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters.

Finally, a massive thanks to the CCRU and CCRU Referees for all your hard work. We may not always agree, but we respect the work that everyone does.

Phil Burgess  
President

## **CCRU AWARD WINNERS 2025**

Syd Noble Medal 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR'

Rameo Bainivalu  
(Lake Macquarie)

Kate Thomson Medal 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR'

Jaida Staben  
(Avoca Beach)

Terry Woodward Award for Service

Chris Woutersz

Peter Armstrong Club Person of the Year	Phil Burgess (Woy Woy)
Coach of the Year	Justin Staben & Matt Parker (Avoca Beach)
Club of the Year	Woy Woy Rugby Club
Club Championship	Terrigal Rugby Club
Highest Pointscorer – Women’s Premier 1	Natasha Ireland (Avoca Beach – 120 points)
Highest Pointscorer – Premier 1	Lathan Hutchinson-Walters (Razorbacks– 127 points)
Referee of the Year	Bruce Bennett
Referee’s Player of the Year	Elia Rokotuisiga (Lake Macquarie)
Referee’s Team of the Year	Woy Woy Premier 1

## **REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS**

SENIORS	Rep Player of the Year -	Charlie Granger
SENIORS	Best Back of the Year -	Jayden Woolley
SENIORS	Best Forward of the Year -	Robert Peden
COLTS	Harry McWilliam Player of the Year Award -	Angus Newport
COLTS	Best Back of the Year -	Harry McGarry
COLTS	Best Forward of the Year -	Jonty Ninness
WOMEN 15’s	Players’ Player -	Jemma Casey
WOMEN 15’s	Best Back of the Year -	Jaida Staben
WOMEN 15’s	Best Forward of the Year -	Shanaye Rutonski

## **REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM 2025**

### **Central Coast Women’s XV 2025**

The Women’s programme started in February 15th with a skills and development day out at JBO numbers were less than hoped but it was a good day with the attendees enjoying the run , we had the help of Lee Sullivan ( Terrigal ) and Nick Myer ( Ourimbah ) both happily gave up their time and helped run some drills and gave us extra bodies for some one on one coaching.

Session 2 was out at Ourimbah on the 1<sup>st</sup> March we had better roll out of players which was pleasing and from multiple clubs. We had the help of Lee Sullivan once

again and also Murray Cox (Terrigal) this session went really well, we were able to focus on some set piece skills and got a good start at some pod shape in game type scenarios. With more in attendance the girls got plenty out of it and for the girls that were pushing to represent they had a taste of the game style we were looking to bring in for the programme. We would like to official thank and send appreciation to Lee, Nick and Murray and the clubs they represent for coming along to help with both days.

Training in the lead up to the Championships went well numbers where good averaging between 15 to 20 most nights and 23 -25 the final two sessions. The girls were going really good in these sessions where we were focussing on shape and structure of the 15's game. The feedback from the group after each session was really good they seemed to be gelling well and had a great vibe with plenty of positivity.

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

The side took on Central North in our first game and despite dominating possession and territory for majority of the game we were unable to come away with the win. The team went down 14-7 . At 7-7 we had a couple of opportunities to take a penalty shot at goal but we took taps and then got a run of penalties against and Central North got back down our end and scored to win the game. We walked away from that one with the girls learning a lot, most of the side hadn't played a game of 15 a side before and to come up against the number 3 ranked side and walk away wondering how we lost was a credit to the girls attitude and desire. Our second game was against the reigning Country Champions Central West, this game was the match of the tournament in the women's draw, the side stood tall and competed at every turn with probably our discipline letting us down in the end. We were down 8-0 at halftime and kept it at that for most of the second half with Central West scoring right near the bell to go up 13-0 . For the girls to come away with no trial games and push Central West was really pleasing for the coaching group and the comments from senior country officials regarding the improvement that the girls had shown was great to hear and pleasing for the playing group. Unfortunately, due the brutality of the game we lost four starting players and had two of our senior players left at 50% making the loss hurt a little bit more.

