

# PETERSHAM JUNIORS RUGBY

Season Report  
2020





# **PETERSHAM**

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# **2020**

A club for everyone... Bringing  
people together since 1883

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# SHAMMIES AIMS

## Fun

Ensure all kids and parents have fun. Provide a fun, safe atmosphere where kids improve their abilities.

## Community

Ensure PJR plays a role within our broader community.

## Coaches

Fund, encourage and support all our coaches to take on additional coaching programs.

## Pathways

Carry our club all the way from U6 through to Seniors rugby.

## Partners

Align ourselves to progressive businesses within the Inner West with shared values.

## Values

Ensure kids learn more than how to play rugby. Shammies values are what makes us unique from other clubs.

# 2021 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Improve recruitment - 100 new kids
- Provide alternative pathways for players to stay in the game and connected to the Club e.g. referees, touch rugby, coaching, sense rugby
- Deepen connections with Shammies seniors and Sydney University
- Be the lead on 'Girls Rugby' in the inner west
- Evolve 'The Shummy Way' of coaching - improve coaching and managers through training and accreditation
- Rugby tourists!





# COMMITTEE



**John Kilkenny** *President*  
**Dad of Javier**  
 (U11s),Thalia (U7s)



**Angela Walker** *Secretary*  
**Mum of Edward** (u11),  
**Robbie** (u9)



**Simon Teong** *Treasurer*  
**Dad of Will** (u12)



**Sarah Pinchbeck** *Projects*  
**Mum of Thomas** (u16)



**Kristin Taylor** *Registrar*  
**Mum of Max** (u13 Ret), **Ollie** (u11 Ret)



**Dave Lennox** *Projects*  
**Dad of Jack** (u14) , **Tom** (u11)



**Julie Wheway** *Social Media*  
**Mum of Tom** (u13), **Liam** (u10), **Finn** (u7)



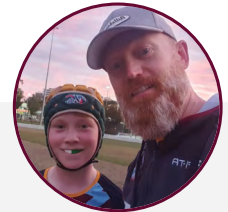
**Briony Martin** *Gear*  
**Mum of Kye** (u15)



**Adrian Donohue**  
*Fundraising*  
**Dad of Harley** (u9)



**Dan Waterworth** *Club Coach*  
**Dad of Tom** (u13), **Liam** (u10), **Finn** (u7)



**Nick May** *Gear*  
**Dad of Max** (u11)

# COACHES AND MANAGERS

**U16 :** Gary Tunks.

**U15 :** Fiona Davies, Jason Gaff, Nik Treharne, Wayne Afrika Hudson.

**U14 :** Ant Prior, Dave Lennox, Richard Chen.

**U13 :** Dan Waterworth, Martin Davies, Rebecca Lebler.

**U12:** Mick Dandy, Richard Hainsworth, Simon Teong.

**U11:** Brad Steyn, Eden Barros, Emma Nicoletti, James Breen, John Kilkenny, Marcie Kilkenny, Nick May, Peter Jarjoura, Peter Lloyd-Jones, Rebecca Soloman, Phoebe Steyn, Shane Lee.

**U10:** Ben Khan, Juliana Bates, Troy Cameron.

**U9:** Andrew Clarke, Frank Rego, Laura Phemister, Shogo Kikuchi.

**U8:** Andy Farley, Chris Furley, Chris Meert, David Forrest, Giles Rafferty, Phil Scott, Rachel Atzeni.

**U7:** Genevieve Baron von Engelhardt, Kristy Alexander, Nathan Lusted, Tristan Worledge.

**U6:** Clare Willcox, Jenny Scott, Paul Luchi, Tom Taylor.

**Sense Rugby:** Aaron Jackson.





# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



You would never have bet that a year like this could have happened. We were very prepared this year; player uniforms ordered in advance, new balls and gear, season calendar, a fantastic district "Try Rugby" day, Balmain trials held, Coaches and Managers all briefed and then boom! COVID-19 hit...

The pandemic surprised us all with the speed it hit and the far-reaching consequences it has had and continues to have on our community and Club. As a first year President of a local Junior Rugby Club I feel like I have just had a lifetime of experiences.

The overarching lesson it taught me however is the most important thing for our Club is to get as many of our kids on the field, having fun. If we continue to focus on that outcome, then the Club will continue to grow stronger.

And continue to grow we do. At COVID-19 shut down we had 220 registrations but at the close of the season we have 280 (up from 260 in 2019). This is the first year the Club has fielded teams from u6s all the way to u16s and hopefully soon we will realise our vision to create a pathway for players all the way to the Senior Shammies.



Something I am particularly proud of this year is, while there was no rugby to keep us busy, we used our time to help members of our community less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to all the parent volunteers that helped clean and paint the hall of The Exodus Foundation in Ashfield as part of the #PlayforLives initiative. Without our support, they would have had to spend tens of thousands of dollars. This money has now gone straight back into direct support of the poor and homeless in our community.

There was some doubt in April if we would even get a season up and running and I am greatly appreciative of the support we have received from the competition organisers, Inner West Council, the Committee, coaches, managers and all volunteers. Without their support this short season would not have been as successful as it was. A special thank you to Angela Walker (our new Secretary and COVID-19 Manager) who kept us compliant with COVID-19 rules that seemed to change daily at one stage.

I feel incredibly privileged to be nominated and elected to the position of President this year. Special thanks to Adam Dunn, our outgoing president from the previous 5 years, who has left the club in a very strong position. His drive and enthusiasm for all things Shammies continues even though he has stepped away from the Committee.

Finally, we have some very special Committee members who have or are in the process of stepping down from the Committee. Thanks to Simon Teong (Treasurer), Kristin "Super K" Taylor (Registrar), Jo Bacic (Girls and Community), Briony Martin (Gear) and Sarah Pinchbeck (Projects). All these super stars have put so much into the Club and they can be very proud of their achievements.

A final word to our Sponsors who contribute so much to our Club. You have had a tough year. We appreciate all the support you have given over the years and it will not be forgotten. To all our members please support these local businesses as they have supported us.

Next year we will be back and more prepared than ever as a Club. We can expect a delayed start to the season next year as we will have a cross over season with the traditional summer sports. I would also expect for the u10s and up to see a continuation of the weekly draw changes

early next year. There is so much uncertainty in our world right now so all we ask from all members is for your patience and flexibility.

Enjoy the summer break!  
Yours in Rugby

**JOHN KILKENNY (JK) - CLUB PRESIDENT**

## Key 2020 Club Achievements

1. Getting on the field in COVID-19!
2. Registrations up to 280
3. First ever u16s side for Junior Shammies
4. Successful u13s Japan tour
5. First u11s and u15s teams entered in Summer 7s
6. Combined district Try Rugby Day
7. u12s-u16s Girls Cub development squad established
8. Expanded collaboration with SenseRugby
9. Support for #PlayForLives initiative








# Wests Ashfield



**Wests Ashfield** 

*Bringing communities together*

Welcome    **ابحرم**    chào mừng    स्वागत

Καλωσήρθατε!    Birrawagal    欢迎    Benvenuti

# CLUB COACH REPORT

While it goes without saying that Season 2020 was an unusual one, it was fantastic that we were able to get kids out playing rugby in Shammies colours once again. At one point many thought we might see no rugby this year so it was fantastic to get even a shortened season completed.

Season 2020 was again a record breaking one for Petersham Juniors Rugby. Fielding teams in every age group from u6s to u16s - more age groups than ever before - places us amongst a very small group of clubs in the Minis and SJRU competitions to field teams across such a breath of ages.

A very large thanks goes to coaches and managers for making this possible. COVID-19 restrictions made coaching a challenging task at times, ensuring we comply with Public Health Orders while effectively and safely coaching junior Shammies.

The shut down meant changes to club coaching plans and season 2021 will require a renewed focus on developing the "Petersham Way". That said, it is pleasing to see the thought and effort that Petersham coaches put into their training plans and seek assistance and feedback in an effort to improve themselves and their students.

There were many great achievements to recognise across the year. The success of our Minis teams was fantastic to see, the development and success of our u10s squad in their first season of "real" SJRU rugby, the fielding of 4 u11s teams, the continued success of our u12s, the pulling together of a Sydney Uni village joint venture in u13s, our u14s stepping up and playing A grade, the focus and determination of u15s to achieve their first win of the season against Drummoyne and the ongoing success of the u16s squad.

What a year 2020 was!

**DAN WATERWORTH - CLUB COACH**





# OUR YEAR IN REVIEW



#PLAY FOR LIVES CREW



PAINTING EXODUS FOUNDATION HALL :



SHAMMIES APPRECIATION



JK AT ADDISON ROAD





2019 PRESENTATION DAY



"DUNNY DOING HIS THING": PRESENTATION 2019



PARENTS SOCIAL DISTANCING



U11s GEAR NIGHT



MARK HARTEL, EX WALLABY PROP AT U11s PRACTICE



COVID COMMITTEE MEETING



ILI BATIBASAGA & SHAMMIES GIRLS



SYDNEY UNI JUNIOR DAY





TRY RUGBY DAY INSTRUCTIONS



THE TAHMAN AT TRY RUGBY DAY



TRY RUGBY DAY CROWD



NSW SUPER W STARS PRESENTING



TRY RUGBY DAY INSTRUCTIONS



TRY RUGBY DAY ACTION



GRAND FINAL NERVES u10 2019



TRY RUGBY





SYDNEY UNI TRAINING OVER SUMMER



SUMMER 7s u11s



TOM CHANTER HELPING The u9s at PRACTICE



u13 WARM UP



SHAMMIES SENIORS LUNCHEON



u12-16 GIRLS AT CAMPERDOWN



u7 MINIS



u6 TRIAL GAME AT CAMPERDOWN





U10s AT BOWRAL GALA DAY 2019



SYDNEY UNI JUNIORS DAY



U7 TRIAL GAME AT CAMPERDOWN



U8 CATCHING PRACTICE



OBSTACLE COURSE FOR U6 AND U7



U7s MINIS ON THE BREAK



SYDNEY UNI WOMEN HELPING ON R-DAY



SHAMMIES IN THE WET





RICHARD CHEN PROVIDING REFS ADVICE TO u11s



TRY RUGBY DAY SMASHING THE TACKLE TUBE



TOM CHANTER REFS THE u11s



TANE DOLAN REFS THE u11s



BRIONY & SARAH 1883 CHAMPION



TOUGH BUT SHORT SEASON



u8 TRIAL GAME AT CAMPERDOWN



u7s MINIS ACTION AT ST LUKES OVAL



# CLUB FINANCES

Petersham Juniors Rugby Club Incorporated is registered as an incorporated association in New South Wales under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. Number INC1601391. A copy of the Club constitution is available by request to a committee member. The following financial statements were submitted for the club for the financial year ending 31 December 2019.

Revenues	Y19 to 31 Dec 19
Registration - net	\$31,673
Sponsorship	\$33,500
BBQ/Canteen	\$3,887
Shop/Gear sales	\$8,283
Rep Fees	\$3,394
Try Rugby Funding 2020	\$3,350
Misc revenue	\$2,300
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$86,386</b>
COSTS	
Gear - Kids	-\$35,331
Gear for Sale	-\$14,178
Presentation day	-\$9,775
Committee/Coach/Mgr Meetings	-\$1,282
Affiliation	-\$860
TGround Hire	-\$12,382
ANZ Eftpos Costs	-\$261
Misc expenses	-\$10,682
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>-\$84,751</b>
Surplus / (deficit)	\$1,635
CASH HELD AT BANK	
Main account	\$16,262

## What do the club finances really mean?

You might wonder where the fees you pay really go. The below illustrates fees paid and what we receive as a club:

	2020				
Registration Fee Breakdown	u6/u7	u8	u9	u10/u11/u12	u13 to u18
Registration Fee	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$210.00	\$210.00
Insurance Fees	\$7.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$18.00
NSW Rugby Union Fee	\$23.25	\$40.25	\$40.25	\$40.25	\$40.25
SJRU Association Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
PJRC Club Receives	\$139.75	\$114.75	\$103.75	\$143.75	\$140.75

This is what we spend the remaining fees on per player approximately:

PJRC Club Fee Breakdown	2020
Training Tee	\$30.00
Socks	\$7.00
Shorts	\$18.50
Hoodie	\$40.00
Club Costs	\$50.00
	<b>\$145.50</b>



## Too many numbers... just give you a summary?

Basically, the Club only exists because of our time donated by our volunteers. If you can't contribute your time please spend some money with our sponsors, buy a sausage, raffle ticket or lots of Shammie gear.

### Here are some practical tips on how to support the sponsors of the club:

1. Wests Ashfield - they are only after registered members. It costs \$23 for a 10-year membership - please just register and make sure you nominate on registration into club members with Petersham Juniors Rugby!
2. White Cockatoo Hotel - we know you drink and eat there already but they are after genuine "bookings". That means team dinners, birthdays, celebrations, special events or random dinner dates, make sure to tell them to record it in their system against Petersham Junior Rugby. If it is not recorded then we don't get the credit!
3. Thomas Duryea Logicalis - if anyone is in corporate business and has need for computing services please just check out their services. At this end of town one deal can make the years of sponsorship for the Shammies worthwhile.
4. Shad Hassen - everybody in the Inner West knows Shad if you are looking to buy, sell or rent a property. Please let Shad's team know you are connected to the Shammies if you make a query. He is a longtime supporter and a true Inner West property expert.
5. Snap Fitness - our new sponsor is a true local and is after one thing... local memberships and getting you fit. If you hardly ever go to your gym, pay a fortune to and constantly feel guilty about wasting money, then give it to Petersham Snap Fitness who support your kids.







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# THE AGENCY



## SHAD HASSEN

If you're seeking a real estate professional who's been there, done that, smashed numerous sales records and recently been recognised as one of Australia's best agents then Shad Hassen would have to be your first choice.

Not only has he acquired more than 20 years of experience and a longstanding relationship network the envy of anyone in the industry, he has lived and breathed the inner west his whole life. He was there knocking on doors and selling property long before the region became such a hot spot and continues to dominate the market in no small part due to his unrivalled knowledge at a street level.

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# 1883 WINNERS

This honour is proudly awarded by the Club to the players that the coaches deem to have epitomised the spirit of Shammies Rugby. They play and train their hardest each and every week and always put the team ahead of themselves. Congratulations to these players!



**U8s**

*Blues*

**Calum Scott**



**U8s**

*Maroons*

**Sam Shaw**



**U9s**

**Mirei Kikuchi**



**U10s**

**Timothy Stanton-Clark**



**U11s**

*Friday Maroons*

**Joint winners:**

**Zac Bechara and Javier Kilkenny**



**U11s**

*Sunday Maroons*

**Giovanni Briguglio Magarinos**



**U11s**

*Friday Blues*

**Riley Campton**



**U11s**

*Sunday Blues*

**Charlie Ward**



**U12s**

**Jack Cooper**



**U13s**

**Ewen Gleeson**



**U14s**

**Joint winners:**

**Maddox Oddy and Gabriel Turner**



**U15s**

**Nils Bacic**



**U16s**

**Jack Riley**

# 100 AND 200 GAME CLUB

The 100 Game Club is for players and coaches that have represented Shammies for at least 6 seasons. New members to this special group are noted below. Shammies warmly acknowledge the contribution made by them. Their enthusiasm, loyalty and dedication is the bedrock of the Club and is appreciated by all.

This is the first year we are also inducting players into the 200 game club. This is awarded to players that have played 11 seasons with the Club.

## 200 Game Club

Our first ever inductees into this prestigious club is Tom Maclean and Tommy Treharne who have played from u6 to u16s.



## THOMAS MACLEAN

Tom's family has been heavily involved in the Club over the years with his dad Mark coaching, and then managing Tom's teams in the younger years and his mum Sarah still serving on the Committee. Sarah admits when looking back at u6s photos of Tom she: *"misses those early minis days and the past 11 years have been a foundation for lifelong friendships for all of us."*

### What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

My very first training session when I went there and sat on the grandstand and looked and thought that looks fun. Then I ran down onto the field and threw my first pass of a footy ball and I was hooked.

### Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Pre game I always try to get there early and chuck the footy, I always try to get in my stretches to prep myself before the game and before the kick-off I will always jump and shake out then take 3 deep breaths.

### What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

Favourite moments playing for the shammies were the games that came down to the wire and it was tied up until the last second of the game and as a team we come from the 40 and I get the ball and score - winning the plate final in the under 12s

### Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

My advice for new players would be give it a go and if things don't go your way, work harder when you miss a tackle drop a kick or throw a bad pass figure out why you've done it and train harder on that for next time, never let anybody tell you that you don't have what it takes because "the only limitations you have are those you place upon yourself" ( Mohammad Ali ) rugby isn't just about winning, it's about having fun and being with mates, encourage each other to do better than you've done before and improve but have fun while doing it!





## TOMMY TREHARNE

His father Nik Treharne who has coached the team for many years at Shammies says:

*"Its been a great pleasure for me to watch Tommy grow with Petersham and Rugby.*

*From his very first season all those years ago to now playing in the 15s. His passion to play week in week out no matter the result at the end of the game. And all through out the summer asking when will footy start again. He's made so many life long friendships within the club. Tom has grown into a fine young man. He makes me a proud old man."*

### What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

I remember this one time in the Minnie's playing at St Luke's versing Balmain this one kid got through most of our team, and I was playing fullback and I tackled him over the sideline into the crowd.

### Do you have any pre-game rituals?

I always need to go to the toilet, and Dad always makes me space man eggs (French Toast) for breakfast on game day.

### What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

The legendary ankle tap - do I need to say more?

### Who are your sporting heros?

Michael Hooper, Faf de Klerk and Cheslin Kolbe.

### Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Don't be afraid to tackle, be confident. Trust your team mates and listen to your coach.



## 100 Game Club



**LIAM  
WATERWORTH**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

Scoring my first try on the buzzer in Under 7s

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

I always tape up my socks so they don't fall down

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

Kicking my first ever conversion in the U10s against the Blue Mountains in the pouring rain.

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

Will Harrison and Jake Gordon

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Even when you're losing in a game never give up and make sure you learn the Shammies song before U10s!



