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Annual Report

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President's Message

Season 2008 began with some wonderful new blood on the Committee after a disappointing end to the previous year both on and off the field.

Our main issues would be the turnaround of our financial position and trying to get a Colts team up and running to ensure our survival in Division 2. Unfortunately, this was not to evolve despite James Roberts outstanding efforts. However, the seeds were sown for 2009 and the Colts that did play ended up being the stars of the Richardson Cup side being grand finalists. This really was an outstanding achievement, losing 10-7 in a nail biter.

A winning start to the season across the grades always means that the crowds and supporters flock to Breaker Stadium to have an afternoon's entertainment of running rugby whilst enjoying our superb facilities. However, when 1st grade struggled in the early games, the pressure was on.

It was left to 2s and 4s to carry the club through the first round, after 1s lost some very tight finishes much to the coaching staff's chagrin.

Mid season on the paddock the Breakers were last on the Club Championships and staring relegation to Division 3 in the face. This then became a motivational ploy to survive and prosper. The players gave their all and the highlight was the Oatley bus trip for the last game of the season where relegation was saved, mirroring the effort of 10 years previous, when the Breakers won promotion to Kentwell Cup - and without the eggs.

Season 2009 will see Colts returning under the direction of club stalwart Rory McLean and will be the perfect start to the footy day. Plus evolving our culture, bringing young players back to the game and ensuring the future of our beloved Breakers.

The coaching staff, led by Clive Nettleton, did a wonderful job under difficult circumstances. Off the paddock was probably where the hardest work was done. With the champion Steve Hansen from Club Av setting the pace as Sponsorship and Marketing Director our financial black hole was soon to be nonexistent, with sponsors clamouring to part of the team and to get on the sides of the famous Newport Breakers truck. Nobby Stephens was the best fundraiser running the raffle at the Arms on Friday nights and organising our best supporters group, the famous Broken Breakers. Les Comans finally had his chance to show what a good Financial Controller he was in his dealings with the Arms and his monthly cash flows and budgets. Fred Roberts as the super cool, efficient, pragmatic, organised Mr Secretary leaving no stone unturned in our quest for success. Without a political agenda, the Committee worked like the left handers at the famous Newport Peak. After a slow start to the season, the Breakers certainly came home strong. Very strong, which augers well for next season, already in the planning!

Most pleasing was to see the House Committee foster very cordial relations between the Seniors and Juniors, who are the nursery for the Breakers. This was also aided by star players Griffo, Glass, and Leif coaching the Under 16s to Premiership success and into the pathway of future Colts.

Special mention is made of the Greg Lee Clubman of the year, Bobby Stanbridge. In his first year at the club, he brought a sniff of professionalism to our injury management and is revered by the players for his care and attention.. Overall a very satisfying year. My thanks go to all the tireless Committee workers and players, wives and girlfriends. Volunteers are needed in all capacities for next season, so put your hand up and enjoy the satisfaction of being part of a winning culture and team. Thanks for coming.

A.J. - President 2008.

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Rugby Report

We started off the 2008 Season full of optimism after a highly successful 2007 which saw us have all 4 grades in the semis with the highlight being the Grand Final with 1st Grade just going down 27-30.

Preseason numbers were slightly down but a great 10's Tournament had the club looking alright for the 2008 Season.

Coaches were a problem with only Robbo and myself + Hilly committing to the Season.

Thankfully Earle and Smythey put their hands up to do 3's and 4's.

Managers were also a problem. We had Greg Moore for 1's and Rob Tucket for 2's but no one else. Thank you both for helping out this year.

The early rounds were tough and at Epping in the 2nd round not only did we lose all 4 Grades but Sammy for the season with an Achilles.

1st Grade lost 7 in a row. 2nd Grade and 4th Grade were the 2 teams carrying the club.

Players came and went and there seemed to be little stability. The turning point for the season was when some of the players took it on themselves to help the club. A number of them playing lower grades and their own games to help out.

One of the feature days of the year was the second round battle against Barker Old Boys at their ground. Not only were we decimated in numbers but on the day we lost quite a few to injury. We won 4's, 3's and 2's and went down in 1's but every Barker Player knew they'd played a tough game and not once did any player shirk his responsibility on and off the field. We showed true Newport Grit.

Congratulations to Robbo's 2nd Graders who made the semis. They were one of the form teams all year. Robbo did a great job preparing his team and they went on field looking the goods each week.

Also a big congrats to Smythey who took 4's all the way to the Grand Final. A fantastic effort by all concerned.