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Day 2 we went up against Hunter in our first game and we didn't get going once again discipline was a major factor and with only a 25min game we just didn't get it together. We went down in our worst defeat of the tournament 19-0. Game 2 was against New England and like the Central North game the day before we dominated possession and territory, we scored a try to go up 5-0 and then we let New England get over after the bell, once again discipline cost us. Day 2 we managed to get every player on the field.

The feedback from the girls was really good they were already keen for next year and love where they are heading , We have no doubt we have the players in this competition to be giving this tournament a real shake , with the experience they have gained this year and the buy in that they gave us in Tamworth hopefully we can build in to a long term consistent force and not a year by year patched together team. These girls were an amazing bunch that we were proud to be associated with and although the results didn't go our way this year there are big things coming for this amazing group.

We the coaching staff would also like to thank the clubs for driving the representative programme , we had players from Lake Macquarie, Northlakes ,Woy Woy, Warnervale, Terrigal and Avoca.

Thanks

Fuzz, Matt, Renee and Dan

## **Central Coast Men's XV 2025**

The 2025 Central Coast men's senior team successfully retained the Caldwell Cup after winning in 2024, making the final in 2023 and winning in 2022. The success of the 2025 Central Coast Representative program focused on the following three points.

1. Improvement in performance: As the reigning champions, we needed to be better than last year, increasing our pace and precision, as we have set the bar on performance in previous years.
2. Focus on squad unity: With several players unavailable from the previous campaigns, the introduction of new players and last-minute additions due to injury.
3. Further focus on a true Central Coast team with representatives from 6 of the 8 competition teams in the final squad and all clubs represented in the initial training and selection process.

### **1. Planning**

Prior to the training start date of April 7, a set of focus-points were established between all coaches with a review of the strengths and weaknesses from watching videos of the previous year's tournament games. These were

1. Pace
2. Precision

### 3. Line Speed

### 4. Movement

These focus points were adopted to increase performance and raise the level of rugby to the net level as expected of the reigning champions.

## 2. Training

Training began on the 7 of April and continued every Wednesday with the first 2 sessions an open invitation to any Central Coast players wishing to be considered for selection. Only players present at the first 2 sessions were considered for selection.

Training was at Sir Josep Banks Oval (JBO) and Warnervale when wet JBO was close due to wet weather. A final Thursday session prior to the tournament was also introduced to prepare for wet weather rugby with predicted rain in Tamworth for the Championships.

Available equipment was limited, 8 Rugby balls was sufficient however 4 hit shields between the women's and men's teams is limiting. Hit shields were borrowed from clubs when available. Looking ahead to next season a list of required equipment will be discussed with clubs to ensure equipment is available for each session. Equipment will include agility poles and tackles mats if available to focus on improving running lines and defence.

Injuries were assessed at training by Coast Sport Physio and Sports Medicine. This was an essential resource to manage injuries and assess the fitness of players for the tournament. These fitness report affected the final team selection. Please see separate physiotherapy report.

A huge thanks to Stewart Jenkins for all the behind the scenes work and organisation without which this successful program would not have been possible.

## 3. Game 1 – vs Hunter 43-21

Due to the structure of the tournament, with the first team in each pool progressing to the final, and the strength of Hunter, this game was identified as our primary focus. This was a superb start to the tournament demonstrating our increase in pace in our play. Errors during the first half led directly to points for Hunter. This was improved in the second half resulting in the win.

## 4. Game 2 – vs Central West 17 – 17

Our aim was achieved, and the draw guaranteed our place in the final. Rigours of tournament rugby were on display in this game with fatigue affecting performance and players focus already on the final. Our defence was strong in the second half of this game to ensure our progression.

## 5. Game 3 – Final vs Central North 37 – 35

Victory resulted in Central Coast retaining the Caldwell Cup. The first half demonstrated our focus points of pace, precision, line speed and movement. This successfully led us to a 19 point lead at half time. The superior fitness of Central North enabled them to get back into the game.