**SAM  
CAMERON**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

Scoring my first try on the buzzer in Under 7s

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

Pep talk in the car from Coach Troy (DAD) - 'clean out, run hard, tackle hard'

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

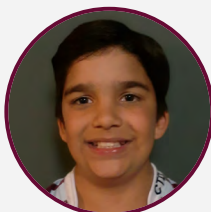
Kicking the winning goal against Balmain on the Full Time buzzer

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

Tom Van Steenburghen and Michael Hooper

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

If you don't know how to do something one week, it doesn't matter, just practice!



**NATE TRAVIS**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

Scoring a try in U6's and getting a sausage on a roll after the game

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

Must have jam toast

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

Coming 3rd in Bowral for U8's

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

My dad - Matthew Travis as he played rugby for Petersham and Michael Jordan

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Don't be shy and try and make friends



**TOM  
NICOLETTI**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

Playing in the same team as my big brother.

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

I eat porridge before a game

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

Getting player of the match for my first tackling game in under 8s.

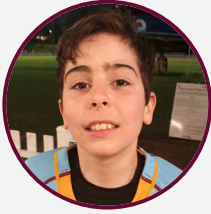
**Who are your sporting heroes?**

Michael Hooper

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Always run forward!





**GIOVANNI  
BRIGUGLIO  
MAGARINOS**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

I remember the first time I've got the medal for player of the day.

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

Nope.

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

I love when I'm running towards the tryline chased by the opposition.

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

I don't have any.

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Sometimes it's better to take the tackle instead of dodging it.



**DECLAN  
COHEN**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

Getting a man of the match award in my first game

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

No

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

Good wins and close wins

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

Owen Farrell (for his goal kicking)

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Nobody will judge you



**JAVIER  
KILKENNY**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

Getting my first try and winning player of the match

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

Making sure I eat enough food at breakfast

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

Getting to the final in both the Sunday and Friday night u10's comp

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

The All Blacks

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Try as much as you can. It doesn't matter if you win or lose just have fun!



**AIDEN LEE**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

We were versing West Pirates and I got the ball and I ran up the sideline and scored a try!!

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

No. I just show up and do my best.

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

A few weeks ago when we won and I scored two tries. The first was on the blind side and the second was when I ran along the sideline and scored right on full time.

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

Jonah Lomu

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Always tape your boots.



**MAX  
BLOMBERY**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

Running out onto the field at St Lukes in Concord, playing against Canterbury

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

Listening to music on the trip to the game to get into the zone

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

Winning the under-10s final.

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

Steven Moore – great hooker and role model

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Training might be hard, but it's worth it to run on the field with your team mates



**SAM RUDD**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

Scoring my first try in U7's

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

I put extra honey on my Weet-Bix

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

When I scored a try in the U10's Grand final on the blind wing;

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

Marika Koroibete

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Get involved early in the game to calm your nerves



**TOM  
WATERWORTH**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

Playing against Drummoyne in U8s

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

I always eat a banana!

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

Scoring my first SJRU try against Hornsby

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

Jake Gordon

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Don't be afraid to tackle



**JASPER COHEN**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

Getting the ball with 5 Drummoyne players on top of me and me just running through them.

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

Boots on, mouthguard on and go!

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

First try.

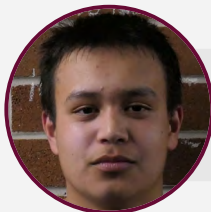
**Who are your sporting heroes?**

Taqele Naiyaravoro

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Don't be afraid to give it a go. Just get in there and enjoy it.



**JOSH CHEN****What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

I remember being very excited to go to my first ever training with my new boots

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

No, but I like to be relaxed in my warm up

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

Playing on the u13 Shammies Japan Tour

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

Tevita Kurandrani

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Have fun and tackle hard.

**JASPER JONES****What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

Home game 3-4 years ago. It has been raining really heavily. There were 3 scrums and they all fell down because we kept slipping. It was heaps of fun.

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

No

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

Early try. Shooting down side of field. Team mate dropped the ball. I picked it up. Someone grab my shirt. I dove for the try line. It's the only time I dove. And one of the few times I scored a try.

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

Don't really have any

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Find a position you love.

**OWEN LLOYD JONES****What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

My earliest memory is running the ball and scoring a try in u6s

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

Not really, I just think about playing hard and focus on doing my best. Sometimes I watch videos while I am on the way to the game of big tackles

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

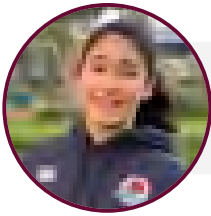
The first time I got to sing the Shammies song when we won in junior rugby

**Who are your sporting heros?**

Michael Hooper and David Pocock

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Take the advice of the coaches, they might give you advice and criticism but they are doing it to help you improve your game and make you a better player.



**JEMIMA  
ZOULD**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

When mum used to take my brothers to their games and we would cheer them on from the side. I was 5 years old. At the age of 7, I was really thrilled when I signed up to play for the Shammies and then it was my brothers that were cheering for me.

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

I like to have sugar before the game so I can be hyperactive on the field. My mum likes to give me Dates, but I prefer Chocolates! I also arrive early so that I can train a little before the game.

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

I love playing with my team as we all get on with each other. Even though I was the only girl on the team, my friends made sure I was always included. My favourite moment of all was in 2018, when I got to carry the Bledisloe Cup wearing my Shammies uniform onto the ANZ Stadium before the game.

**Who are your sporting heros?**

My sporting heros are Charlette Caslick, Michael Hooper, Grace Hamilton, Ibtihaj Muhammad and Serena Williams. Also my coaches for many years Simon and Ryan and more recently Ben Hughes from Sydney Uni.

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

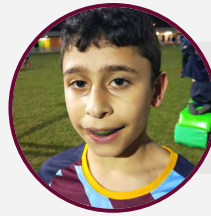
Our club is very open and welcoming. If you have never played Rugby before, don't worry, training will help you a lot. Come and make new friends and if you are a girl, you will be supported the whole way and who knows, you could become the next Charlette Caslick.



**JONAS COOK**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

My very first training session at Marrickville Park.



**NOAH ZOULD**

**What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

I always was excited on a Saturday morning getting dressed to go to Rugby. I was 5 years old when I started to play for the Shammies. My socks were always big, so I would fold them twice so I looked good. My mum would pack lots of snacks and we would eat them on the way to the game and afterwards.

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

I like arriving early to watch the other teams play and to warm up. I make sure I drink lots of water and stretch my muscles before we go on the field. That means, I'm usually jumping around, flipping on mats or on anything active to get my body ready for the game. Mum says I remind her of a Mr Bean on Poweraid!

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

When I put a try down of course and when we win. My friends make every game fun to be at because we have played as a team for a very long time. Every match is different and the best one is when we won the game with a conversion in the last minute.

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

I think my coaches are my heroes. They always do the best for us and give up their time to train us. They are fair and make sure everyone gets a go on the field. My other heroes are Mohamad Ali, David Pocock, Cathy Freeman and Sonny Bill Williams.

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

We are a very happy club and every player loves to go to the games. You don't have to be the best, just try hard and make sure you go to the training.

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

Have a shower and wear my slides to the game!

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

Winning my first game.

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Have fun and enjoy the footy.



**KYLE RITCHIE****What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

My earliest memory of playing for the Shammies was getting selected in the A Team

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

Yes, I listen to music before all my games and imagine plays that will never happen.

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

My favourite memory of playing for the Shammies is our New Zealand tour back in 2017, which was a time that I will remember for the rest of my life.

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

My advice for players joining the Shammies is to just have a good time and make new mates who you will make memories with I have forwarded the above as received.

**RYAN GLEESON****What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

My earliest memory is when I was in under 10s playing on a Friday night we were playing Waverley and it was a tough game we were right on the line and I picked off the back of a ruck and charged through there line defence to score my first try ever.

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

I look at the oppositions team and scout for the biggest player they have and make sure the first hit I make is on him.

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

One of my favourite moments playing for the shammies is when I received the 1883 award last year, had one of my best seasons and I began to jump in the line outs.

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Put the time and the effort in, make your tackles and hit hard.

**WILL CHANTER****Any advice for new players joining the Shammies? What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?**

In the u6s I don't remember understanding much about what was going on but by the u8s I started to get more involved and remember my first try, running the ball over the line when it popped out of the bottom of the ruck and no one else had noticed.

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**

Music in the car. I love getting pumped up to AC/DC

**Who are your sporting heroes?**

Half back for Sydney Uni and Waratahs- Jake Gordon.

**Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?**

Don't be shy to join in and get involved, everyone has a job and we all want to have fun as a team. Playing rugby is the best, I love it!

**What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?**

The U10s grand final win. After the winning try at the very end of the game we sang the loudest Shammies song ever with a huge team hug, was the best day!

# 100 CLUB FOR COACHES

We also have several Coaches that have joined the 100 Club this year. Congratulations to Martin Davies, Peter Lloyd-Jones and John Kilkenny (JK)



# PAST 100 CLUB MEMBERS

## 2015

**Players** : Bertie Alcock, Will Burraston, James Crawford, Tom Maclean, Harry Russell, Tommy Treharne.

**Coaches** - Michael Crawford, Nik Treharne

## 2016

**Players** : Lipina Ata, Nils Basic, Ben Brown, Eric Carney, Josh Cartwright, Frankie Davies, Oscar Greville, Finnley Harding, Siaso Mahe, Kye Martin, James McGregor, Maran Petkovic, Harry Stephens.

**Coach** - Tim Greville

## 2017

**Players** : Hugh Crakanthorp, Fletcher Gill, Jack Lennox, Lucas Pollard, Quillan Ung, Conor Dunn.

**Coach** - Ben Stephens

## 2018

**Players** : Tom Chanter, Oscar Swerdlow, Andrew Lyons, Mannix Ung, Spencer Davies, Aston Lebler.

## 2019

**Players** : Billy Nicoletti, James Gormly, Tom Lennox, Elijah Hassan, Willem Teong, Lucas Kohen, Ewan Gleeson, Brendan Bennett, Maddox Oddy, Sam Hassan, Finnley Harding, Jules Holland, Oscar Ortolani.

**Coaches** - Simon Teong, Ryan Swerdlow.



# SHAMMIES JUNIORS LIFE MEMBERS

We celebrate those who have made a lasting impact to the wonderful club we have become :

**Michael Crawford (Granny)** *President 2009-2013*

**Adam Dunn (Dunny)** *President 2014-2019*





# SENSE RUGBY

This is the second year Sense Rugby has joined with Petersham Shammies. This year we had around 20 children accessing the programme and have a waitlist which is only limited by the number of staff we have to help run the programme. Sense Rugby is a rugby based Occupational Therapy programme. The focus of Sense Rugby is to provide a safe environment for children who have found it challenging to access mainstream sport. The majority of children who access Sense Rugby have a diagnosis of some description however the programme aims to work with the child and not the diagnosis in order to develop children's self regulation, attention/impulse control, social and physical skills. Aspects of the game of rugby such as pushing, pulling, squashing, crashing and teamwork make it a great avenue to facilitate these underlying capacities. The most important aspect of Sense Rugby is that children have fun and feel safe using their bodies in a group setting and want to come back. Once children feel safe, some may develop an interest or love of rugby and aim to transition into the main Shammies programme.

In 2020 we have taken some great steps to integrate this programme into the Shammies culture including JK running some drills with our older group, occasionally joining with some of the main rugby group, sharing some of Petersham's equipment and storage and also having Petersham shirts and caps handed out which was greatly treasured by the boys. The interest the Shammies' boys showed in what Sense Rugby is doing when we joined for drills really helped our team feel included!

There have been some wonderful stories this year. Some examples of our successes include:

1. One boy's only goal from the family was that he would enjoy some form of after school sport as he disliked involvement in any group physical activity. The other day it was reported that he said "I don't like any sport..... except Sense Rugby." This boy is excited to come each week and is involved in all aspects of the programme.
2. Another mother indicated that her only goal for the programme was that her son could last through a group programme as he would always become overstimulated and shut down. He has been every week, is involved in all activities and his mother reports he loves the programme.

Next year we hope to increase our numbers again, change our times to be in line with the Shammies main training, be more involved and integrated into the Shammies and overall continue to provide a safe and fun place for children to explore and develop their life skills.

A special thanks to JK and all the Shammies for making us all feel so welcomed!!









# U13S JAPAN TOUR 2019

The u13s from 2019 had the privilege of visiting Japan to play rugby and watch the World Cup.

With 18 months of planning and tireless fundraising, we finally boarded our plane on the evening of 27 September. We had a bristling group of 55 tourists made up of 16 players, 8 siblings, 27 parents and 4 grandparents. The parents were just as excited as the kids – this was Christmas for rugby fans!

As part of the build-up we had club patrons Phil Newman and Adam Dunn brief the kids on the history of Shammies Touring and give thoughts on how to savour their upcoming adventure. These moments show our kids (and their families) that Petersham Juniors is part of something bigger, almost ethereal – everyone wanted to know what 1883 meant, and we bumped into people that recognised our famous crest.

We hope you all experience something like this.

Thank you to our tour sponsors and all the Shammies community that helped us...coming to our trivia night, buying our Tuesday night snags...and even buying an apron!

## TOP 5 THINGS WE LEARNED ABOUT RUGBY IN JAPAN

1. All players bow when they enter and exit the field of play
2. Back chatting a referee never happens...the kid will get marched (by their parents)
3. Turning up to Sunday morning Junior rugby training in Yokohama was an eye-opener. The kids are fit, fast and furious and they have a huge respect for their elders...so even U6 training is a well-oiled machine
4. Crowd enthusiasm is amazing – the Japanese at all RWC games were singing the anthems of whichever teams were playing – can you imagine Aussies doing that?
5. There is huge money and numbers in the sport – they have all the elements to be a regular top 6 rugby nation soon

## TOP 5 THINGS WE LEARNED ABOUT JAPAN

1. It is utterly unique...orderly yet also bizarre
2. Japanese food is much better there than here – the sushi, the ramen, the maccha, kit kats and the drinks... even highway road stops are fantastic
3. They have the best public transport
4. They have the best toilets
5. It is clean, calm, respectful and spiritual









## TOP 5 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Playing games against the Japanese kids...singing the Shammies song with them...and their post-game hospitality
2. Meeting the Wallabies (just us and them) and watching them train and play. Love him or hate him, Michael Cheika well and truly fanned the flames of rugby-love among our group
3. Kids having fun together every night and families getting to know each other ...eating and drinking and travelling together
4. Bizarre team dinners at robot restaurants, sumo restaurants etc Our brilliant tour guides, Naoko and Hanna (they are waiting for the next Shammies group)
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## TOP 5 RECOMMENDATION TO OTHER SHAMMIES

1. GO ON A TOUR!! Doesn't matter where... you just gotta go (go to Japan!)
2. You know which year you are playing 13's...start thinking about it now
3. The key to your tour is to get as MANY kids as possible to go...even though we went to Japan, we made it as cheap as possible to get more kids going (the hotels were not 5 star)
4. Enjoy planning it as a group...share the load
5. GO ON A TOUR!!! Doesn't matter where

## GAMES WE PLAYED OR WATCHED

- Yokohama Rugby School As vs Petersham 33-18
- Yokohama Rugby School Bs vs Petersham 5-19
- Australia vs Wales 25-29
- England vs Argentina 39-10
- Sagamiyama Rugby School vs Petersham 19-41
- Yamaha Rugby School vs Petersham 10-49









# PETERSHAM SHAMMIES SUPPORTERS GROUP REPORT



The Petersham Shammies Supporters Group ("PSSG") is set up to enable anybody to become a member and support the on and off-field activities of both the Senior and Junior arms of the PRUFC. During this current year, via membership and fund raising, the PSSG had \$5,000 to distribute.



Sitting proudly in the Camperdown canteen is a sparkling, double glass-door refrigerator, keeping the drinks and the sauce bottles at just the right temperature. As well, there's a handsome ladder, living in the back room at Camperdown, which relishes its appearances from time to time, in order to retrieve footies, inadvertently kicked onto the roof.

And you may not have noticed - the corner posts at Camperdown now stand tall and straight as the PSSG organised and funded the underground concreting of proper post holder-uppers.

Then, during this financially challenging Covid season, the PSSG decided to distribute the balance of funds directly to both the Seniors and the Juniors, to help both organisations balance their books.

This distribution was calculated based on the % support, by way of membership, both organisations contribute to the PSSG - hence - \$3k went to the Seniors and \$1k to the Juniors. This was announced at the recent Annual Luncheon, where Juniors' President JK had a ten minute slot and delivered an inspiring address to all those in the room, reporting on the wonderfully healthy state of the Juniors.



# PETERSHAM SHAMMIES SUPPORTERS GROUP REPORT

The guest speakers at the luncheon, both men of considerable rugby standing, later expressed how impressed they were in hearing JK's speech, and just how wonderful it was to hear of the strength of the juniors.



Above - Dunny, with Ex Wallaby and ex Petersham tourist Bruce Battishall (on right), along with Ex Wallaby, Past President of NSW Rugby, Past President of The Australian Rugby Union, and Past Board Member of the International Rugby Board, and also, a Petersham tourist - Ron Graham AM.

To join/support the PSSG, transfer \$30 to PRUFC BSB 062 009 A/C 1097 4062 Ref "PSSG your name"



# A BIT OF SHAMMIES HISTORY

A CLASSIC PHOTO of its time - Some of the most influential people in the 138-year history of Petersham Rugby.

Late 1930s - brothers Ken (left) Ron (centre) and Gordon McLean, "parading" along the promenade of Bondi Beach.

Gordon was President of PRUFC, Ron and Ken his, playing brothers. In 1940, all signed up to the war effort - unfortunately, Gordon did not return, flying for the RAAF he was shot down over France and did not survive.