A big thank you must go to Bob our strapper, water boy, masseuse and anything else that needed to be done. We couldn't have done it without you.

Another feature was not one red card and very few yellows. Good Discipline shown by all. A big thank you to Hilly. Our sideline strategy discussions were something I will always treasure !!!!

Thanks to all the hardworking committee who get little recognition but do an awful lot. AJ, Nobby, Hando, Les, Fred and James Roberts and Jeremy Smith.

It came down to the last game of the season for the Club Championship points and didn't we stand up. All Grades took it to Oatley and we won to end up 6th on the Club Championship Ladder. I could not have been prouder of us as a club.

So not our most successful season in terms of results but I felt the players stuck at it all year with a great feeling of camaraderie amongst them and sometimes you see good things come out of adversity

Chuggers

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2008 Players List

First Name	Surname	First Name	Surname	First Name	Surname	First Name	Surname
DAVID	ADAMS	NEIL	DUNS	MATT	LLOYD	ANDREW	ROSEWARNE
LINCOLN	AURISCH	MARCEL	DUPONT-LOUIS	JAMES	LOWE	PAUL	RYAN
JACK	AVERY	ADAM	ELLENOR	MITCHELL	LOWRIE	ELIKI TAUKEIRUA BUCA	SAGOA
LUKE	BAKER	JOSEPH	ELLIOT	KYLE	LYONS	CRISTOPHER	SHEALS
TRENT	BARNABAS	LEIF	ERIKSSON	SEAN	MAKIM	MATT	SHERIDAN
TEHAERE	BEATON	WILLIAM	EVANS	TIM	MALONE	JEREMY	SMITH
GARETH	BIRCH	DANIEL	EVANS	ANDREW	MASON	JASON	SMITH
JOHN	BIRTWISTLE	ROB	EVANS	TANOA	MATAIRA	ADAM	SMYTH
RHYS	BLACKBURN	ADAM	FARDY	KEVEAMA	MATAIRA	PATRICK	SOARS
DANIEL	BLACKWELL	ANGUS	FERGUSON	MAX	MATHEWS	JUSTIN	STARK
ANDREW	BOMBARDIERE	ANDREW	GAVENLOCK	ASHLEY	MCCARTHY	MARC	STEINEGGER
SAM	BRADNOCK	NEIL	GLASSIE	JAMES	MEGGISON	PERRY	SWAULEY
SAMUEL	BROWN	ANTHONY	GOWING	JEREMY	MILLER	NICK	TAKAMORE
MICHAEL	BUCK	ADAM	GRIFFITH	DOUGLAS	MITCHELL	LUKE	TANSEY
LEONALE	BURKE	STEVEN	GUY	EARL	MORAN	SAM	TAUKITOKU
NATHAN	BUTCHART	DECLAN	HAIGH	BRENDAN	O'NEILL	STEVE	TAYLOR
ADRIAN	CAPP	WILLIAM	HALL	ANDREW	O'NEILL	DALLAS	TEWAKE
JAMES	CARROLL	BRYCE	HAY	VILIAME	OSBORNE	ANDREW	TUCKETT
MICHAEL	CHASTON	TRENT	HILL	NICHOLAS	PEARSON	ALEX	TUCKETT
KEVIN	CHRISTIE	CHRISTIAN	HILL	ADAM	PERE	LEE	TUPOULI
MIKE	CLARKE	WILLIAM	HILLER	ROBERT	PETERS	LACHLAN	TURNELL
LINCOLN	COMANS	JACK	HODGES	JARED	PINNELL	RICK	TURNER
THOMAS	CRAWFORD	ANTHONY	JOHNSTON	RICHARD	PORTER	GRANT	VALLACK
OLLIE	CROSSE	SOLOMAN	KAHUKIWA	RYAN	POST	TOBY	WALKER
PRESTON	CRUICKSHANK	LOPETI	KAUKIMOCE	DAN	PRIDEAUX	STIRLING	WEST
GARETH	DAVIES	JOSEPH	KERESI	GEOFFREY	PRIOR	DANE	WHEELER
NICHOLAS	DE KLERK	FLETCHER	KIDD	JONATHAN	PROPERT	RICHARD	WHITAKER
ALF	DE VORMS	DREW	KIELY	JAMES	QUIRK	GAB	WHITE
DANE	DENLEY	AMANI	KOROLALA	CLIFFORD	RAELA	JAMES	WHITE
CLAUDE	DENNIS	JOHNATHON	LAMMERT	EVAN	RAMALLI	ANDREW	WHITE
JASON	DEVINE	ANTHONY	LANDAHL	MOAPE	RAVUVU	CHRIS	WILLIAMS
STUART	DEY	ADRIAN	LANGFORD	TODD	RICHARDSON	SHAUN	WINETI
MARK	DIXON	CHRISTIAN	LAUOFO	WAYNE	RIDES	DEREK	WINKLEMAN
TREVOR	DRAPER	TERI	LEE	CRAIG	ROBERTS	MAURICE	WISE
REAGAN	DREW	DANIEL	LISTER	JAMES	ROBERTS	HUGH	WOOD