The 2025 NSW Country Championships were successful with Central Coast retaining the Caldwell Cup. Defending the Championship is extremely difficult as the other teams lift to the standard that was set the previous year. Our three focus points for the program were ultimately essential in obtaining this success and building on the platform established by the previous coaching group. A huge thanks goes to Craig McWilliam and Murray Cox for their continued support and the platform they provided. Performance was raised to ensure we were at a higher level than our opposition. This would not have been possible without the focus on team unity. This unity was evident within the team environment and the support it created. Finally, the inclusion of players from 6 of the 8 teams across the coast in the final squad and representatives from all clubs in the initial training and selection process, will enable the growth and improvement of Central Coast rugby. These players will bring their success back to their clubs as well as the skills, professionalism, and camaraderie from the representative program. This will increase the quality of rugby on the coast which in turn will improve the quality and inclusion of the representative program.

### **Executive Summary**

The 2025 CCRU Colts Representative Program faced several systemic and operational challenges, yet was a testament to the resilience and integrity of our young athletes. Despite logistical setbacks, the team delivered competitive performances and represented the region with distinction. This report outlines program circumstances, player conduct, match outcomes, and the broader administrative context, with supporting correspondence attached.

### **Program Overview**

#### **Preparation & Structure:**

- Preparations were disrupted by ongoing wet weather and limited field availability.
- The premature scheduling of the competition—held a month earlier than usual—compounded difficulties around player readiness and squad cohesion.
- A significant barrier to selection and development remains the lack of an U18s and Colts competition at a local level, which limits progression into the U20s (Colts) program.

#### **Player Participation:**

- Only approximately 40 players were eligible across both genders within the U20s age group. (note this does not include the U18s Terrigal squad which 2 players were selected from)
- This low participation rate stems largely from the structural gap in junior-to-senior progression within the Central Coast system.

#### **Lack of Support from Country Rugby:**

- Throughout my tenure, Country Rugby has shown no genuine commitment to growing the Colts competition, with the sole exception being a superficial alignment of the age bracket with other competitions across NSW.
- Instead, their administrative rigidity and narrow interpretation of eligibility criteria have stifled participation, disillusioned volunteers, and undercut player development.

## **Squad Overview**

### **Club Representation:**

The squad was drawn from several local clubs, with a core contingent from Terrigal and Avoca—highlighting ongoing strength in these districts.

### **Conduct and Culture:**

The team carried themselves with professionalism and pride:

- Punctual and respectful throughout the campaign
- Dressed in CCRU kit, despite uniform supply challenges
- Displayed a high level of camaraderie, discipline, and unity

### **Notable Player Milestones:**

- Noah Radford marked his 4th representative tour, a remarkable achievement in commitment and consistency.
- Cam McGinn completed his 3rd tour, further cementing his place as a key leader within the program.

## **Game Summaries**

### **Game 1 – vs Illawarra (Win)**

A gritty, high-tempo match marked by moments of individual brilliance and team resilience. With the game hanging in the balance, the Central Coast boys struck a last-minute match-winner—showcasing nerves of steel and a will to win. It was a hard-fought contest and a tremendous start to the tournament.

### **Game 2 – vs Central West (Loss)**

A sluggish start saw Central Coast concede a 12-point deficit in the first half. After tactical adjustments at the break, the squad mounted a spirited comeback. While ultimately falling short, the improved second-half effort highlighted their adaptability and depth of character.

### **Game 3 – vs New England (Win)**

This was the squad's most complete performance of the campaign. From the opening whistle, CCRU executed with precision, control, and discipline. The result was a dominant display of clinical rugby—emphatic in both attack and defence. It was a statement win that underlined the squad's true potential.

### **Game 4 – Final vs Central West (Loss)**

Unfortunately, the final match saw Central West dictate play from the outset. Our

boys, visibly fatigued after a punishing schedule and lacking impact off the bench, struggled to match the intensity. With many players logging 40-minute efforts across all four matches, the physical toll was evident. While disappointing, this performance reflected the broader issue of limited squad depth due to structural constraints.