After WW2, to honour his brother Gordon, and in pursuit of his own rugby fanaticism, Ron McLean threw himself into the leadership of PRUFC - his Presidency lasted for 46 years - 1946 till 1992. In the early days he called upon his rugby and service-mates to help out - Bill Chapman [WWI], ex- Wallaby "Wild Bill" Cerutti, and his close friend and WW2 Warrant Officer Bernie Sayers as PRUFC Vice-President, with his wife Betty as Patroness



Bernie Sayers at Camperdown 2018 - Up until his sad passing last year, Bernie was the oldest living Shammie and a wonderfully good bloke.

Ron McLean also made contact with the Headmaster of the rugby-playing, Fort Street Boy's High, and established a relationship lasting over 50 years, with Fort Street proving to be a nursery for PRUFC recruitment. Ron mixed with community-leaders, business-people, war-heroes and local politicians, he was in his element and proceeded to rebuild PRUFC from the 1946 season onwards.

To revitalise things after the war, Rugby HQ needed someone to help them promote the game in country NSW and interstate. They turned to McLean, who had shown he was a superb organiser and a rugby fanatic, hence started his lifetime journey of taking PRUFC to wherever rugby was played.



Ron, pictured here (far right), playing for NSW against Tasmania 1949.

First to Orange in 1946; Wellington [NSW] and Melbourne in '48; Hobart and Adelaide in 1949 and again in 1950.

He established PRUFC as the "Touring Club" and was swamped with offers to join those tours. Organising trips away soon became as important as the week to week running of PRUFC. Ron was soon planning tours to New Caledonia and New Zealand, anywhere and everywhere, then in 1967 – the first ever World Rugby Tour by any rugby club in world history.

Back to 1949, and Ron decided to move PRUFC's home ground from Petersham Oval to Marrickville Oval. He tendered £100 per season for a five-years playing-lease at Marrickville, outraging NSW Rugby and other sporting clubs in general – it set a very high precedent. Ron was given a dressing down by everybody and now had a problem – £100 was a huge amount in 1950 and PRUFC didn't have a hundred quid!

At that time every healthy Sydney male was in love with the well-known Tivoli Show Girl, Joan Fuzz. Joanie was a Petersham girl, went to Crystal Street High School for Girls; and her father had played for PRUFC before WW2. Joanie was "as wholesome as a Hartley Valley peach", recalled Bernie Sayers, in 2015.

In order to raise the £100, the PRUFC U19s convinced Joanie to star in a fund-raising concert at Petersham Town Hall, Joanie convinced many of her colleagues from The Tivoli Theatre to perform and Bernie and Betty Sayers MC'd the evening. The night was a great success, the money was raised and Ron McLean's immediate worries were over – back to planning the next season and the next tour to somewhere.

**RVK, 1 Sept 2020**



# UNDER 6'S SEASON REPORT

Hats off to the amazing under 6's for the effort they have put into this short 2020 season. We had so many new Shammies this year and despite the delay and difficulties, they stuck it out and kept up their effort and enthusiasm!

We were very lucky to have our returning coach Tom volunteer again, and we quickly roped in our new Shammies dad Paul to help him out. Thanks to you both for all the effort you put in this year. Thanks as well to Tristan Worledge who helped at the beginning of the season whilst also looking after U7s. You made it so much fun for the kids and we/they really do appreciate you!

Our training days started with a big under 6 and under 7 game of 'come over red rover', a definite highlight of the night! Following on from this we split up and worked on honing our developing skills.

The Saturday game performances showcased the week by week improvements that our players were making. We could see the improvements in their passing, running into spaces, tagging, and of course trying to stay on the field and "off the lava".

Many thanks to the families whose encouragement and enthusiasm each week was wonderful to see. It was also great to see some new friendships develop, both on and off the field.

We look forward to seeing all our new and old Shammies players and families back in 2021 for what we hope will be a longer season.



## KEAVY SCOTT

Keavy had a wonderful year of rugby. She loved the games, grew in confidence, and always did her best to run for the open spaces when she had the ball. A great little team player!



## CHARLIE FUREY

Such a speedy little rugby player is our Charlie! He really hit the ground running in his first year of rugby, showing some super defence moves and skilful running to the try line. A natural athlete who loves rugby.



## ALEXANDER SHEPHERD

Alex has got to be the happiest new Shammie recruit ever seen! The passion for rugby is strong with this lad. He works hard every training and game day to give his best effort and develop his skills.



## CIARA CLAMPETT

The energy and character that Ciara brings to rugby is a joy to witness! She has definitely grown in confidence as the season has progressed, and loves to get amongst it and give it her best shot.



## DARA FORREST

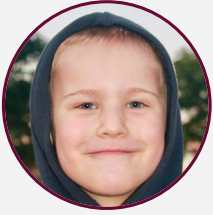
Dara Forrest, the wrestler in training, preparing for his tackling days ahead! This is his second year as a Shammie and he has developed his knowledge of the game and reading of the field. Such an asset to the Shammies!



## LIAM FRANTA

There is no shortage of effort from Flynn, he loves rugby and it certainly shows on the field! His defensive skills are excellent, with plenty of tagging this season, however he also has the speedy attack game - a double threat!





### THOMAS LUCHI

Is it really his first year playing? Thomas is cool as a cucumber on the field! He has a natural talent, a sense of fair play, and strong character that will serve him well in his rugby life.



### FLORENCE STANTON-CLARK

Did you see that blur going to the try line? This is our Florence! New to the game, but you definitely wouldn't know it. She has passion and speed on her side and will always be a hard one to catch!



### LINCOLN WALLER

A natural speed demon, regardless of the direction he is running! Lincoln is a big character, a great team player, with lots of natural ability. He has really developed this season and it has been a joy to watch.



### ROLY WILLCOX

Roly possesses natural captain qualities and is always keen to lead the way! He never gives up and keeps a positive attitude throughout the game. Roly doesn't hesitate to switch between the attack and defence game as needed and gives it his all.



### FINN MORRISSEY

If only we could bottle Finn's energy...he is always into the game and giving it his all. It was great fun to watch Finn develop his skills and confidence this year. Keep an eye out for those gymnastics moves on the pitch, we hope to see more in 2021!



### PENELOPE JANE SCOTT

PJ is an all-round superstar on the field! A great combination of footwork and speed sees her making a run for the try line on a regular basis. She is also right where she is needed when we are playing our defensive game.



### WILLIAM PREBBLE

William may have joined us late in the season, but he certainly made an impact! He definitely has speed on his side and does not hesitate to get in on the tackling. His confidence and skill will only grow in 2021!



### TOBY WORLEDGE

Toby is our very own super-hero! He helped out at training and was a great sidekick to his dad. He has a great understanding of the game and is likely to become the secret weapon of the U6s in 2021.



### JAMIE SHAW

Jamie was a superstar in "Red Rover" and loves the spirit of the game. He is a natural athlete with speed on his side as well as possessing a strong determination.







# UNDER 7'S SEASON REPORT

Well we can't believe the 2020 season has already come to an end! It was a season where we saw some significant improvement in the skills and capability of all the kids. The training sessions focused on the kids learning to step and be evasive. Then we developed further to take in passing and tackling. All of these skills transferred onto the paddock. For a lot of our games, you could tell that the opposition sides could not break our defence. But when we had the ball, we would find a way to the try line quickly. Some of the side would still qualify for the U6s, but we certainly were not out of place against the opposing sides. For the last few weeks, we played a Fly-Half which saw the ball move away from the ruck. Great to see all the kids embrace it.

Not only did we have to learn all the new kid's names, but also their own self-anointed nicknames. Like Teddy (Hugo wanted to be known as James Tedesco), Donald (Rory wanted to be called Donald Trump) and MJ (Theo thinking he was Michael Jackson). Go figure.

A massive shout out to Kristy for keeping us all organised and informed in what has obviously been the most challenging season ever. You have done a fantastic job. Also, to Dan. We really appreciate the support you have provided as an experienced coach. You tried to educate us both on how to control over 20 x 6-7 year old kids. We would love to have more development in this area.

To all the parents, we know during this time it would have been easy to avoid crowds and hibernate for the winter. But thank you for persevering. With everyone doing the right thing, it has seen us get through the season. We know at times it seemed like we coaches didn't know what was happening, but that was sometimes the case. It's the parents and players who make this club amazing to be a part of. Shammies 4 Ever!!!!

**COACHES – NATHAN AND TRISTAN**

## U7 BLUES (COACH NATHAN LUSTED)



### DYLAN LUSTED

Dylan had another great season. He consistently positioned himself at fullback ready for any cover defence. It made the Shammies near impenetrable. With the ball he was always dangerous as he became the long range try specialist. Well done Dylan.



### XAVIER ALEXANDER

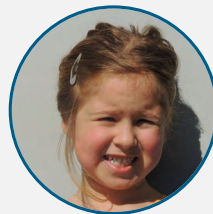
Got a taste of scrums in the game against the Maroons, and the game was never the same for him. Xavier was always running hard and fast. He knew the quickest way to the try line. Looking forward to seeing you annihilate the opposition next year.



### FINN WATERWORTH

Finn took his game to a new level this year. Reads the play like a master in defence and then dazzles the opposition in attack. His speed was just too much for the opposing sides to handle.

Finn's skills are a product of his hard work from all the extras he does before and after training. Bleeds Shammies.



### THALIA KILKENNY

You always knew when Thalia had the ball, as her white boots became a blur flashing down the sideline. Thalia always made something out of nothing to score some unbelievable tries. Her positioning in defence meant that the other could never get around us. A fantastic season Thalia.



### RORY CLAMPETT

Rory's straight running ready for a quick 2nd phase always meant the opposition was on the back foot. Rory would always take advantage of the tired defence and find small gaps to produce a try. It did not matter if it were training or a game, Rory would leave everything out on the pitch.



### THEODORE LE

Theo's line speed in defence caught the opposition napping every tag, every game. With averaging over 35 tags a game, Theo was by far and away our highest tagger. In defence he was always up in their faces, but with the ball he became elusive. Great season Theo.



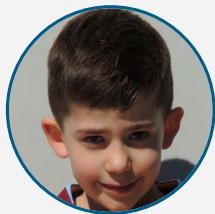
### HUGO MESLEY

As they say, "You can't coach speed". Hugo had plenty of it. Add that to his left and right foot stepping, and the opposition sides had no chance. He certainly knew how to find the try line. Hugo turned up every week switched on and ready to win. Can't wait to see what you can do next season.



### OLIVER BRADY

Ollie was a late inclusion to the Blues team, but certainly fit in quickly. Started to gel with the team as his running game developed. His efforts at Fly-Half were very Michael Lynagh-ish. Silky smooth catching and passing, gave the outside backs every chance to score. Awesome season Ollie.



### RYAN TAPPIN

I think most of the opposing sides underestimated Ryan. His speed off the mark meant he caught the opposition sides napping. Was regularly offside, but this shows the determination to place pressure on the attack and the willingness to get the ball.



### NELL RAMSAY

Nell really turned it on this season. The running with the ball tucked under the wing meant that she was never going to cough up the pill. Nell found her calling at training on the tackle bags. She was snapping those in half. Well done Nell, another great season for the Shammies.



### OSCAR MONCH

Oscar had a great season this year. He would regularly rush up in defence to shut down any chance of the opposition from spinning it wide. Oscar was evasive with the ball. His speed and agility always made it impossible for the opposition to catch him.

## U7 MAROONS (COACH TRISTAN WORLEDGE)



### HAMISH WORLEDGE

Hamish is a veteran of the U6's and has taken his graduation to the U7s with gusto. Often hanging behind the Shammies line of defence or positioning himself on an open wing, Hamish will use his speed to quickly shut down any opposition player that thinks they have found an easy run to our try line.



### LINCOLN MEHECKE TRENT

Lincoln has made real progress this year in his understanding of the game, which has been reflected in a maturing in his play. Seeing Lincoln run straight through three unprepared offside opposition players after his quick resumption from the breakdown was one of my personal highlights of the season





### SIDNEY HAWKINS

Sidney is the whole package. Fast and good with the ball but also showing that he can read the game, he is often found plugging up gaps in the shammies defensive line. Sidney's natural speed, skill and strength will allow

him to effortlessly explore various styles of play as he moves through the U8s.



### WILLIAM HAIGH

William combines his speed with an impressive sidestep to devastating effect on the field. Either racing around the outside of the opposition's defensive line or exploiting the most microscopic of gaps in the middle, William is a defender's worst nightmare.



### JUDE HETARIKI

Jude will explode off our line and apply immense pressure to the ball carrier. He is a physical player who will definitely be an integral part of ensuring we maintain possession of the ball at the breakdown next year. In

attack he loves running the ball and has an almost inexhaustible well of energy.



### NATE LUCI

Nate is equally at home running the ball or running down the opposition players. Always in the thick of play, Nate's ability to feed the ball back to his team mates often caught the opposition offside as the Shammies were able to

surge forward without pause. He is a real workhorse of the team.



### REICA KIKUCHI

Reica loves to run down the sideline, tempting the opposition's defence out of formation. If she doesn't find the corner post then her runs to the side will ensure that our next phase of play will have a lot of space on the

other side of the field. In training she has shown safe hands and a targeted pass that will become invaluable next year and beyond.



### DONNICHA SLEVIN

Donnicha's confidence this season has grown exponentially. Drawn to the ball like a seagull to a chip, Donnacha's often found at the breakdown of play, ready to thwart another opposition run at our line or eager to show us what he can do with the ball.



### ELEANOR SATO

Eleanor thrives on competition. She pushes herself to be harder, better, faster and stronger than any member of the opposing team. A force to be reckoned with, Eleanor

has the speed and endurance to at times run literal rings around opposition players. Hungry for tries and hungry for possession, Eleanor will be a fearsome sight in later years when the breakdown of play presents an opportunity to contest the ball.



### MICHAEL ENGLEBERT

Michael was a late addition to the Shammies this season but has quickly made a name for himself by bringing an insatiable hunger for the ball in attack and strong commitment chasing down

anyone within reach, while in defence. Michael has demonstrated an impressive maturity in his ability to both listen to, and take on, feedback from coaches, and this has been reflected in his play.







# UNDER 8'S SEASON REPORT

What a great group of families we are lucky to have in the under U8's! Faced with a shutdown of training so early in the season, our wonderful coach Phil started up weekly Zoom training sessions whilst we were in isolation. This quickly turned into twice weekly practice sessions, keeping our boys fit and ready for the 2020 season ahead. Parents were brought in as tackle bags to help the boys develop their skills for their first year of tackling, while our coaching team wrestled with how to deliver good rugby fundamentals to the kids over Zoom.

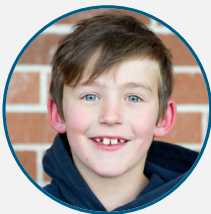
Once we were able to get back on the field and train together, our U8's squad were eagerly ready to learn the art of full contact rugby. Coaches Andy, Chris F, Dave, Chris M, Giles and Phil, all rugby legends themselves, had their work cut out for them expertly leading weekly training sessions. Such is the dedication of our coaches the under U8s added a game day prep session on Thursday nights giving the kids an option of three days of rugby a week to further hone their skills.

The U8s family grew this year with six talented boys (Ned, Charlie, Hamish, Sam, Henry & Oscar) joining the squad. Each one of these newcomers contributed handsomely & quickly embraced the Shammies spirit of hard work & fun. It has been remarkable to watch the boys come along so quickly in what has been a very limited season, and equally to have our existing Shammies welcome them into the Shammie family with gusto.

This year we have had a 20 strong squad of under U8s & the coaches decided to field two teams to ensure the boys got maximum playing time each Saturday. The highlight of the season was when the Blues versed the Maroons in an evenly matched game. Both teams played their best game of the season with moments of greatness shown by all.

A big thank you to coaches, parents and players for making a challenging season such a success. We look forward to a stellar 2021 and encouraging the next generation of Shammie legends!

## BLUES UNDER 8S PLAYER PROFILES



### CALUM SCOTT

A third year Shammy who loves nothing more than skirting the touch line to dive into the corner for a try. Calum's pace and steely determination allow him to play at a level which defies his stature. Consistently one of the best on

ground both in attack and defence, at training and on game day, Calum was the heart and soul of the Blues in 2020. Never one to shirk hard work, a big future in rugby awaits this young man as an out and out finisher and Mr Dependable in defence.



### GEORGE FUREY

In his second year with the Shammies, George surprised the coaches in taking his player profile from the U7s almost word for word to the next level. His straight and elusive running has seen him slice through the

smallest of gaps, but it's his defence that has had both his teammates and the opposition looking over their shoulders. Nicknamed "The Exocet", George thrives on tackling all comers and will be a player to watch in 2021.



### HENRY WILCOX

Playing his first season as a Shummy Henry is picking it up fast, there has been a lot to learn and it is all starting to come together in time for the big finish. Henry has picked up a solid base of catching

and passing but has a lot more to offer. As his confidence is building later in the season, we are seeing a player who is willing to take a run whenever he can but will also get into the thick of the ruck when the chance presents itself.



### JACK SPEIRS

The strong and silent type, when Jack charges the defensive line players tumble like skittles, Jack can back it up with a leg drive that would put most Wallabies to shame. He has developed this season with ball

handling skills to match his physical prowess; he has a big Rugby career ahead of him as he continues to develop his tackling skills into next season.



### JED HOUSIAX

Jed has come back for his second season with the Shammies and his black helmeted head can often be seen joining into scrabble for the ball in the breakdown.

When Jed sees open space,

he will take the chance to make a run for the line bringing that extra bit of excitement to the Blues playmakers.



### JOSIAH SAILOSI

The Blues' answer to the Tongan Thor, Josiah's game in 2020 lifted along with his teammates. Not one built for the wide-open plains where the double digits room, Josiah thrives in the

tight stuff but remains devastating with the ball in hand. Josiah's try against Canterbury was a glimpse into what this young fella can bring to the Shammies given some space.



### LACHLAN HORNE

Lokie, the Blues' designated locomotive, knows only one way. By the end of season, the penny appeared to have dropped for Lokie, his size and strength are invaluable commodities on a rugby field and he's starting to

use them. His ability to draw in defenders to provide a clean platform from which the glory boys can do their stuff seems to sit well on his broad shoulders. Go well and keep that big engine churning Lokie!