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2008 Results

2008 Club Competition Table

Club	Pts
Kings Old Boys	873
Barker Old Boys	870
Lindfield	641
Briars	640
Waverley	525
St Ives	518
Newport	500
Oatley	462
Hornsby	447
Epping	432

2008 Competition Ladder

1st Grade	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Current Position: 6	18	7	0	11	294	373	-79	33
2nd Grade	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Current Position: 4	18	13	1	4	337	207	130	61
3rd Grade	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Current Position: 9	18	4	0	14	139	343	-204	16
4th Grade	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Current Position: 2	18	12	1	5	268	176	92	55

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2008 Team Statistics

1st grade	Home	Away
Rank:	7	7
Ladder Pts:	15	18
Played:	9	9
Wins:	3	4
Losses:	6	5
Draws:	0	0
Byes:	0	0
For:	108	186
Against:	145	228
Percentage:	74%	82%

2nd Grade	Home	Away
Rank:	2	4
Ladder Pts:	36	25
Played:	9	9
Wins:	8	5
Losses:	1	3
Draws:	0	1
Byes:	0	0
For:	187	150
Against:	75	132
Percentage:	249%	114%

3rd Grade	Home	Away
Rank:	9	9
Ladder Pts:	11	9
Played:	9	9
Wins:	2	2
Losses:	7	7
Draws:	0	0
Byes:	0	0
For:	97	42
Against:	167	176
Percentage:	58%	24%

4th Grade	Home	Away
Rank:	2	3
Ladder Pts:	32	23
Played:	9	9
Wins:	7	5
Losses:	2	3
Draws:	0	1
Byes:	0	0
For:	143	125
Against:	72	104
Percentage:	199%	120%

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Club Honour Board

Premierships

2005	Halligan Cup
2003	Barraclough Cup
2003	Stockdale Cup
2001	Richardson Cup
1999	Kentwell Cup
1997	Reliance Cup
1997	Robertson Cup

Most career games

400 games

Barry Zieren 413

300 games

Wayne Rides 320*

200 games

Grant Vallack	257
Ian Heathcote	255
Michael Twemlow	255
John Milham	239
Andrew Mason	226*
Earl Moran	222*
Tudor Robertson	222
Sam Phiels	209
Adam Smyth	200*
Matt Sheridan	200*

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100 games

Adrian Langford	196*
Drew Kiely	195*
Justin Stark	189*
Peter Overy	186
Michael Heathcote	185
Alistair Merricks	170
Todd Richardson	164*
Brett Starkey	160*
Phillip Langlar	159
Adam Hanks	150
Simon Hill	148
Moape Ravuvu	137*
Rick Turner	136*
Scott Cheeseman	131
Brad Donovan	128
Chris Lewis	127
Michael Buck	127*
Morgan Youell	125
Robert Craig	116
Alan Lerpiner	114
Peter Cumming	113
Adam Griffiths	112*
Steve McMahon	111
Michael Chaston	111*
Brett Slavin	110
Andrew Roseworne	110*
Viliame Osbourne	110*
Jason Devine	109*
Philip Horrell	109
Dave Kerr	106*
Leif Erickson	106*
Doug Mitchell	100
Jeremy Smith	100*

* Denotes current player

Records correct at 24 July 2008.

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2008 Presentation Night Awards

4th Grade Best & Fairest:

CLAUDE DENNIS

3rd Grade Best & Fairest:

ROB EVANS

2nd Grade Best & Fairest:

ANTHONY LANDAHL

1st Grade Best & Fairest:

GARETH BIRCH

Most improved Player of 2008

JACK HODGES

Highest Point Scorer

SAM BRADNOCK

Most Tries in 2008

FLETCHER KIDD

Most accumulated Points through the grades

JEREMY SMITH

Player of the finals 2008

LEIF ERIKSSON

Rookie of the year

KYLE LYONS

Club Man of the year 2008

BOB STANDBRIDGE

Ladies Choice for 2008

NEIL "CLASSIE" CLASS

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