### **Acknowledgement of Staff and Leadership**

The success and integrity of this campaign would not have been possible without the tireless support and professionalism of our leadership team. I would like to formally commend the following individuals for their outstanding contributions:

#### **Mark Wilkin – Team Manager**

Mark was the engine room behind the logistics and organisation of this tour. Calm under pressure and highly pragmatic, he ensured every detail—from accommodation to match day prep—was handled with precision. Personally, he was someone I leaned on regularly; his experience and steady presence made him a crucial pillar of support. Above all, Mark's genuine care for the group and their individual development was evident in everything he did.

#### **Charlie Granger – Assistant Coach**

Charlie was a revelation in his dual role this season, balancing his responsibilities as a player in the Open Men's team with the demands of mentoring our Colts. An outstanding role model for our players, Charlie led by example both on and off the field. His rugby IQ is exceptional, and his ability to translate that knowledge into practical guidance for our squad was invaluable. Charlie's commitment, leadership, and uncompromising attitude helped instil a level of discipline and professionalism that elevated our group.

#### **Stewart Jenkins – Program Coordinator**

Stew has long been a cornerstone of the Colts program, and this campaign reaffirmed his value. As a mentor and advisor, he consistently provided thoughtful counsel and direction. His dedication to the broader purpose of the Colts initiative not just winning games, but building a sustainable and meaningful pathway for our youth was evident in every discussion and decision. Stew's unwavering support and strategic input were instrumental to the program's success.

### **Conclusion and Recommendations**

Despite undeniable challenges, the 2025 CCRU Colts campaign highlighted the strength of our local rugby community. The players represented their region with distinction and dignity, and our leadership team delivered a campaign we can all be proud of.

To ensure future success and sustainability, I offer the following recommendations:

1. **Re-establish a Local U18s And Colts Competition:**  
Create a reliable development pathway by reinstating or launching an U18s tier to bridge the gap into Colts.
2. **Review and Reform Eligibility Policies with CRU:**  
Push for flexible, regionally-aware eligibility criteria that reflect the realities of player movement due to structural deficits.

**3. Initiate Early Player Engagement and Development Programs:**

Begin talent identification and conditioning in the offseason/ between seasons to build cohesion and depth ahead of tournament periods.

## **NSW COUNTRY SQUAD SELECTIONS 2025**

### **SENIOR NSW COUNTRY COCKATOOS**

Harry Gray  
Jake Hubbard

Terrigal  
Razorbacks

Tom Leslie	Terrigal
Matt Martin	Razorbacks
Ethan McInnes	Terrigal
Rob Peden	Razorbacks
Damien Fleming	Woy Woy
Jayden Woolley	Terrigal

### NSW COUNTRY COLTS

Owen Bell	Terrigal
Angus Newport	Terrigal
Harrison Brenan	Avoca Beach
Harrison McGarry	Avoca Beach
Harrison Soialo	Terrigal
Cam McGinn	Razorbacks

### NSW COUNTRY WOMEN CORELLAS

Jemma Casey	Avoca Beach
Daisy McKeon	Terrigal
Kyra Manukia	Northlakes
April Radford	Warnervale
Shanaye Rutonski	Lake Macquarie
Jaida Staben	Avoca Beach



### SENIOR 1<sup>st</sup> XV TEAM LIST

No.	First Name	Surname	Club
1	Harry	Gray	Terrigal
2	Ethan	McInnes	Terrigal
3	Tom	Leslie	Terrigal