### LIAM MEERT

Liam has settled rugby's age-old battle between brains and brawn and proven you don't need to be big to have a big impact. A true student of the game, Liam plays a clever rugby strategy, always knowing

where the space is for his attacks. Like a leopard stalking its prey, Liam is always alert to his moment and when it comes, he strikes, pouncing on any loose ball! In defence, Liam knows where to position himself and with a little off-season practice will be a tackling machine in 2021. Look out!





**MAC CALLON**

With his SpringBlack heritage, Mac has rugby in his veins and, like Calum, brings 100% to every training session and game despite often being one of the smallest on the ground. Mac has a keen eye for a gap and

the pace to seize the opportunity. With a sweet torpedo pass from both sides, Mac seems destined to operate as a cheeky and opportunistic number 9, much to his father's chagrin.



**OSCAR HARRISON**

New to the Shammies in 2020, Oscar quickly found his stride in the Blues. A future #13 with plenty of pace and a destructive offloading game, Oscar formed a strong combination with George in what could be a centre pairing

akin to Horan/Little. Always smiling and first to offer a consoling arm around his teammates, take note of this name, you'll be hearing it a lot from the most audible and enthusiastic parent on the sidelines.

**UNDER 8 MAROONS PLAYER PROFILES**



**CHARLIE COX**

Another new player who has adapted very well into the game. A strong attacker, Charlie knows what to do to score those tries. Eager to get the ball, Charlie is fearless in taking it up and into the opposition. Not only is he

good in attack, but he can tackle well. When the team is under pressure, Charlie is a player who you can count on to score that try. Has the right mindset to do well, a Shammie in the making!



**CALEB (THE ROCK) CHIUNDIZA**

With his trademark wild hair and Dwayne Johnson physique Caleb, The Rock, is a force to be reckoned with. When the opposition look up and see Caleb thundering towards them, they quake in fear. In defence

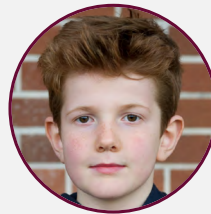
Caleb can cut away the legs of an opposing player quicker than a lumberjack falls a tree! Caleb has really put himself out there this season and has come on leaps and bounds. Keep up the good work!



**CHARLIE ANDERSON (THE SPEEDSTER)**

Tall, fast & athletic with a cool temperament meant Charlie is already destined for Shammie greatness. Towering above his teammates, Charlie offered the Maroons the strong presence

that all great teams need. Popular with his teammates, Charlie was never one to get ruffled or frustrated, contributing handsomely both on training nights & game days. Looking forward to welcoming Charlie back for season 2021 where he is sure to go from strength to strength.



**FIONN RAFFERTY (THE ENFORCER)**

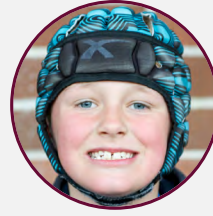
Fionn carried on where he left off in 2019 with another powerful season full of energy & enthusiasm. Fionn is a leader amongst the forward pack where he is able to run hard,

pick & drive and tackle, all the while helping to lead his men around the park. Fionn has the ability and qualities to continue improving year on year meaning the sky's the limit for this talented Irish boy! Well done Fionn keep it going.



### **HAMISH RAMSAY (THE MAGICIAN)**

Quiet and unassuming off the field Hamish casts his magic once the game starts. Opposition players stare in awe as they find they have been dispossessed of the ball as if by magic. But it is in fact Hamish who comes away with the magic pill. With the speed of a whippet Hamish is not afraid to hit the ball up and relishes the challenge. Well done!



### **JACK FARLEY (THE ASTRONAUT)**

You have to be the best of the best to be an Astronaut and Jack is one of our best. He is big, strong and fast and one of our best ball carriers who always makes a positive impact in the game. But just like an Astronaut his thoughts sometimes wander amongst the stars and we need to bring him back down to earth, both to keep his head in the game and quite literally, getting him to choose to find the deck and recycle.



### **NED FOOT (THE QUIET ACHIEVER)**

Ned was a mid-season recruit & a massive addition to the Shammies U8's family this year. Ned took to life on the rugby pitch like a duck to water. Ned was quick up in defence

& ran straight in attack. Season highlight was against Drummoyne when Ned ran the length of the pitch to chase down a Drummoyne winger & demonstrating the "never give up" Shammie attitude.



### **ROMEO ATZENI (THE ALL ROUNDER)**

Romeo has always stood out as a devastating runner with the ball in hand, lightning quick with good feet and balance. His eye-catching running is just one tool in his rugby kit bag.

Romeo has great tackle technique, strength and a powerful leg drive. He is developing into a real all-rounder who can still light up the park with his searing runs.



### **RYAN (RHINO) FORREST**

From his motivational team talks, to his leadership skills, Rhino has carried on this season how he finished last season, onwards and upwards! Always looking for work and with a step that even the cast of Riverdance couldn't

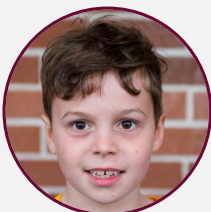
achieve, Rhino bamboozled the opposition and is a leading try scorer in the U8's. His commitment to his team and teammates is a pleasure to watch.



### **TOM JAMISON (THE STRAIGHT SHOOTER)**

In rugby the shortest route to the try line is to run in a straight line and few run straighter and harder than Tom. He always gives the team go forward and charges ahead with a total

focus on getting to the try line. When not carrying the ball, he is among the bravest and most committed tacklers. Tom is now taking his game to the next level by thinking about the recycle to bring more of his teammates into the game.



### **SAM SHAW (CAPTAIN AMERICA)**

Simply the find of the Shammies U8 season! Sam arrived into the Shammies U8's family as a softly spoken American boy, unsure what this strange game of rugby was all about. Although he had some ground to make up on his more experienced peers, he embraced the challenge, improving week on week to quickly transform into a hard-running hard tackling forward. The coaches especially appreciated how Sam would listen & follow instructions - a unique quality amongst this boisterous group! Sam didn't need a shield to show us he is our Shammie Superhero.







# UNDER 9'S SEASON REPORT

Wow. What can be said? What a year! Due to the short season, the under 9s season was accelerated as fast as possible to catch up on the missed time due to COVID-19. To make up for this, coaches put on an extra training session on Thursdays to help increase the skill level of the kids.

A tremendous amount of work went into the breakdown, ball skills, tackle and preparing them for the start of u 10s which will be a big jump up.

In addition to this, with coaches moving off field for games, communication was encouraged amongst players getting them to function better as a team and to build the team spirit. In all, it was a great season with hope that we have prepared them well for next season.

A unanimous decision amongst the under 9 coaches as the 1883 award winner this year, Mirei Kikuchi has shown them what she is made of. Even her teammates have commented to the coaches 'Gee, Mirei is good'. Besides her great gameplay, her attitude towards training and game day makes her a standout. Consistent in her performance, but also striving to do better, makes her shine as a player. She just gets on with it and does the job without any fuss, like a true trooper.

Without doubt, she has the ability to take her rugby career to the next level with this attitude and mindset, which many others can learn from. And when she gets there, it will be great to know, that she was a fellow Shammie and Petersham Rugby Club played a part in her role of becoming a standout. Well done Mirei and well deserved. Keep it going!

## PLAYER PROFILES



### JAMIE PHEMISTER

A new addition, but a great one. Jamie started his first season of rugby with a bang. Keen on learning, trying hard at training, and the right mindset allowed Jamie to excel and keep to the standard of a

player who has done a few seasons. The first trial game saw him score many tries down the sideline, we knew he was going to enjoy this game. A future number 9, with the ability to communicate with the team provides great potential to this young player. Great season Jamie.



### ROBBIE CLARKE

Passionate about this game both on and off the field, 'Clarkey' has had a great season. Keen on taking the ball to the opposition, he had no problems driving forward into rows of defence lines and

pushing forward. The build of a forward and also the mindset of one, Clarkey was having a fantastic time playing rugby. It was not only the hard effort during games that was enjoyed but the fun with wrestling his teammates during training, that made it a great season of rugby for him.



### ROBBIE WALKER

Robbie had a smashing season, scoring tries and defending well. Putting his mind to it, he is really getting into the groove of rugby. A good all-rounder, watching him in games you can see him adapting into an attack or defence, driving over in the clear outs or tackling the opposition to stop them from making ground. As his skills and confidence grows, we will see Robbie just get better and better, living up to being a great Shammie.





### CHARLIE COX

Another new player who has adapted very well into the game. A strong attacker, Charlie knows what to do to score those tries. Eager to get the ball, Charlie is fearless in taking it up and into the opposition. Not only is he good in attack, but he can tackle well. When the team is under pressure, Charlie is a player who you can count on to score that try. Has the right mindset to do well, a Shammie in the making!



### FIN CHANTER

It's been a few years with Fin in the team, and he never ceases to amaze us. Good at attack, tackles like a bull, and a positive attitude to rugby is what makes him. He is a good asset to the team and Shammies, pushing himself in the game to lift the standard. Over time, he will just get better and better as he gets older and his skills increase. We can see a great journey for this young player.



### HARLEY DONOHUE

What a journey. Harley has become a lion, just like his old man with his dedication to the club to see it do well. Getting in there, pushing hard in rucks, going in for the tackle when the need arises and getting involved with the team. A positive mindset combined with consistent training has made this young player an asset to the Shammies under 9 team. Go for it Harley!



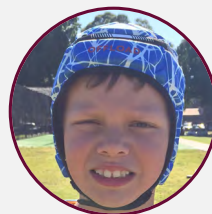
### HENRY GLASSOCK

A Shammie who gives it his best, Henry works at his game in the drive over, attack and defence. He enjoys training with his teammates, going hard at training and giving it his best on game day. Always there to support fellow Shammies, he is clear out, attacking as a ball carrier or trying to take down opposition with tackles. Over time, his game will get better and better.



### JULIUS REGO

Becoming a veteran amongst his teammates, Julius continues to enjoy his rugby and works hard on his skills. He takes the ball up on game days, scoring tries and defends well to try and stop the opposition from scoring. As time goes on, he will get better and better just like a great pinot noir. A big game collision with 3 players saw the field medic patch up a banged up bloody nose in the season, but am sure there will be many more to come.



### LLOYD NOBLE

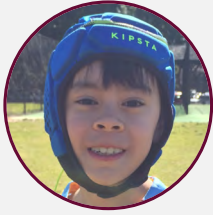
Another new entrant to the year, Lloyd is quickly adapting to the game of rugby. Built for the game, he is learning and adapting to the drive over, charging in and defending. Very different to his skills in karate, Lloyd is getting involved in the game with his teammates and having fun. Over time and with training, Lloyd's confidence will grow with the game, making him a great player to the Shammies.



### WILLIAM LLOYD

Another great all-rounder, William has the ability to drive hard in the clear outs, attack hard and defend his line. It's been an enjoyable season for Will, training hard and giving it his best on game day. When mistakes are made, Will tries harder to compensate for the errors. This is a rare trait, which stands him in good stead for become a top-notch rugby player. Can't wait to see what the future holds for him.

**MICHAEL KEENAN**



A fighter on the field, Michael did well this season taking the ball up and defending like a lion (no doubt due to his dad's home coaching on tackling as well). Michael enjoyed this season, transitioning to the tackle and contact, and driving over to secure the ball. He made solid tackles during the season, stopping defenders in their tracks. As he continues with his journey of rugby and gives more, he will be one to watch.

**MIREI KIKUCHI**



A blast of a season for Mirei, she is showing the boys what girls are made of. One of the best all-rounders in the game, she is able to attack hard to score tries, defends well with solid tackles, has the right mindset to engage and is a star player. Even her teammates have made comments as to how great she is at playing. A very bright future for this player in rugby if she keeps up the pace, she may go all the way up. Keep your eye on this one.

**MYLO BOOTH**



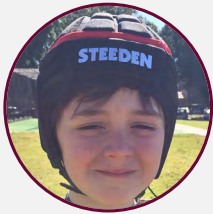
A lock in the making, Mylo had a blast of a season. He had broken his arm before the season started, but after gradually getting back into training, he was ready to rock and roll. He is usually the kid that everyone says "he's big for his age" and the one dragging 3 to 4 defenders over the try line in a game. A great asset to the Shammie's team, and no doubt will have a great rugby career in his time.

**RUFUS HOUSIAUX**



With a case of food poisoning allowing Rufus to only train half the season (of a half season), Rufus did well in joining his teammates in training and on game day. Always keen to get the ball, Rufus was in rucks, driving over or tackling in training and on game day. Having a good time with his teammates, and putting in a good effort on game days, Rufus enjoyed his season of rugby.

**SEAN OG SLEVIN**



A new player who has adapted well to the game. Sean Og gave it his best at training and when he is playing. Driving over to the secure the ball and taking it up to the opposition are some of his key traits. Over time, as his skills increase and confidence grows, we are certain that this young player will do well with his path in rugby. Keep it up Sean Og!





# UNDER 10'S SEASON REPORT

2020 for the Shammies U10s started wondering whether we could get enough players together to fill a team, but in the end we finished with a squad of 22, who can all hold their heads up high in the way they represented PJRU in victory and defeat.

While having a squad of 22 had its challenges, it was great to see 7 new Shammies join the squad throughout the season.

We had 4 boys achieve the milestone of 100 games, Sam Cameron, Tom Nicolletti, Nate Travis and Liam Waterworth. Congratulations to all these players who we have seen develop over 6 seasons with the club.

As we all know, 2020 and COVID-19 created great uncertainty for rugby and all junior sport, and our collective thanks go to the committee for making the season we had possible.

With no grading carnivals, changing draws, growing numbers and even late withdrawals of opposition due to Covid, amongst all of the challenges, what will stand the U10s in good stead for seasons ahead is the fact that when given an opportunity, everyone got out there and gave it their best, and each player showed improvement over the season and had moments that defined their season as individuals.

As coaches, Ben and I took joy in those moments even when the boys themselves may not have recognised them. A couple that spring to mind was Julian's defence against Sylvania on the wing, and Rupert's pass to put Tim through a gap in the same game.

Each player should be commended for the way they have handled themselves with limited game time and the way in which they have respected the opposition, whether we won or lost.

In terms of the games played this season, we have come up against a wide range of skill levels in opposition, a while winning 50% of our games, the thing that is encouraging is that when we were beaten, we were able to hold our own for long periods of those matches, and often outplayed those teams with our strongest combinations on the field.

Our goal as we move to next season will be to extend those periods and be more consistent in defence to give ourselves a shot in all games.

I would like to thank Ben Khan for his assistance in coaching the team, Alison Main for her help in managing the team in the pre and early part of the season, and to Juliana Bates on her help taking over from Alison, as well as all the parents that pitched in in various roles throughout the year.

As we look forward to 2021, I really hope everyone had fun and decides to return, as all of the boys have the capacity to contribute to the club, improve as individuals and a team. Let's hope 2021 gives us a "normal season".

**Coach - Troy Cameron**



## PLAYER PROFILES



### AUBREY COOK

a pleasure to coach, and always one to come and say thank you after training and the game. On the field, Aubrey goes under the radar, but his efforts in defence and attack should not be underestimated by his teammates,

and the opposition do so at their peril. A real team player who is a great asset to the squad.



### JOHNNY KOUTALAS

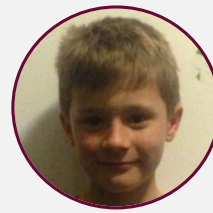
determination and strength sum up Johnny on the rugby field. He loves nothing more than having the ball in hand and running hard at the opposition. Like all the boys, would have loved and will improve with more game

time. His long-range goal kicking is also a very valuable asset for the team



### ALEX MITCHELL

Alex had another great season in the outside backs. Reliable in defence, and searing in attack, his ability to weave through the opposition helped his team break open the opposition on many occasions this year.



### DYLAN THOMPSON

Dylan has also improved over the season, and with Kobi, provided us with 2 very capable half backs. Dylan is eager to learn and work on his skills, and we look forward to seeing him in action next season.



### GEORGE PHAIS

a late season addition, George has shown he will be a valuable squad member for years to come, with powerful running and defence. His natural strength and athletic ability combined with the fact he is eager will enable him to develop into a very capable rugby player.



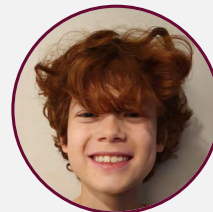
### JULIAN WALKER

new to the game, Julian really showed great improvement during the season. It's difficult being thrown on to the wing where you are so exposed in defence, however Julian equipped himself well, and really showed he has the potential to develop in the outside backs.



### HUGO RUTTER

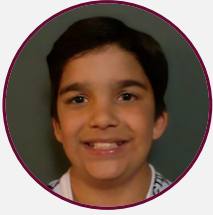
a new addition to the squad and one of our younger players, Hugo has improved each week to become a reliable hooker, holding his own against bigger opponents in scrums and general play, and a consistent lineout thrower.



### KOBI HETARIKI

Kobi has had a great season developing as a half back and improving each week. His 3 tries against Dural, darting from the base of the ruck were a highlight.





### **NATE TRAVIS**

Nate has really developed this year into a reliable centre, understanding when to run and when to pass, which is critical to his job in the team. His ability to sense a gap and go through it has been a pleasure to watch.



### **OWEN CHARLES**

whether in defence or attack, when Owen gets his mind set right, he is devastating. In the game against the Blue Mountains, Owen took on the captaincy and showed he can step it up a gear when given some responsibility.



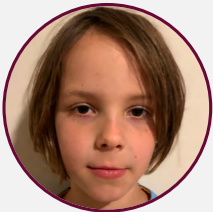
### **OWEN KINGHAM**

through circumstance, we asked Owen to move to the outside backs this year, and he has not let his team down. His solid defence rarely saw the opposition get past him, and his speed and willingness made the most of any opportunity he had with the ball.



### **ROSS TSOULAKAS**

another of our new recruits, Ross has quickly become a real asset to the team. His scrummaging and damaging ball running are standout parts of his game. We look forward to Ross becoming a mainstay of a formidable pack in U11's.



### **ROCKY HAWKINS**

a no nonsense rugby player, who just gets on with the job at hand without any fuss. Rocky is the constant that keeps the engine turning in the pack, and just goes all game.



### **TOM NICOLETTI**

always positive, Tom has made the most of limited opportunities this season. His tenacity has been a key feature, never shying away from defence on the wing and making the most of his opportunities with ball in hand.



### **RUPERT BERESFORD**

we have seen how strong a runner Rupert is in previous seasons. What was most pleasing this season was to see Rupert take on board the advice given to him

and see great improvements in his passing game and defence. Rupert scored some great tries this year, but I am looking forward to him setting up plenty more like Tims against Sylvania in the seasons to come.



### **SPENCER STRUTT**

coming to us mid-way through the season, Spencers size and strength in the front row really assisted us in building a forward pack that held its own against all opposition. Spencer

came with an AFL back round, but from what he showed us with his limited game time, he has made the right choice and we hope he returns from Queensland next year to pack down with the Shammies.



**SAM CAMERON**

Sam has proven his versatility in the forwards this year, playing in every position in the pack at some stage. His strong attacking running often put the opposition on the back foot, allowing team to take full advantage. His

conversion on the buzzer to seal victory against Balmain was a highlight.



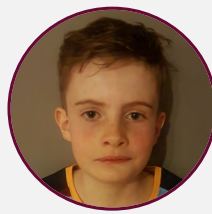
**THOMAS NELSON**

another newcomer, Tom has had a great first season with the Shammies. His ability to tuck the ball under his arm and break the oppositions defence often helped us get on the front foot when we were going nowhere.



**WILL HARRIMAN-KHAN**

Will has carried on where he left off last year. A player who plays above his weight each and every week, with tireless defence and sneaky attacking raids whenever he gets a chance. An invaluable member of the team, who will no doubt be so for many seasons to come.



**WILL JAMISON**

Will is another one of our no-nonsense players who just gets on and does what is required. In attack and defence, he never lets his team down, and his work off the ball certainly does not go unnoticed.



**LIAM WATERWORTH**

Liam is a well-rounded rugby player with solid defence, great running and passing skills and a growing awareness for game structure and tactics which will see him develop into a great

number 10 if that is the position he wishes to pursue. He has had a great season, and a player the boys rely on when things need to happen, in both attack and defence, always looking to break open the opposition, or throw himself in harm's way when needed.



**TIM STANTON-CLARK**

Tim has had an outstanding season, scoring multiple tries in each game and saving just as many. With speed to burn, the heart of a lion and determination to compete in defence and attack,

he is clearly our most valuable player, and the one the other players look to when the chips are down. With his dedication to training with us this year, his never say die attitude, and his obvious ability, Tim is our 1883 award recipient for 2020. Well deserved! We look forward to a return in 2021.





# UNDER 11'S SEASON REPORT

Another terrific season for this age group. We once again expanded our ranks to just under 50 players this season and made the early decision to enter 2 teams in the Friday night competition and 2 in the Sunday competition. The four teams allowed maximum game time for those that wanted it and many of our players played both Friday and Sundays for the Shammies. Special mention to the Canterbury players (Mateo, Spencer and Larissa) that joined with Shammies this year and seamlessly slotted into the squad.

Playing four teams and running two practices a week introduced a logistical headache and would not have been possible without the wonderful support we received from our Coaches, Managers and Volunteers. Managers: Marcie Kilkenny, Phoebe Steyn, Emma Nicoletti, Rebecca Soloman. Coaches: Peter Jarjoura, Peter Lloyd Jones, James Breen, Brad Steyn, Eden Barros, Shane Lee, Nick May. All those weekly meetings, millions of WhatsApp messages and emails pay off when you see players coming off the field with smiles on their faces.

What is especially pleasing is seeing players from different teams getting to know each other and having that common bond around rugby. These are important development years for our players before they head into the dreaded teenage years and we hope these friendship groups they form now will carry them through.

***Some quick team summaries from our lead coaches:***



## FRIDAY MAROONS – JAMES BREEN

After being Grand Finalists last year, 2020 was filled with high expectations. Three new players were warmly welcomed to the squad and contributed well. Our forwards worked really hard against much bigger opposition and were never outmuscled. The back combinations came together nicely, and we learned to exploit our strengths throughout the season. A few injuries throughout the season led to some re-shuffles but everyone stood up and a few well-deserved wins came our way.

Really looking forward to next year to see how the team grows together again.





## FRIDAY BLUES – PETER LLOYD JONES

The Friday Blues have grown really well as a team this shortened season. With several newcomers to the club, they have had the added challenge of getting to know each other and figure out how to play as a team and identify and exploit their strengths. While they sometimes struggled against strong opponents in the notoriously tough Friday night competition, they not only developed their teamwork, skills and fitness but also a willingness to play to the end and never give up. These are critical components of a successful rugby player's personality and they have shown their depth of character this year. These are invaluable attributes that will pay dividends in future seasons.





## SUNDAY MAROONS - PETER JARJOURA

The Maroons are a great bunch of kids that are a pleasure to coach. What they lack in skill or rugby knowledge that make up in spades their enthusiasm not only in the games but in training as well. They are all willing to learn and improve which is all you can ask as a coach.

2020 was a mixed bag for the Maroons. Due to the nature of the season we played some teams that were evenly matched and others that were probably a few grades above, but they still gave every game a crack.

Every kid that returned from 2019 took their game to an extra level and they took up where they left off in last year's semi. Plus, we had a few newbies that have improved out of sight. If only we had a full season without all the interruptions and solid training sessions, we could have really developed into a special team.

Thanks to all the boys who backed up from Friday nights to help out each Sunday. Not only did it help us fill keys positions but gave all the boys a level of confidence they wouldn't have had.

Also big thanks to Shane for coaching the Maroons with me when he could have been watching his son Aiden run around in the Blues. Shane had great input and a calming influence on the boys...and me.





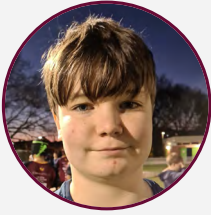
## SUNDAY BLUES - JK

Fortunately, the Blues were an experienced and settled squad and started the season well with 4/4 wins. A draw change to play some more competitive teams and injuries to some key players meant the games in the latter half of the season were more competitive. The strength of the Blues is the forward pack, and they provide a great platform and lovely go forward ball. The forwards developed their pods nicely this year with our nominated ball carriers often bending the defensive line. Some genuine speed injected into the squad this year provided that extra incentive to pass the ball wide our wingers to score some lovely tries. Can't wait to see what this squad produces next year!

Well done to the boys and we look forward to 2021.

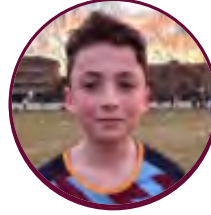


## FRIDAY NIGHT MAROONS PLAYER PROFILES



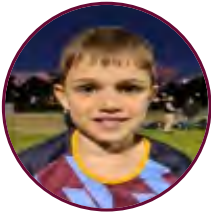
### CONOR BROUGH

Conor's first game was a cracker but also put him out for 3 games - so a short season became even shorter. Our tallest and physically strongest player who will develop into a key forward in years to come



### JAMES JUNIOR BREEN

Another good year from Junior with great communication, organisation and getting good quick ball out to his outside men. His defence was solid as well. His goal kicking is fantastic. Kicked some awesome goals this year



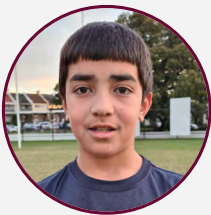
### JAMES REILLY

Jimmy is a gun - speed to burn and will never shy away from a tackle. He is still learning his trade in the outside backs, but will never let the team down in attack or defence. Gets better with each year.



### JORDAN DIB

First year of rugby. Started in the backs and ended up in the forwards. Showed a lot of courage and commitment. Big improvement from the start of the year to the end of the year. Just kept going and going. Looking forward to seeing his development next year



### JULIUS THOMSON

Very strong in attack and defence. His passing to the outside backs has been fantastic this year. Great runs to put them in space. Big and fast with the ball. Hard to tackle.



### MADDOX TAMATOA-APERA

First year of rugby. Played in the forwards. Good strong running and improved around the breakdown as the year went on. Contributed well throughout the year in the Friday and Sunday teams. A very valuable team member. Also looking forward to seeing his development next year



### OTTO GERBER

Very solid in defence. Always takes on the biggest opposition player and inevitably brings them down. His attack and distribution got better and better throughout the year with good passes to his outside backs. Always in the game, controlling both the attack and defence.



### SUNNY STEYN

Unfortunately Sunny only played a handful of games this year due to injury. Sunny is an outstanding talent, brave, fast, reads the game really well and always humble. another with a big future in the game.



### KAYHAN SIMAVOGLU

If you have a tap penalty this is the forward runner you want to take it forward. Kayhan's strong ball carrying ability means he is the number pick to get our team moving forward. He is fearless in his charges up the field and often seen with half the opposition forward pack hanging off his back. Kayhan is also destructive in his tackling and for a big boy he can still execute a great chop tackle. Kayhan has worked hard this year to improve his body positions in rucks which will pay dividends in future years.

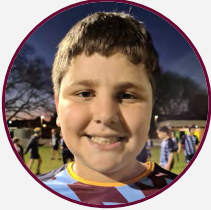
**ZAC BECHARA**

A great talent and Joint winner of 1883 Award for Friday Night Lights Maroons. Zac was in his first year of Rugby and he is a Beast. Reads the game very well. Powerful, Strong, Fast and demon tackler. Zac is going places fast!





## FRIDAY NIGHT BLUES PLAYER PROFILES



### ADAM YASSINE

Watch out opposition, here comes Adam at full speed! Adam runs the ball with a determination and verve that needs to be seen in action.

He also possesses a keen step and pace which many an outside back

would envy. Adam's first year with the Shammies was a successful move and he is always getting stuck into the action with unbridled enthusiasm.



### JUSTIN LIU

Justin is the classic winger and waits with untamed energy in the blocks like a thoroughbred racehorse until he gets the ball delivered to him out wide. At that point he unleashes and

takes off with determination with the sole aim of evading their outside backs and stepping his way to the line. He is solid in defence and takes on the opposition with reckless abandon.



### LARISSA DANIELS-MAIFEA

The Shammies are a tightly knit group so when a player joins from another club it can be hard to cement a place in the team. Larissa, joining from Canterbury this year, let her rugby do the talking. Even in a short, disrupted season Larissa has become a talisman of the Friday Blues moving adeptly across the backline from half-back to wing. Ball skills are up there but equally impressive is the hard tackling (often accompanied by encouraging cries of "Tackle Larissa!" from her fan club at the fence).



### RILEY CAMPTON

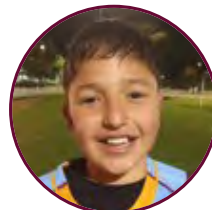
Passion, commitment, hard work, never give up attitude, dedication in training - all fitting descriptors of our Friday Blues 1883 winner this year. Riley is effective in and out of the scrum with huge power going forward, useful hands, an eye for a gap through which to run and a fearless tackle. He reads the game like a pro and is quick to encourage his teammates when it gets tough. A real privilege training with Riley as well. He listens, thinks about it, tries it out, improves, repeats.



### MATEO TOETU

Mateo is another new member of the Shammies family and clearly feels at home by the way he has landed on his feet. Mateo is the classic hard worker and puts his head down and does the hard work up front while

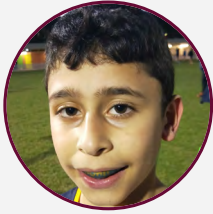
maintaining a cool head in both attack and defence. Would you rather a work horse to a show pony? With Mateo you have the full package - a forward with flair!



### MUHAMMAD TEHFE

Muhammad was a late addition to the team midway through an already truncated season. As a versatile inside back/ loose forward he demonstrated not only a

good work ethic but also a willingness to get his hands dirty and do a lot of the hard work up through the middle either supporting the forwards or cleaning out and running the ball hard and straight. I look forward to seeing Muhammad develop as a rugby player.



### NOAH ZOUD

Noah stepped up to the role of scrum half with maturity and composure to distribute the ball and to set plays. With more steps that Fred Estair, Noah could also be relied on for his darting runs

from half back when the opportunity arose. His decision making, defensive strength and strong running was a demonstration of his growing experience and he settled well into the role of scrum half.



### ZAC SOLOMON

Zac has a strength of focus and determination that bely his age. He applies his focus in the game superbly to mete out tackles, ruck quickly and strongly or picking the gaps with excellent runs. It has

been a pleasure to have Zac join Petersham and he has settled into the squad like an old hand.

## SUNDAY MAROONS PLAYER PROFILES



### ALEX NICHOLIAS

In only his second season of Rugby Alex played like a veteran. He moved to the Centers this season and showed what he could with a bit more space and freedom. An invaluable member of the Maroons and is improving as a Rugby player each week.



### ALEXANDER MCGLADE

We all love a fancy show-boater in rugby but the more discerning eye will pick out the workhorses that move around the field putting their body on the line in tough rucks and mauls, securing ball quickly

and cleanly so the team can move forward phase after phase. Alex is that workhorse, showing that hard work in training and thinking how to bring it to the game can pay huge dividends. A full season of training and playing will propel Alex into a quality front row forward of the future.



### AYDEN ASSASSA

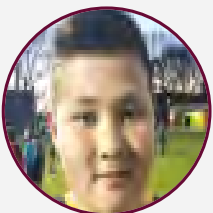
This is Ayden's first season with the Shammies and after having an injury last year took a while to find his feet, but he has improved each week and is playing with a lot more confidence. Good strong runner of the ball.



### BILLY NICOLETTI

Billy showed again this year that he is the "Mr. Dependable" of the Maroons pack. He works hard and listens at training and this shows in his game day performances. His cleanout work at the breakdown was again the

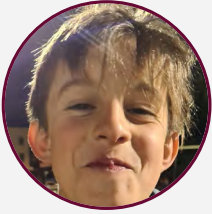
cornerstone of his game, but his ball running is now starting to develop as well.



### CHARLIE SWINDIAL

Charlie made a solid start to his rugby career and formed a formidable prop combination with Tom. His ball running at the edge of the ruck was always destructive and he gained valuable meters whenever he had the ball in hand. He adapted well to scrummaging and by the end of the season showed he was developing good body position both in the scrum and at the breakdown.





**DIGBY LEADON**

Digby's snipping runs from the base of the scrum always had the opposition on the backfoot and his support play is developing nicely as well. He also showed this year that he can move the

team around the park and exploit weaknesses in the opposition's defence. His combination with Alex and Otto meant that the backline took its opportunities when they were presented.



**ELIJAH CHETWYND**

Elijah's first season with the Shammies and if everyone was as keen as him to get involved and learn we'd be unstoppable. Whilst he's still earning the game he doesn't shy away from the tough stuff

and getting his hands dirty. He loves getting that ball and going head on into the opposition.



**GIOVANNI BRIGUGLIO MAGARINOS**

Another fine season from Gio yet again and the well-deserved Maroons 1883 player for 2020. Gio has improved his game on the season past and

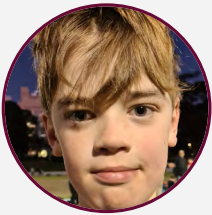
just gets better with age. Gio contributes at every training season and does whatever is required in a game. Gio rarely misses a tackle and when he gets the ball, he pins his ears back and off he goes.



**JACK JARJOURA**

Jack again showed his good technical ability at the breakdown, with his natural ability to choose when to contest the ball. This year he stepped up to the responsibility of being Captain and was showing good leadership qualities by the end

of the year. His goalkicking was another feature of his game that often kept the Maroons in the contest.



**JESSE ROWE**

Jesse had a great first year in rugby. His positional play on the wing followed the coaches' instructions and this was vital in providing the team with good width in both attack and

defence. He also showed steady improvement in his passing and running game and his ball presentation at the tackle was textbook like.



**JOSEPH SPEIRS**

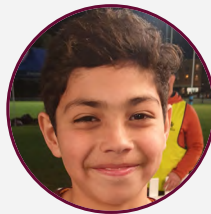
Joseph started the year a little slowly, but by the end of the season he had well and truly hit his straps. Ball running is a standout feature of his game and he scored several

fine tries and gained many meters at the end of the Maroon's backline. Joseph also showed his cover defending ability on many occasions and was always chasing down opposition line breaks.



**LEON SPIROPOULOS**

Leon loves a scrum and loves getting that ball and charging into the fray. Leon gives it his all at a training and in every game. Unfortunately, he's been hampered by a few injuries just when he was getting back into his stride from last season.



**LEVI MIKHIEL**

Levi the veteran. Always willing to do whatever is required of him for the team. If you need him to lock up the scrum, he'll do that. If you ask him to tighten up the Centers he'll be there. Levi just loves tucking

that ball under his arm and having a good crack at the opposition. Great team player.



**THOMAS MALLINSON**

Big Tom was a handful for many opposition teams this year, with his devastating ball running and work at the breakdown. He partnered with Charlie, Alex and Billy on rotation to form a formidable front row combination that was the envy of other forward packs in the competition. He often bounced back from injury during the game and always showed a willingness to work hard for the team.

## SUNDAY BLUES PLAYER PROFILES



### AIDEN LEE

It takes courage to constantly present oneself at the doorstep of pain, ruck after ruck, but it didn't seem to faze Aiden. Being under constant duress and rarely having time to deliver clean ball, Aiden

was cool, calm and collected, whilst developing a strong bond with Declan in the halves (for the Sunday Blues squad). With a decisive lightning -quick first step he left a few defenders in his wake, particularly on a few crafty blindside runs, either scoring himself or assisting one of his teammates to glory over the heavenly white line.



### CHARLIE WARD

Charlie is our 1883 award winner for the u11s Sunday Blues teams. Charlie has really developed his game this year and is turning into a strong inside centre.

His tackling and ball carrying has improved a lot and that has made him into a key pivot for the backline. Charlie always seeks feedback and trains hard at practice and is a delight to coach. Charlie also had to cover flyhalf this year and his decision making, and communication has stepped up another notch.