4	Charles	Granger	Terrigal
5	Isaac	Riviere	Terrigal
6	Jayden	Woolley	Terrigal
7	Blake	Irwin	Terrigal
8	Campbell	Gray	Terrigal
9	Ben	Correy-Smith	Terrigal
10	Alex	Halls	Avoca Beach
11	Charlie	Crimmings	Avoca Beach
12	Henry	Parker	Avoca Beach
13	Lathan	Hutchinson- Walters	Razorbacks
14	Matthew	Martin	Razorbacks
15	Jake	Hubbard	Razorbacks
16	Owen	Turner	Razorbacks
17	Connor	Peden	Razorbacks
18	Robert	Peden	Razorbacks
19	Jean	Besombes	Woy Woy
20	Damien	Fleming	Woy Woy
21	Mark	Tipple	Northlakes
22	Joe	Lewer	Lake Macquarie
23	TJ	Aiolo	Lake Macquarie
Coach	Brett	Davis	
Coach	Adam	Beavis	
Manager	Frank	Westwood	

### UNDER 20 COLTS

No.	First Name	Surname	Club
1	Lochie	McLleland	Avoca Beach
2	Max	Newman	Avoca Beach
3	Harry	McGarry	Avoca Beach

4	Logan	McLoughlin	Avoca Beach
5	Jack	McHugh	Avoca Beach
6	Jonty	Ninness	Avoca Beach
7	Will	Funnell	Avoca Beach
8	Noah	Radford	Warnervale
9	Harry	Laguzza	Warnervale
10	Cam	McGinn	Razorbacks
11	Jack	Morrison	Woy Woy
12	Harry	Brennan	Hunter
13	Harrison	Socialo	Terrigal
14	Angus	Newport	Terrigal
15	Jonah	Wright	Terrigal
16	Owen	Bell	Terrigal
17	Luke	Harrison	Terrigal
18	Isaac	Payne	Terrigal
19	Angus	Muma	GKRC
Coach	Josh	Harrod	
Coach	Charlie	Granger	
Manager	Mark	Wilkin	

### WOMEN'S XV

No.	First Name	Surname	Club
1	Shanaye	Rutonski	Lake Macquarie
2	Kirstie	Lawson	Lake Macquarie
3	Te Whea	Tamihana	Lake Macquarie

4	Terina	Haami	Lake Macquarie
5	April	Radford	Warnervale
6	Pascal	Halaapiapi	Warnervale
7	Jemma	Casey	Avoca Beach
8	Alexandra	Woutersz	Avoca Beach
9	Priya	Lama	Avoca Beach
10	Jaida	Staben	Avoca Beach
11	Abbey	Petitt	Avoca Beach
12	Natasha	Ireland	Avoca Beach
13	Liana	Wheatley	Avoca Beach
14	Beth	Stewart	Avoca Beach
15	Olivia	Micklethwaite	Avoca Beach
16	Brooke	Watson	Avoca Beach
17	Victoria	Scott	Terrigal
18	Grace	Regan	Terrigal
19	Daisy	McKeon	Terrigal
20	Katie	O'Mara	Terrigal
21	Jordan	Lyons	Terrigal
22	Piper	Riddell-Gilsenan	Woy Woy
23	Maddison	Clark	Woy Woy
24	Kyra	Manukia	Northlakes
Coach	Matthew	Parker	
Coach	Justin	Staben	
Manager	Renee	Staben	

**CCRU PREMIERS 1975 – 2025**

<b><u>PREMIER 1 (Syd Noble Shield)</u></b>		<b><u>PREMIER 2 (Myer Shield)</u></b>
1975	Avoca Beach	
1976	Terrigal	The Entrance (inaugural year)
1977	Terrigal	The Entrance
1978	Terrigal	Kariong
1979	Terrigal	Gosford
1980	The Entrance	Gosford