### DECLAN COHEN

Wow look out here is the next Johnny Wilkinson! Declan applied himself in place kicking practice over the Covid break and it really shows in his stats. Declan is quite at home knocking over those conversions from the

sideline. Declan was having a great year in flyhalf before his season was robbed by a broken wrist. Declan has also improved his passing out of hand and decision making this year which allowed centres and wingers outside him shine.



### EDWARD WALKER

Big Ed is a cornerstone of the Friday and Sunday teams. Ed's power in the scrums and height in the lineout makes him an invaluable ball winner. He is pretty handy ball runner as well and can be relied to make the

gain line (plus a few tries) and get the whole team moving forward. Really pleasing to see Ed lift his work rate this year which means he is getting to more breakdowns and turning over more opposition ball.



### ENZO CALABRIA

Enzo carried on from the 2019 season with typical workman like effort in the second row. Can always be relied on to work hard, clean the rucks and put in some courageous tackles. His tackling really was

impressive this year and is often the first person to knock over the opposition from a tap penalty. Really pleasing to see Enzo embrace the role of the second rower and not trying to over play his game by sticking to doing the basics really well.



### EZEKIEL BARROS

You will have heard the rugby saying, "forwards determine who wins a game, backs determine by how many points"...Zeke does both! It is not unusual to see him smashing rucks, jackling, tackling

big, running, breaking lines and scoring tries all in one half of a rugby game. Quick break, drink of water, adjust his head gear and he is back out doing it all over again - always with a smile on his face and an encouraging word for his teammates.



### JAMES GORMLY

James is one of the Sunday Blues teams veteran second rowers mad 7th year with the club. James is developing nicely into the role of the second rower, providing power in scrums and winning ball in lineout. James has improved his game this year by focusing a lot on his body position in rucks and cleaning out pass the ball carrier on the ground.





### JAVIER KILKENNY

Javier is our joint 1883 award winner this year for Friday Night Maroons. His ability to track the ball and always be on hand in attack or defence, makes him a standout. Our Co Captain for Friday nights, he leads by example. No better player on the field week in week out.



### JOSHUA BARANOWSKI

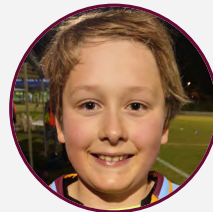
Josh is our Friday nights Maroons co-captain. He gets better each year. Powerful runner with the ball in hand, fearless tackler and made some very good decisions for the team this year. He has a big future in the game.



### MAX MAY

Max lives for scrums and rucks and is one of the most disappointed players if the ref calls uncontested scrums. As the team's resident tight head his love of the front row meant he had

most opposition scrums going backwards. Probably the greatest strength of Max's game however is his ability to get around the field and his body position going into rucks. This allows great continuity for whatever team he plays for and he is one of the unsung heroes that gives the backs quality go forward ball.



### OWEN LLOYD-JONES

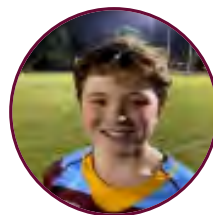
As one of the elder statesmen on the U11s squad, Owen personifies a craftsman at work. Diligently getting on with the job and executing to exacting standards with millimetre precision. Constantly putting on a clinic in all scenarios, whether it be delivering textbook tackles, snatching souls of opponents. In short, Owen is a key constant among his peers and the team wouldn't be the same without him. Same Owen-time, same Owen-place, next year, hey Owen?.



### SPENCER BOWERMAN

Spencer hit the ground running with the Shammies being part of JV with Canterbury and I think the word fast is appropriate. As a rookie on the Shammy's squad, Spencer certainly held his own, quickly cemented himself as a key

contributor on the wing for both Friday and Sunday squads. Whilst Spencer's pace is clear, what defines his play is his commitment in all phases across the park and his never-say-die attitude. The future is bright Spencer, welcome and we look forward to seeing your development in the future.



### THOMAS LENNOX

Tom's raw talent is evident and when you watched him play in the past you could see greatness in his future. Despite the disruptive season, Tom put together some rock-solid performances and as the season wore on, we saw a lot of carry-over from training to the field in several key areas of his game. Tom's presence in the backline is characterised by his determined tackling and slashing style of running rugby (aka. the Tom Lennox modus operandi), but more importantly his ability to digest on-field scenarios, discerning situations and reacting in the appropriate manner when the team needed it most.

# UNDER 12'S SEASON REPORT

A year of many things, predictable, was not one of them. With a compressed season offering only nine games, the team had to adapt quickly to the stop start theme for the year. The merging of last year's two under 11 teams brought opportunities and challenges especially moving from 12 aside to the 15 players. From the onset we looked to offer the players a chance to explore the different roles and responsibilities and with the actual competition being shafted we really jumped at the chance to get the players time in the different positions to find the best fit.

With the kids, families and club doing everything they could to keep community sport going, changes were inevitable and each week it seemed everything was on a knife edge. Many families and consequently players were being tested and had to sit out training or game days. Putting the health and safety of others before their passion to play, displayed great responsibility and resilience from all involved. Which is why we would like to write into the history of these pages a huge thankyou to Rugby NSW, to the Petersham club and for all those involved, in particular to John Kilkenny, Junior President, and all of other members of the executive, for doing everything they could in the face of constant uncertainty and logistic challenges to keep the seasons going.

To the team itself, it was our absolute honour to be part of this team and watch these young children merge into young adults. Your commitment and dedication to one another and to the game cannot be overstated. I cannot think of a better way to assist the boys in their transition into high school than with the lessons of community, mateship and perseverance which the game of rugby offered them. Watching their growing love for the game and the bond they formed over this difficult time was a real pleasure for all of us involved.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the mums and dads who assisted each week, be it washing jerseys, ground marshals, running the line as Assistant Referee, Tim Blombery, Matt Hassan and helping out at training sessions and game day, James Edwards, David Cooper and Gus MacDonald. We simply could not have done this without you.

Congratulations to Elijah, Jasper Max. B and Sam for joining the 100 Club this year as all were in the u7s in 2015! Well done on reaching this fantastic milestone as part of the Petersham Juniors Rugby Club  
Congratulations to all of our players and thankyou for your outstanding commitment and effort to the club and to the great team you helped to create this year, we trust everyone thoroughly enjoyed it as much as we have.

**Richard Hainsworth** (Coach) , **Simon Teong** (Coach) , **Mick Dandy** (Manager)









## PLAYER PROFILES



### ALEXANDER PHEMISTER

What a breakout first year for this young man. Alex would have to be one of the club's 'most improved players of the year'! He has not only grown in stature but maturity and commitment. Quietly spoken off

the field, would make one helluva of a statement on the field. Dominated at the break down and produced many barnstorming carries. A constant 'players points' recipient and a source of inspiration for those around him. Fantastic development, a natural back rower, well done on a superb first season.



### ANGUS EDWARDS

Took his game to a whole new level this year. Physicality and leadership are just two of Angus' many qualities that he built on this year. Took on the captaincy role a number of times with

conviction and humility. Not afraid to do the hard work and lead from the front. The strength and support shown to his fellow teammates, not just during the game but every minute of his day, is a core attribute of this young man. Congratulations on a fantastic season.



### ANGUS MAHONY

The heavy work load that Gus trucks through each game makes him indispensable. Raised the level of his game to new heights this year catching the eye of spectators and players

alike. This kid can crush the hopes and dreams of any attacking raid. Stopped many in their tracks this year, constantly in the breakdown earning him many a well-deserved try with three or four defenders still hanging onto him. Lead by example on many occasions and played through pain when required. Great season, thanks for rotating positions as required and always showing your enthusiasm to lead and be part of the Team.



### CHARLIE ASH

One of our unsung heroes in the engine room, Charlie would put in solid performances each Sunday. Running in the front row, or as a loose forward, his game grew quickly in

direction and intensity and not just his outstanding scrummaging. With eyes focused on every opportunity in front of him, he really developed his game, showed more maturity as he focused and listened more at training (no longer the disruptor) and demanded more from himself and those around him. Dependable and willing to adapt to the different roles he found himself in, well done on your development this season Charlie.



### BANJO BEARDMORE

A brilliant season. Found his home at full back with his electric running game and defensive read. Would straighten the attack or be right in the pocket to catch an off load. Really showed his growing commitment and passion for the game this year, often asking for tips to improve even after outstanding performances. A great asset and a safe pair of hands and an asset to any back line of the future. Great work.

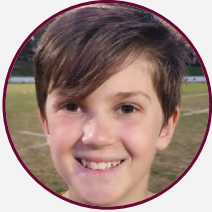


### FELIX BERESFORD

After contemplating whether to play or not at the start of the season, Felix showed some of the best defensive plays of the year. He's direct running and hard shoulders left many

in his wake, particularly when close to the try line. He really grew as a player and a young person this year and only requires a little more work on his focus and listening skills at training, whilst embracing the team environment. Congrats on your development as a player and a great first season with the Shammies.





### ELIJAH HASSAN

The superhuman half back would stun spectators with his athleticism and commitment. Be it finding his way into avalanches of humans, back flipping in open space or tackling things often vastly disproportionate to his size. One of the nicest kids on and off the field who would never stop. Well done, another fine season at halfback.



### FINN HAINSWORTH

Speed and strategy complemented the caring nature of this speed star. Really developed his attacking play and defensive read of the game this year. Ran some perfect lines and defended everything and anything. Took on the demanding role of No.13 with his constant try saving tackles becoming his forte. Would be one of the first to help pack away after running himself ragged at training or on game day. Well done.



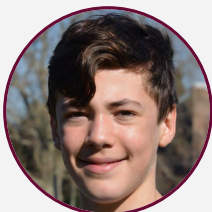
### JASPER JONES

Such a solid player and someone who cares deeply for his teammates. Will often be the first to a breakdown and just as quick to assist an injured player, on our team or even the oppositions. Jasper has really developed his role in the back and second row, building his intensity and commitment throughout the season. Well done on another commendable season in the forward pack.



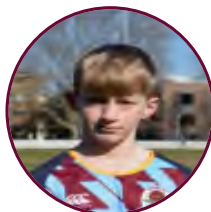
### HAMISH KELLY

A constant work horse, never left the field without giving it his all. Terrorised opposition every Sunday as a second playmaker at 12. His sharp stepping and backline moves created opportunities for everyone. Would do everything and anything he could all game, rushing defence and setting up numerous tries, even bagging a few well-earned ones along the way. At the end of it all would drag himself off the field, exhausted and say thank you! Another great season, well done.



### JACK COOPER

One of the fiercest players on the field. The Wild Warrior, committed to everything he does, on and off the field. A passionate and dedicated person who always puts his team before himself. Outstanding performances each weekend was par for the course for Jack, stunning teammates and spectators alike with his drive and determination. Concussion protocols kept him off the playing field for a few games but not from showing up each cold winter training night and game days only to ask if he could lend a hand to help out. Boundless energy and can do mentality makes Jack one to watch out for. A game changing season for you and what a natural No. 7, well done.

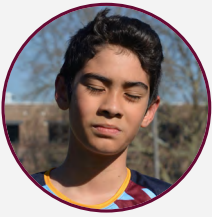


### FREDERICK DANDY

It's hard to describe Freddy, it's really something you need to see to believe. A perplexing and blatant disregard for personal safety, he seems to excel at throwing himself into the legs of any attacking player often twice his size. He is everywhere, sometimes seen flying through the air but never turning his back on a challenge. A wonderful character and complement to the team, covering everything from wing to breakaway this season. And what about that try, diving on the loose ball on the opposition's line! Great season Fred.

**LORENZO SIM LIND**

Speed and silky skills were matched by his manners and enthusiasm to learn the finer details of the game. A perfect gentleman who took delight in coming up with the names for new moves. A natural talent and wonderful person to have on the side, playing as wing and full back. Lorenzo chimed in perfectly to the back line and as a new player to the team this year, well done.



**OISIN MOORE**

This fresh recruit didn't take a backward step this year. Threw himself at everything, often literally. Quickly found his love for the running game in the back line. Courage and warmth were never in short supply with Oisin. Was wonderful to have him in the team and it was a joy to watch him speed though gaps and back himself. Well done on your first season with the Shammies.



**MAXWELL KNOX**

This new recruit found his true calling in the 15 man game. The towering back rower soon realised that shoulders and forearms were more than just useful accessories. Displayed

strong carries from the very first trial game, catching the eye of selectors as he ploughed through defenders. With the rubble bodies behind him he looked across to check if he had done the right thing. With a thumbs up from the sideline, a look of glee could be seen those twenty meters away. Went on to refine his skills and understanding of the finer points of the game. Always eager to learn more and help out. Welcome to Rugby Max and well done.



**MICHAEL HENRY**

From the moment Michael first walked through the gates of Camperdown oval this year we thanked the rugby Gods. After putting some of the kids eyeballs back in their sockets that had

popped out, we quickly embraced Michael as one of our own. New to the game he quickly built his running game, contact work and endurance. One to turn up to the extra training sessions on Saturday afternoons and real credit to his character and his enjoyment for this new sport. Great work and watch out 2021, Michael likes to run at people now.



**MAX BLOMBERY**

The consummate gentleman and warrior. His passion and love for the game is evident in everything Max does. You would often see his fists clenched with a burning desire to be part of the action.

The tip of the spear in the front row, Max would delight in packing down shoulder to shoulder with his teammates. Max brought a leader's voice into the fray and a heart of gold to the game. Receives the "unluckiest" award for the season, knocking himself out during a warmup. But well done on still attending training and game days, a true Team Man.



**SAMUEL RUDD**

Strong in defence and attack. His reliability and maturity earned him the name of Mr Versatile. Sam covered everything from 11, 13, 15 and even played a stint at half

back against Balmain. His security and reliability saved many a certain try this season. Sam brings a commitment and honesty to everything he does. A real gentleman and a great ambassador for the game. Another solid season from one of our '100 Games' recipients this year, congratulations.



**WILL CHANTER**

Could spin a story as good as he could the ball. His ability to share a fun fact whilst feeding a scum brought a great sense of humour to his light-footed jack in a box. This half back would test the laws of physics (often to his detriment), only to get back up and put his body on the line of an oncoming forward pack. Would prefer to be carried off than subbed off. A great character and one to have on any road trip, fingers crossed for the 2021 U13 overseas tour, because we are putting you in charge of the itinerary Will. Congrats on another great season.







**SAXON WHITTAKER**

The wrecking ball returned this year. Whilst some minor work is still required on his commitment at training and not distracting his teammates, he continued where he left off last season and produced some bulldozing runs downtown. Really enjoyed seeing him bring his game to life and develop his focus during game time and show some enthusiasm to be part of a team during the short season.



**STUART MACDONALD**

After warming into the season, this young lad started putting on one brilliant performance after another. His pick and go open running and commitment to the break down demanded attention and respect from teammates and spectators. Outstanding commitment and generosity of spirit describes this player who really came out of his shell and found his demolition hat this year. Fantastic effort.



**THOMAS LARSSON**

With Tom new to the team this year, we were not sure what to expect. It didn't take long to find out. He's crowd stopping, jaw dropping runs quickly earned him the nickname 'Destroyer of

Worlds'. Hard to nominate his best game, however the one against Hunters Hill still frightens me. He was so good we substituted him to provide "mercy" to the other team. Instead of running through the comfortable gap that opened up in the middle of the field, Tom's eyes focused on the two defenders running at him. They didn't do that again. Welcome Tom, please stay with Petersham as we hope we never have to play against you (a few Dad's ribs are still recovering from training sessions). What an outstanding first season of Rugby.



**WILLEM TEONG**

Developed his game in all departments this year, producing one of the performances of the year against Hunters Hills. Mesmerising the opposition with his sublime passing and deft kicking. Had total command of the entire game. Was our voice and link player from forwards to backs. At number he 10 carried the weight of the team on his shoulders week in week out. Always willing to listen and take on advice from his peers and coaches showing his natural maturity and quality of the person he is. Congratulations on another solid season.





# UNDER 13'S SEASON REPORT

Following a long, hot and smoky summer the 2020 season started slowly for the U13 squad. A small band of dedicated players committed to some early preseason sessions and slowly momentum began to build. Furious negotiations behind the scenes managed to pull together a strong squad of Balmain, Canterbury and Petersham players under a joint venture outfit that started to look the goods.

Word clearly got out and about as concern over initial squad numbers built and the preseason momentum continued. We managed a trial against Briars before the Covid shut down, the preseason fitness and efforts of all the players paid off with a shut out of Briars in front of a Balmain home crowd down at Leichhardt.

Still our numbers grew and the results started to flow, Briars had to face us once again, this time on Petersham home turf, in the season opener and the result was a comprehensive victory, further positive results against Lane Cove, Newport and Easts Red demonstrated the improvement the team had made.

New COVID-19 restrictions saw a reshuffle of competition pools, our results earning promotion to a 'local' pool of tougher opponents. The games were harder and the results more difficult to come by, however, the team have enjoyed the challenge of playing more disciplined and skilful opponents. Only by measuring ourselves against better teams will we improve.

I would like to thank all the parents and assorted helpers, I would especially like to thank Bec - manager extraordinaire and Martin and Jeff for their invaluable assistance across the season.









## PLAYER PROFILES



### **ALISTAIR GRAY**

Alistair had a great debut season in Shammies colours, while on a steep learning curve Alistair's willingness to listen and learn saw him turn in some great performances this year.



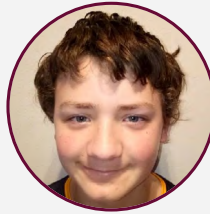
### **ALLAN THOMPSON**

From a family of many Shammies, Allen was a late arrival on the scene. Continues to develop his knowledge and understanding of the halfback role and game. One to watch for next season.



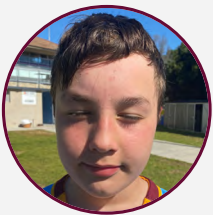
### **FLETCHER LAPHORNE**

Mr Dependability in the No 13 leading the defensive line for the backs. Fletcher continues to grow and mature as a rugby player.



### **CAM SKUODAS**

A quiet achiever, Cam is a willing student of the game. Executed his roles well to make a valuable contribution to team success.



### **EWAN GLEESON**

Ewan's continued development as a strong No 2 was a highlight of the year. His hard work at the set piece and in tight contributes in no small way to the success of the team. You can't play rugby without hookers and his continued development in coming seasons marks him as one to watch.



### **ASTON LEBLER**

A leader on and off the pitch. Aston worked together with his fellow front rowers to lead a dominant set piece. He continued his excellent work around the park in broken play but the quality of his new skill of line out lifting was especially pleasing to see.



### **FRED WAY**

Returning with this brother to the squad, Fred added much needed strength outside with his sound positional play and gazelle like runs down the wing.



### **HAMISH TEGART**

Another of the Balmain connection, the quality of his passing from the scrum base was a highlight, Hamish made the transition to a new team seamlessly, allowing the backline to do their stuff.



### **HENRY LAPHAM**

Mr Versatility, Henry just wants to get his hands on the ball. Equally at home in the centres or back row, Henry continued to demonstrate his eye for a gap with many devastating open field runs.



### **HUGH GLASSCOCK**

High marked his arrival into the U13 squad quickly, scoring on debut against Lane Cove. His game continues to develop, season highlight was the try against Newport in the corner after being on for 5 seconds!





**JACK ROBINSON**

Injury put a dint in Jack’s season following the early promise of preseason and trials. On his return he slid back into the No 10 jumper easily. The highlight of the season was his tackle on his opposite against Easts on Woollahra No 1 - one for the highlight reel.



**JAKE MATTHEWS**

Jake continued to dominate around the ground in his loose forward role either on the side or No 8 Jake adds strength. His dominance both in the tackle and at the breakdown were highlights of the season



**JAMES BARANOWSKI**

Making the step up in age group, James’ talent is clear for all to see. Dominant in the No 7 jumper he also played a role in the centres when needed. James’ broken field running and ability to snuff out opposition attack with his defence added strength to the team each week.



**JEREMIAH LAUPEPA**

A dominant ball runner equally at home in the front row and lifting at the front of the lineout. Adding much needed strength and going forward to our pack, Jeremiah was a welcome addition to the team and adds to the strong Canterbury influence on our joint venture team.



**JASPER COHEN**

Jasper continued his development as a valued and dependable member of the backline. This season his defensive skills and ability to read the game improved out of sight.



**JT**

A new convert to the game they play in heaven. JT was on a steep learning curve, but his willingness to listen and apply himself saw his rugby skills and knowledge develop quickly. One to watch for the seasons ahead.



**JOSHUA MOILA**

Joshua’s season started full of promise by scoring the teams first try of the year against Briars, only to be ended quickly through a training ground broken arm which had the coaching staff questioning

their methods. Joshua is an exciting player to watch, ghosting through defensive lines and mowing them down in cover defence.



**OSCAR THURECHT**

Adding a Balmain flavour to our joint venture operation, Oscar became the teams go to No 6. Hard work at the breakdown not always seen by the crowd ensured we could maintain and gain possession that enabled the backs to shine. Oscar displayed maturity

beyond his years in leading the Balmain players into a new team environment for season 2020.



**KAI HASSELBERG**

- Despite his size, Kai packs a punch. Awesome in both attack and defence Kai continued on his fantastic form from last year. Equally at home at the back or the wing, Kai in full flight is something to see.



**MILO HERSHMAN**

A leader in the forwards. This season saw Milo spread his wings into the back row where his willingness to lead the forward into the opposition defensive line was a hallmark of the season.



**LACHLAN SUENI**

Part of the Canterbury connection, Lachlan had a great year in the hooker's role. Enjoying throwing to a well performed line out, Lachlan also excelled in the close exchanges.



**LUCAS KOHEN**

Whether at 10 or 15, Lucas is a valuable member of the team, setting the back line alight, bringing down opposition runners in cover or kicking goals from the sideline. Lucas can do it all.



**OLIVER BOULOS**

Returning to the Shammies, Ollie's rugby game improved greatly once he realized how big he really is! Will use this knowledge to continue his improvement in the coming years.



**ORLANDO WINTER**

Another new convert to the Shammies, Orlando flying down the wing was sight to behold this season. As his rugby knowledge positional play improves, he will be one to watch in seasons to come.



**OSCAR WAY**

A return to Shammies colours for Oscar after some time in greener pastures. Oscar demonstrated that he has developed into an excellent second rower who was born for lineout jumping.

Combining with our lifters to dominate opposition set piece Oscar laid the platform for the rest of the team to build.



**SAM WILLIAMS**

New to Shammies colours, Sam continues to grow and develop his rugby game. Willing to take on any new challenge playing both in the backs and the back row. Sam will take his new skills

into the new season and develop into an intelligent footballer.



**SPENCER DAVIES**

Spencer continues to put in performances that defy his size. A good rugby brain enables him to get to the break down and defend where it is needed most



**TJ (VC)**

As always TJ stood strong in the middle of the park. Making the No 12 jersey her own. A leader within the group she sets the example for behaviour, dedication and effort.



**TOM WATERWORTH**

Newfound size and confidence in contact were the hallmarks of Tom's year. His defence in and around the scrum base and ruck and the pressure on opposition 9's lead to valuable turnover ball. A great season.



**ULAKAI TUITAVAKE**

Ulakai might not say much but 2020 saw him grow in confidence. Leading the forward defensive line into the Newport pack was a season highlight for Ulakai who continues to grow, mature and improve.



# UNDER 14'S SEASON REPORT

14's had another huge season with loads of fun but a lot of hard work at training and great rugby. , Our off-season saw huge changes for us...

- We said goodbye to about 10 of our wonderful families, thank you for your service to Shammies and you are always welcome back
- We welcomed 10 new families – all of whom embraced our team first / family culture
- We welcomed back the Hassens and the Papas families
- Ben Stephens handed over the Head Coach baton to Richard Chen
- Richard was joined by Ant Prior who we know well from Balmain
- We had our first full-on Sunday morning pre-season fitness sessions

The pandemic never shook this group...they just kept turning up and trying to improve their game.

On the field we played a mixture of A grade and A/B grade (that is a long story) and the boys continued to do themselves and their club proud with their on-field performances. This is a brave group of young men who are getting better and better each year. At the time of writing, we had won more games than we had lost, and every victory was hard fought...it is a tough comp but we are earning our stripes.

I believe I speak for every parent by thanking the Club Committee (especially the Executive) for enabling this season to proceed in extremely difficult circumstances. There is a debt of gratitude there which is enormous. The amount of work behind the scenes by JK and others will never be truly understood.

To all our families, thank you for getting your kids through the season...and for responding so well to all the changes and requests that have been thrown at you.

To our coaches Rich and Ant, you boys provided enormous stability and strength to our kids...in our hot and sweaty pre-season, in our iso-zoom meetings, in the trainings, throughout the stop-start season...you were a brilliant constant force for these boys and for the families.

Thank you also to our Covid team (Renee, Ruth, Jeny et al) who helped get us through all the questions and scanning and paperwork, it is hugely appreciated by the group.

Lastly to our boys...you are a fantastic group of developing young men. You are a completely different squad to the last few years, and it is a credit to you how well you have bonded. Although there is a nucleus of rusted-on immovable families that hopefully stick around this group forever, it has been wonderful continuing to build our culture with all our new families. These changes, and the way our boys embrace them, make for an exciting 2021!!

Til pre-season...and maybe some socially-distant bonhomie when circumstances allow.

- Written by **Dave Lennox** on behalf of all the **u14** families.

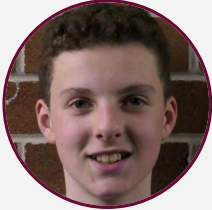








## PLAYER PROFILES



### ANDREW 'THE BRAVE' LYONS - FLANKER

Andrew has modelled his game off the premier modern day opensides. He is tough at the breakdown with a technique that either results in a steal or a penalty for his team

when he is the 1st to arrive. He defends on the edge of the ruck and uses his line speed to cut down opposition runners and he secures the ball whenever he takes it forward or is supporting a teammate. Every team needs an Andrew or hopefully 2 or 3 of them.



### ANTHONY 'QUICKSTEP' BORDINA - OUTSIDE CENTRE

After warming into the season, this young lad started putting on one brilliant performance after another. His pick and go open running and commitment to

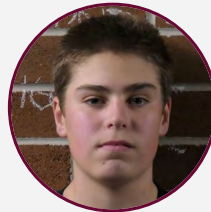
the break down demanded attention and respect from teammates and spectators. Outstanding commitment and generosity of spirit describes this player who really came out of his shell and found his demolition hat this year. Fantastic effort.



### ATIELI 'THE BIG SHOW' NAU - BACK ROW - OFA

Ofa is always there to inspire the rest of his team with an amazing tackle busting run, a heavy tackle that traps the opposition behind the advantage line or even the

odd chip and chase (although maybe that trick should stay in the bag in future if we don't want Ant and Richard to have heart attacks). Ofa can turn the game on its head with his considerable rugby skills but is just as important to the team harmony through his willingness to embrace new teammates, make them feel welcome and the genuine care he displays.



### AYDEN 'THE FRESHMAN' WELSH - WING

Brand new to the sport, brand new to the team. Ayden was on a huge learning curve this year and relished the challenge. A quiet and confident kid who never shirked even when he was hurting. He improved steadily as his time in the group progressed and he will benefit for lots more game time in the future.



### BILLY 'THE SPEED MACHINE' BLAIR - WING

Billy has been a valuable addition to our team this year from Balmain. Able to outpace most opposition defensive efforts with an amazing change of speed, Billy has scored

some impressive full length of the field tries this season. It's an absolute pleasure seeing him run with the ball, but just as pleasing to see him chase down attackers who feel they have an open try line in front of them.



### BILLY 'MR RELIABLE' DAGARIN - FLANKER

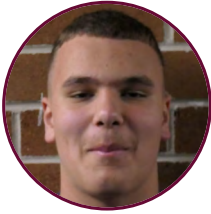
It was great to have Billy as part of the group this year from Canterbury. We remembered his tenacity as part of the Uni team several years ago. He

has excellent technique in defence and is one of the reasons that teams trying to run through our forward pack were generally stopped in their tracks. Great to have you with us Billy.



### BRENDAN 'THE JOKER' BENNETT - PROP

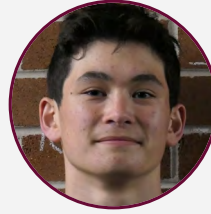
Brendan has been an immense presence in the team for many years. He is funny and a bit 'outside the square' but is also a leader on the field. He is the first to put his hand up in attack and defence and has added fine ball skills to his repertoire. His performance against the huge Rockdale pack was one for the ages. He has missed the last half of the season through injury and was sorely missed. We look forward to seeing him take the field in Shammies colours again next year.



### **ELIAS 'BEAST MASTER' PAPPAS – PROP**

Elias has had a great return to rugby union. His passion and discipline to the game has been a phenomenon. Elias has been a valuable forward this season...

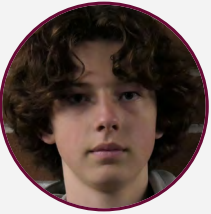
making tackles, good runs and ferocious cleanouts. Seeing him with the ball in hand determined to run over the top of anything in front of him is a real sight to behold. Elias has had a massive comeback to rugby. Every teams needs an Elias!



### **'MONSTER' GABE TURNER – OUTSIDE CENTRE**

Gabe has been a brilliant addition to our team this year. His commitment to the team has been a valuable part of Gabe's game this year. Had half of the

season out with a broken wrist but that does not change how he played when he returned. Gabe could track any player down from far away. Gabe's defence was a standout this year, being able to see him take people down double his height and weight. Gabe has a huge future ahead of him.



### **HARPER SMITH – WING**

Seeing Harper turn up for his first training session at Rugby, you can see that he has the attributes to become a solid player – tall, strong, fit and fast. He is keen to learn and has a mild manner

about him that all of his fellow players' respect. When he has the ball in hand he can put on the pace and considering this is his first year playing, it is impressive that he doesn't show any fear in defence and getting up in the face of the opposition.



### **HARRY 'THE SNIPER' STEPHENS – #9**

Harry is the teams general at scrum half with the unenviable responsibility to decide when to release the potent backline and when to direct the willing

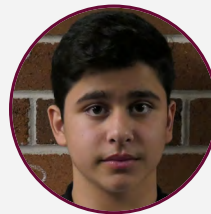
forward pack to roll it forward up the middle. It is a roll that Harry does exceptionally well which is why this team can develop real momentum that other sides struggle to contain. Harry is also a very committed and effective defender but the real measure of his commitment and toughness was the charge down try that he executed against the Vikings that changed the tone of the game and set up a big win.



### **TOM CHANTER**

Tom has been a wonderful player for Shammies for many years, and during pre-season, he was fit, strong and raring to go. An unfortunate bike accident meant that we did not get to see him on

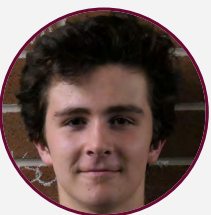
the field. Such an impressive kid, he used the time to keep fit and become a qualified referee and also helps coach some of the younger age groups. That is the stuff that sets the example for the younger kids, thanks Tom.



### **ISAAC 'THE THIEF' ZOULD – HOOKER**

Isaac continues to improve all his skills on the rugby paddock. He is becoming quite exceptional at burrowing through small spaces to create a turnover...or creep through

a lineout to throw himself on a loose ball, and his raking in the scrum has won us unexpected tight heads. He is tough and uncompromising and the team lifts when he is on the paddock.



### **JACK 'THE GIANT' LENNOX – 2ND ROW**

Coming back from a sensational Rugby Tour of JAPAN with the glorious U'13S Shammies juniors with at least two!! Breaks in the same collar bone Jack is still brimming with confidence and shows it on the rugby field with his continuous strong Fast running with ball in hand Bursting into space Creating gaps and showing the way forward. It's great to see your ever-smiling face back on the field again Jack.

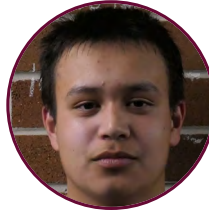




### **JACKSON 'CALM UNDER PRESSURE' FEENEY – WING/ FULLBACK**

Jackson is a very intelligent rugby player with an ability to get himself in the right places at the right time. He is excellent at cleaning up a

loose ball, making a pressure tackle in the outside backs and supporting players when they are tackled away from the rest of the team. When he gets the ball in hand, he almost always makes the right decision. He is getting better every year.



### **JOSH 'GREEN MACHINE' CHEN**

Josh celebrated his 6th season in style. He is one of the most consistent performers you could hope for. Our mid-field defence has been a hallmark of this

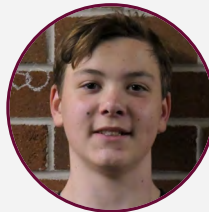
team for a few years and his combination with Maddox/Daniel and others has been formidable. It is hard to remember him missing a tackle and his quiet demeanour has him pegged for future leadership. Congratulations on entering the 100 club Josh.



### **KAYDEN 'THE MISSILE' HASSEN – 2ND ROW**

After a couple of years away from the team it was great to see Kayden come back to the Shammies with his always positive disposition. The team

has really appreciated him being back and he adds and extra layer of depth and skill. He is an extremely strong ball runner and is never afraid to take on the line, breaking through more often than not. As a utility forward he can play anywhere and be effective in both attack and defence.



### **LOUIE 'DON'T ARGUE' PRIOR – FRONT ROW**

Year on year Louie has developed his rugby brain ten-fold. The package of understanding the game and where to be, combined with the commitment is making

Louie a formidable opponent. Louie is always willing to take the ball up and hit the opponent head on regardless of the size or skill they may have. Every time he takes up the ball, he has perfect skills to ensure that the team keeps possession. In defence he is the first to take on the ball carrier and is 100% committed to the win.



### **THE QUIET' LUKE 'RAPTIS – BACK ROW**

He is the quiet achiever in the team. A welcome addition to the squad from Canterbury, Luke was an absolute pleasure to have around. He is quiet and polite, but

a real menace on the field. He is fit and fast and a very skilful backrower. He was responsible for gaining lots of metres through the middle of the ruck and also got many turnovers by being first at the breakdown and getting his hands on the ball. Fantastic having you around Luke!



### **MADDOX 'THE MARVEL' ODDY – 5/8**

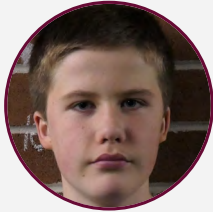
Maddox is an unflappable rock at Fly Half. He is an excellent front on defender regardless of the size of the opposition. Maddox is also the key in executing the backline

plays that are practiced repeatedly on the training paddock. Whilst he executes this role very well it is the eyes up decision making of when to not pass and take a tackle rather than put his outside backs under pressure that sets Maddox apart. Against some much bigger opposition across A and B grade Maddox hasn't taken a backwards step



### **'THE MAN' MARAN PETKOVICH – BACK ROW**

Maran had a tough run with injuries disrupting his season but that didn't stop him from playing in more positions than anyone else in the team. Whilst Maran has traditionally applied his considerable skills to the 2nd row and Loose Forward positions, this year he found himself in the Centres and even as the competitions largest Scrumhalf for 1 game. It doesn't matter what position Maran plays, he is a leader on the field through his actions and positive reinforcement to his teammates



**HUGH 'CRANKY' CRAKANTHROP – UTILITY FORWARD**

As Hughey showed on the Tour of Japan, he is always dependable and in the thick of it. His intelligent reading of the game holding it together for the team, Always the team player. A great decision to play another season Hughey.



**TANE 'DON'T WORRY, I'LL STOP THEM' DOLAN – FULLBACK**

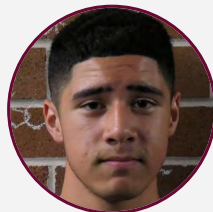
Tane had a ripper season at the back. A safe custodian with excellent ball skills, his pound for pound strength was an inspiration, pulling off loads of tackles that shutdown opposition momentum.