1981	Gosford	Kincumber
1982	Gosford	Woy Woy
1983	Gosford	Avoca Beach
1984	Terrigal	Avoca Beach
1985	Terrigal	The Entrance
1986	Terrigal	Avoca Beach
1987	Woy Woy	Avoca Beach
1988	Woy Woy	Avoca Beach
1989	Avoca Beach	Avoca Beach
1990	Kariong	Avoca Beach/Woy Woy
1991	Kariong	Avoca Beach
1992	Kariong	Kariong
1993	Kariong	Gosford
1994	Terrigal	Avoca Beach
1995	Avoca Beach	Terrigal
1996	Terrigal	Gosford
1997	Gosford	Terrigal
1998	Northlakes	Terrigal
1999	Gosford	Terrigal
2000	Terrigal	Woy Woy
2001	Gosford	Avoca Beach
2002	Gosford	Terrigal
2003	Avoca Beach	Avoca Beach
2004	Gosford	Ourimbah
2005	Avoca Beach	Avoca Beach
2006	Avoca Beach	Avoca Beach
2007	Avoca Beach	Avoca Beach
2008	Avoca Beach	Avoca Beach
2009	Avoca Beach	Kariong
2010	Avoca Beach	Avoca Beach
2011	Gosford	Avoca Beach
2012	Avoca Beach	Avoca Beach
2013	Avoca Beach	Avoca Beach
2014	Woy Woy	Gosford
2015	Ourimbah	Ourimbah
2016	Terrigal	Woy Woy
2017	Terrigal	Terrigal
2018	Ourimbah	The Lakes
2019	Terrigal	The Lakes
2020	Terrigal	Terrigal
2021	<i>Cancelled – Covid</i>	<i>Cancelled – Covid</i>
2022	Terrigal	The Lakes
2023	Avoca Beach	Terrigal
2024	Terrigal	Terrigal
2025	Terrigal	Terrigal

**PRESIDENT’S CUP**  
**(The Lawrie and Betty Mitchell Shield)**

1980	
1981	
1982	
1983	
1984	The Entrance (inaugural year)
1985	Wamberal
1986	Avoca Beach

**UNDER 19 COLTS**

Avoca Beach (Under 18’s)
Gosford (Under 18’s)
Gosford (Under 18’s)
Woy Woy
Woy Woy
Terrigal
Woy Woy

1987	Woy Woy	<i>Newcastle/C.C. Comp.</i>
1988	Avoca Beach	Woy Woy
1989	Gosford	Kariong
1990	Ourimbah	Gosford
1991	Ourimbah	Gosford
1992	Northlakes	Terrigal/Woy Woy
1993	Northlakes	Gosford
1994	Northlakes	Terrigal
1995	Terrigal	Ourimbah
1996	Northlakes	Terrigal
1997	Avoca Beach	Terrigal
1998	Avoca Beach	Avoca Beach
1999	Gosford	Avoca Beach
2000	Terrigal	Avoca Beach
2001	Avoca Beach	Terrigal
2002	Avoca Beach / The Entrance	Avoca Beach
2003	Gosford	Avoca Beach
2004	Ourimbah	Avoca Beach
2005	Avoca Beach	<i>No Competition</i>
2006	Terrigal	The Entrance
2007	Ourimbah	The Entrance
2008	Terrigal	Avoca Beach
2009	Terrigal	Avoca Beach
2010	Kariong	Terrigal
2011	Ourimbah	<i>No Competition</i>
2012	Avoca Beach	Terrigal
2013	Terrigal	Terrigal
2014	Woy Woy	Gosford
2015	Gosford	Ourimbah
2016	Gosford	Avoca Beach
2017	Ourimbah	Avoca Beach
2018	Ourimbah	Avoca Beach
2019	Avoca Beach	Avoca Beach
2020	Avoca Beach	The Lakes Maroon
2021	<i>Cancelled – Covid</i>	<i>No Competition</i>
2022	Avoca Beach	<i>No Competition</i>
2023	Razorbacks	<i>No Competition</i>
2024	The Lakes / Terrigal	<i>No Competition</i>
2025	Avoca Beach	<i>No Competition</i>

**FOURTH GRADE**

**WOMEN (Thomson Shield)**

1994	Avoca Beach	1999	Avoca Beach	2018	Avoca Beach
1995	Woy Woy	2000	Northlakes	2019	Terrigal
1996	Woy Woy	2001	Avoca Beach	2020	Terrigal
		2002	Avoca Beach	2021	<i>Cancelled – Covid</i>
				2022	Avoca Beach
				2023	Terrigal
				2024	Lake Macquarie
				2025	Avoca Beach