**TIM 'SECRET WEAPON' CAUSER – WINGER/FULLBACK**

When things don't quite go to plan and the opposition speedster has broken through all lines of defence and the try line is in sight, the feeling of conceding a

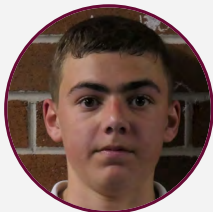
try is upon you, the speedster sees Tim and has that triumphant look on his face, one last obstacle, but in a well-judged split second the speedster is eating turf as he has been axed down by the ever dependable hard hitting fullback Tim the AXE Causer. Another great season Tim, love your work. A few bumps and bruises are part of the game, Wear Them With Pride.



**SIAOSI 'THE FINISHER' MAHE – WING**

He is a try scoring machine! Not many wingers have the ability to beat 4 defenders to score a try by running more than half the field, but Siaosi can. Siaosi has the

drive to beat any player in attack and the motivation in defence to chase down anyone who has the ball. He never wants to come off the paddock and is always striving to be the best he can be.



**'MR RELIABLE' ZACHARY BOYLE-PROP**

Zach is rarely seen from the sidelines because he is always right in the thick of things. He has the agility to follow the ball around the paddock all day and never gives up. He is always polite and respectful to everyone that he engages with and just wants to learn as much as he can about the game. He plays the game with precision and motivation every time and hasn't had an 'off' game all season.





# UNDER 15'S SEASON REPORT

After a long wait, the rugby season was on before the unthinkable happened and the season looked uncertain. We realised that life without rugby was no good. We finally ended up starting the season with seventeen players and 60% of them had never played rugby but were willing to learn.

On 26th July, we had our first game against Lane Cove at home. Our boys ran onto the field confident and ready to play, but Lane Cove were too strong and gave us a hiding.

Our next game was away against Burraneer who are a strong, well drilled and organised team. Burraneer gave us a good rugby lesson and another hiding. Brilliant performances from some of our players but it was like trying to stop a runaway train. I would like to acknowledge Burraneer's coaching staff who helped us out with players on the day.

Next was Newport. At training before gameday, the heavens opened so I decided to have an indoor classroom session. We'd lost to Newport in a trial game so it was a good time to take the players to the whiteboard and explain how we could match-up. There were lots of discussion and questions to understand how the game works the why's, where and when's. On gameday we were ready and confident. The first 20 minutes showed that our indoor session worked. The boys all played brilliantly and started showing signs of good rugby and the shape we want to play. Newport beat us that day but had to work bloody hard for the win.

We remained on the road for our next game against Norwest Bulls. The Bulls were short players, so we loaned them two to even up numbers. Our played good, structured rugby and you could see our improvements from the sideline. Norwest Bulls were strong with their big forward pack and fast backs. Everyone on the sideline was kept guessing about who would win and when the final whistle blew, Norwest were the winners by two points. We continued to travel and returned to Burraneer. During the week, Burraneer had offered us help on game day, but I told them we'd wait and see. The boys took to the field with a plan in their pockets.

From kick-off to the end of the game, the whole town of Burraneer was in shock because our boys were playing rugby and let Burraneer suffer. I took a glimpse over at the Burraneer coach's box and their faces told the story of a team drowning on the rugby field. All their coaches were searching for their plan B but couldn't find it. The score was even most of the game until the last ten minutes when their fresh reserves come onto the field and won the game for them. We did not just put a scare to Burraneer's players but also to their coaching staff. We later received an email from their head coach to congratulate us and let us know how much our boys had grown since our previous game.

Finally, our long tour away ended and we played Drummoyne at home. We had worked on our defence at training and had a plan. Drummoyne came up against us with their big forward pack and fast, tall backs. We made sure that we took control of every scrum and used them for a shopping trolley, and we pushed that trolley up and down the oval. Our backs were awesome in defence and attack, and the forwards lay great platforms for the backs to play from. The game was fifty-fifty until we took the lead in the second half. The boys were brilliant played as a team and got rewarded for it. Drummoyne scored a late try on the bell but couldn't change the scoreboard and we registered our first win for the season. We all burst into our team song with Kye as lead singer and the rest of the team as backup singers.

I would like to give a massive thanks to Fiona Davies for managing our team during a difficult season, to Nik for his role as assistant coach and for his time and commitment, and to Dan for his help warming the boys up before games. I would also like to say thank you to every parent who made it possible for the boys to come to training and to games.

To the players, thank you for playing this game, thank you for listening, the questions you ask and for your beliefs. You never gave up when we got beaten by the opposition, you never let the person next to you down and that attitude shows that you will go far in this game. Thank you for letting me teach you the game that I play for 32 years and I hope I make a difference in your game.

**Wayne Afrika**  
**Amici per Rugby**

## PLAYER PROFILES



### FRANKIE DAVIES

Captain, Second Rower - Frankie was again our full-time captain this year. Our raging bull has great leadership, skills and is a strong ball runner. He understands the game very well and loves a challenge. He knows where the try line is because he's been there many times.



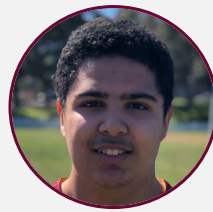
### FELIX SPRANGE

Half Back - Felix has established himself as an important member of the leadership group. The point from which the Backs set themselves up from. Every year Felix sees improvement in his game and this year is no exception. With confidence, speed and accuracy we watch him go from strength to strength. A pleasure to coach.



### AEDAN THOMPSON

Hooker - Aedan is one of our senior members. A very skilful player and knows his way to a try line. Aedan shows good leadership, and he is one tough player.



### HUDSON AFRIKA

Flanker - Hudson played his second year of rugby and showed that he learned a lot in 2019. Hudson loves to hit the ball up off our phase play and shows signs of improvement and is starting to love the game more.



### JEMESA NARAWA

Prop - Jemesa joined Shammies this season after a long break from rugby. He's recently been playing rugby league but decided to give rugby another go. He's learned a lot about the game and asks questions to understand the game better. He plays an important role in our team and is a handful for opposition teams.



### SIMATA KIOA

Flanker - First timer at the club, Simata played rugby league before but was curious about what rugby's like. He's learned a lot and understands his role in the team. He loves the physical part of the game and he is an awesome defender.



### JOSH SIM LIND

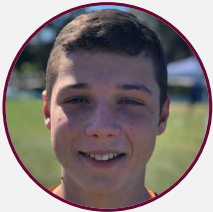
Wing - Josh is also new to Petersham but came with such enthusiasm we knew we were gaining a valuable player. With speed to burn his natural home was is the wing. Never satisfied with waiting for the ball to come to him, he always attempts to inject himself into the action. With his slight frame we were concerned about his defence...which was not to be as he always made heroic tackles.



### KYE MARTIN

Wing - Kye is another stalwart with Petersham, having played from the Minis. His leadership skills are very apparent from the sidelines where all can hear him directing his backs in to position and making sure they are on side or covering up in defence. Always a capable defender to any sized opponent. Coupled with his speed down the sideline, Kye is a very valuable member of the team.





### LOUIS RUELLE

Flanker - Louis is a senior member in our team, and he is tough as nails. Louis is a very handy line-out jumper and doesn't back down for the bigger opponents.



### NICK BUI

Flanker - Nick is a new player at the club and playing rugby for the first time. Nick has started to understand the game and give his all when he takes to the field. He puts his body on the line when needed.



### NILS BACIC

Second Rower - Another of our experienced players and an awesome line-out jumper. Good defender, good attacking player and loves to get physical around the rucks.



### QUILLAN UNG

Prop - Quill is a quiet assassin, always wants the ball and removes opposition players physically out of his way. Good strong scrummager and defender.



### SAM HASSAN

Ten - Sam has been with Petersham for many years and is a key member of the leadership team. As testament to Sam's talent, he was brought in from outside centre to now guiding the boys around the paddock from 5/8th with incredible insight. His skills and talent are so enjoyable to watch.



### SITIVENI TAULANGA

8 - Steven is a newcomer to the team with a rugby league background. He loves to clear the oval in front of him when he's running with the ball. He always puts our team on the front foot over the advantage line. He doesn't mind carrying four players on his back over the try line.



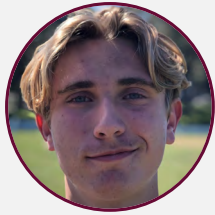
### OSCAR GREVILLE

Second Rower and 8 - An unfortunate training ground mishap led to Oscar missing most of a shortened season this year. His inspirational presence was missed on the field and there's no doubt his influence could have changed some of our close results. Hopefully there's the opportunity to pick up on the missing rep season from this year as Oscar has the potential to challenge for higher rep honours.



### MAX CHRISTIE

Centre - Max joined us this season, but having played with Petersham in the past, came with skills. He found a home at the inside centre. Pairing up with Sam like they had been playing together for years. Confidant in making the tackle and a keen eye in spotting the gap and taking the team past the gain line. Keen listener and fast learner. We're excited to watch his progress in Petersham Rugby.



**ARCHER MORRIS**

Centre - Archer is a player who joined Petersham this year. With no prior rugby experience, we were not sure where to slot Archer in at first. But we quickly realised his athleticism would be a great asset to the team. A very

quick leaner, he found his place at outside centre where he was able to easily link with the wings and our fullback. Again, another exciting player to watch into the future.



**FELIX COOREY**

Wing - New to Petersham and new to rugby. Came to join with a couple of friends and made a whole lot more. Another fearless tackler no matter the size of the opponent. With only a couple of games under his belt in these

unprecedented times, he is still finding his position in the game. Playing on the wing has given him a good insight into the game and I can only see him getting better and better. I look forward to coaching him next year.



**JACOB KELLY**

Super sub - Jake took a year or two off to pursue his interest in music. We asked him to give rugby another try, and it seems like he never left. Someone like Jake can slot in anywhere in the back line

and look like the position has always been his. A pleasure to coach as he takes all the input given him in his stride. Holding his spot in the full back position for most of the season until injury laid him low. We hope he enjoyed his season and we're excited to train with him next season.



**TOMMY TREHARNE**

Full Back - There's a clown in every team and he's ours. But with Tom pushing upwards of 200 games with The Mighty Shammies, his experience on the field showing his leadership style always leading

from the front. He always wants to get involved in everything. Confident under the high ball, fearless in going forward and defence always improving. (Remember the legendary ankle tap?) A solid back-up to Sam in guiding the team around in any situation. An extremely talented player and one to watch into the future.





# UNDER 16'S SEASON REPORT

As I am sure everyone will note and agree, it certainly was not a standard year, with Covid protocols and shutdowns running riot over the season. However, I am pleased that we did get to play some football in the end, although it must be said that it is a little weird commenting about a season after only 6 games.

We had two main objectives for the season, the first was to play "big boy footy" and the second was to ensure that the boys would be better prepared for either colts of first 15 rugby for the following year. I am pleased to say that we achieved both.

Our game plan has been mature in its nature with an expansive style of rugby implemented incorporating all 15 players. This has led to some excellent wins, notably against last year's winners Randwick, a flogging of Chatswood and a categoric win against a massive Blacktown side.

During pre-season the boys were exposed to Colts based fitness activities and were also involved in a beach session. My oldest son, Connor, a current first colt at Sydney Uni, has been instrumental in delivering these programs, many from his own training. I thank him for the effort he has put in, the boys related to him as a big brother and were also able to see first-hand what is required to make it at rugby at the highest level.

A few other thanks are required. Sarah Pinchbeck and Karyn Ortolani have been extremely helpful on game day with managerial duties and their efforts are always appreciated. Mel Arko has been active as a Ground and Covid Manager. Gleeso has done the lion share of assistant referee work and does a fantastic job in what can be trying conditions.

Thanks to Sam Jenkins, the best cameraman in the business. Also, thanks to Campo, who has donated gear and med supplies for the boys, it was appreciated. Many thanks to Dunny, for his work behind the scenes in trying to close the gap between Sydney Uni colts and Petersham 16's.

Lastly thanks to Paul Dagarin, who has allowed our side to train on Wills Ground every week. I can't emphasise enough how valuable this has been in developing a game that uses the full width of the field. Being able to train on a full field has certainly made our expansive game plan come to fruition. You can't play with width if you don't train with width.

## **1883 Winner-Jack Riley**

Jack has had an outstanding season both on and off the field. Since early in the year where he was an important member of our sevens squad, he has continued to turn up for training and games with almost monotonous regularity.

On the field he has had a great year moving to the No. 10 jersey, where he has run the side around well. Individually, he has tackled anything that moved, and I can think of no better recipient for this award.



## PLAYER PROFILES



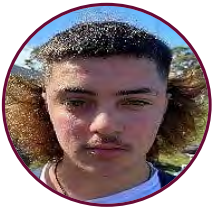
### ABE LEKKAS

A true diamond in the rough, showing massive improvement from last year, Abe adds toughness to our pack with big hits in defence. Can also sniff a try out with a nice double against Blacktown.



### CALLUM TUNKS

Uncompromising front rower who has led the side well. His scrummaging is first rate, and he loves a counter-ruck more than most. A damaging ball carrier, he has developed a passing game this year to compliment this.



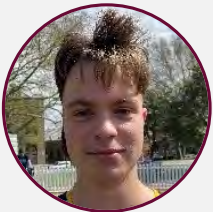
### CHASE COKER-JACOBS

Our second half back who also played out wide. Scored a very good opportunistic try against Chatswood. When playing out wide he was excellent defensively making a couple of noteworthy try saves.



### CONOR DUNN

Showed great development this year, his speed and length of pass lifted immensely. He also worked on his J run and continued to make yards with well-judged scoots.



### DARCY DOYLE

Another promising starter whose season was cut short due to injury. During the games he did play, Darcy was very effective when running in midfield.



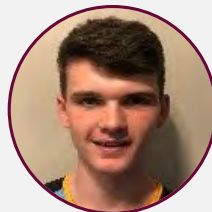
### ETHAN HALATOKOU

A very skilful and impactful player who had his season cut short due to injury. At his best when things get hard and he will no doubt develop into a player of the highest standing. Loves the pilfer.



### JACK RILEY

Was moved to first five this year and steered the team around the paddock well. What he lacks in size he certainly makes up in heart. Pound for pound the best defender in the competition.



### JACKSON CAMPTON

A talented outside back who has excelled in our new structure. He has made many breaks and his try assist column is impressive. Despite copping a mouth of cheek from his father scored a nice try against Blacktown.





### **KAIL MOAGA**

A hard running and hard-hitting centre, who put himself out for the season due to his 110% effort and aggression. Was sadly missed after only playing a few rounds.



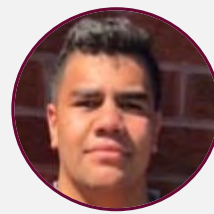
### **JEREMIAH SMYTHE**

A very good loose forward who is at home in contact, not a big lad by any means, but makes his hits count.



### **KYLE RITCHIE**

Consistent performer in mid field, Kyle moves up quickly in defence, and compliments this with genuine skill. Shows good hands and develops the play for his outside backs.



### **MAL CHAMBERS**

Another member of our all-conquering front row, Mal is also a threat with ball in hand. Missed a few weeks in the middle of the season, which hampered his game time and fitness, but played well with limited opportunities.



### **LUKA DAGARIN**

Luka has played both in the second row and in the loose and is a phenomenal ball carrier, with genuine change in pace and direction. Also kicks goals using old school techniques that frankly leave you bewildered.



### **OSCAR ORTOLANI**

Oscar has always been a very good ball carrier and this year was no different. However, his line out throw has been much improved, and he has also developed an excellent chop tackle. He is an integral part of our elite scrum.



### **PESA FEKITOA**

Pesa was as new to the club this year but had immediate impact with his size and powerful running. For a big man he also links very well with his outside support and has been instrumental in many tries scored out wide.



### **RILEY REYNOLDS**

Riley has been solid at the back, with some well-placed kicks and passes for the counterattack. Has beautiful hands and probably just needs to lift his involvement level and chime into the backline a little more often.



### ROB LEOCOMBEER

Rob has been a revelation in the 13 jumper with his rugged defence and running lines. Has put his share of opposition on their behind and has added an intimidation factor out wide that we have previously lacked.



### RYAN GLEESON

An absolute workaholic, who gets through a power of defence in every game he plays in. "Gleeso" is also an explosive lineout jumper, excellent in the air, he wins our ball and also completes several steals of opposition ball.



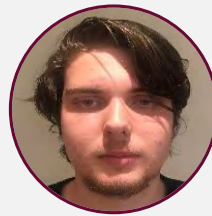
### SEB ARKO

An extremely pacey winger, Seb always finishes well. My only advice to him, is to back yourself. You can't teach speed and Seb has it, he is developing nicely and I believe next year he could be the standout we know he is.



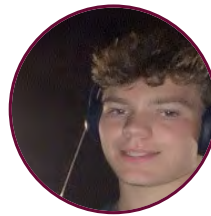
### SEB GOMEZ

An absolute character of the game Seb is our Energiser bunny. He only knows one way and that is flat out. Only had limited opportunities this year due to a calf injury.



### TASMAN ELWIG-POLLOCK

An absolute revelation this year with massive improvements to all parts of his game. A big lad, with limited experience, I would expect him to continue to grow as a footballer next year.



### TOM MACLEAN

A very energetic player, who is literally everywhere on the field. Along with the two boys above he has been a key member of our scrum that has pushed every side around. He only has one speed and it is flat out.



### UALENI TAUFUI

Mr Versatile, he can play loose forwards or inside backs. Another one of our big ball carriers, I would suggest that he leads the side in post contact metres.



### WALKER GAFF

Tex only had limited opportunities this year due to being based in Orange for schooling. When he did play, he is a wholehearted performer who'll do anything that is asked of him.



### WILSON JENKINS

Wilson plays like he's 120kg, but he's nowhere near that and was injured for most of the season doing to many hard yards. Level-headed performer who has a great understanding of the game, he'll be back better and stronger next year





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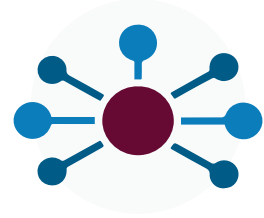
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