WOMEN'S FORMATS: 1999-2002 = 15's 2018-19 = 7's 2020-23 = 10's 2024 = 12's

## 2025 SENIOR POINTSTABLES

Pos	WLG Premier 1	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Byes	Draws	Bonus	For	Against	Ratio
1	Terrigal	61	14	12	1	0	1	11	582	182	3.2
2	Razorbacks	58	14	11	2	0	1	12	658	240	2.7
3	Lake Macquarie	46	14	8	5	0	1	12	486	323	1.5
4	Warnervale	39	14	7	6	0	1	9	371	461	0.8
5	Avoca Beach	36	14	7	6	0	1	6	334	347	1.0
6	Woy Woy	31	14	5	8	0	1	9	385	338	1.1
7	Northlakes/The Bay	16	14	2	11	0	1	6	239	498	0.5
8	Gosford/Kariong	2	14	0	13	0	1	0	144	810	0.2

Pos	WLG Premier 2	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Byes	Draws	Bonus	For	Against	Ratio
1	Terrigal	64	14	13	0	0	1	10	588	97	6.1
2	Avoca Beach	53	14	10	3	0	1	11	577	147	3.9
3	Razorbacks	49	14	9	4	0	1	11	448	188	2.4
4	Lake Macquarie	41	14	7	6	0	1	11	478	361	1.3
5	Warnervale	40	14	8	5	0	1	6	355	297	1.2
6	Northlakes/The Bay	16	14	3	10	0	1	2	152	539	0.3
7	Woy Woy	11	14	1	11	0	2	3	258	485	0.5
8	Gosford/Kariong	5	14	0	12	0	2	1	115	857	0.1

Pos	WLG Premier 3	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Byes	Draws	Bonus	For	Against	Ratio
1	Avoca Beach	61	14	12	1	0	1	11	531	124	4.3
2	Warnervale	51	14	10	3	0	1	9	377	211	1.8
3	Terrigal	43	14	8	5	0	1	9	342	148	2.3
4	Northlakes/The Bay	41	14	7	6	0	1	11	372	223	1.7
5	Razorbacks	39	14	8	5	0	1	5	291	209	1.4
6	Gosford/Kariong	25	14	4	9	0	1	7	262	350	0.7
7	Lake Macquarie	11	14	2	11	0	1	1	121	666	0.2
8	Woy Woy	8	14	1	12	0	1	2	96	461	0.2

Pos	Women's Premier 1	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Byes	Draws	Bonus	For	Against	Ratio
1	Avoca Beach	67	14	13	0	0	1	13	718	86	3.2
2	Terrigal	56	14	10	2	0	2	12	511	152	2.7
3	Lake Macquarie	52	14	10	3	0	1	10	455	207	2.4
4	Warnervale	33	14	6	7	0	1	7	270	309	0.8
5	Razorbacks	30	14	5	7	0	2	6	284	273	1.2
6	Northlakes/The Bay	22	14	4	9	0	1	4	236	449	1.1
7	Woy Woy	12	14	2	11	0	1	2	132	568	0.5
8	Gosford/Kariong	7	14	1	12	0	1	1	78	640	0.1

Pos	Club Championship	Total	P1	P2	P3	Women
1	Terrigal	596	305	192.00000	43.00000	56.00000
2	Razorbacks	506	290	147.00000	39.00000	30.00000
3	Avoca Beach	467	180	159.00000	61.00000	67.00000
4	Lake Macquarie	416	230	123.00000	11.00000	52.00000
5	Warnervale	399	195	120.00000	51.00000	33.00000
6	Woy Woy	208	155	33.00000	8.00000	12.00000
7	Northlakes/The Bay	191	80	48.00000	41.00000	22.00000
8	Gosford/Kariong	57	10	15.00000	25.00000	7.00000