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JUNIORS RUGBY**

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JUNIORS RUGBY

2022

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

SHAMMIES AIMS

Fun

Ensure all kids and parents have fun in a safe atmosphere where kids improve their abilities

Values

Ensure kids learn more than how to play rugby

Community

Ensure the Shammies play a role within our broader community

Coaches

Support all our coaches and managers to develop

Pathways

Connect our Club from minis through to seniors rugby

Partners

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

OBJECTIVES 2022

- 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 Rugby
- Be the lead on 'Girls Rugby' in the inner west
- Evolve 'The Shammy Way' of coaching – improve coaching and managers through training and accreditation
- Rugby tourists!



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COMMITTEE



John Kilkenny *President*
Dad of Javier
(U13), **Thalia** (U9)



Angela Walker *Secretary*
Mum of Edward (u13),
Robbie (u11)



Trudie Harriman *Treasurer*
Mum of Will (u12)



Dan Waterworth *Club Coach*
Dad of Tom (u15), **Liam** (u12), **Finn** (u9)



Dave Lennox *Projects*
Dad of Jack (u16) , **Tom** (u13)



Nick May *Gear*
Dad of Max (u13)



Helen McGlade *Events*
Mum of Alex (u13)



Nick Gormly *Registrar*
Dad of James (u13)

COACHES AND MANAGERS

Opens: Nik Treharne, Mike Thomas

U16: Cameron Sinclair (Wests), Richard Chen (Petersham)

U15: Jeff Thurecht (Petersham), Jono Mullings (St Ives), Rebecca Lebler (Petersham), Warren Barnett (St Ives)

U14: Angus MacDonald, David Cooper, Mick Dandy, Richard Hainsworth, Ross Henry

U13: Eden Barros, James Breen, John Kilkeny, Marcie Kilkeny, Nick May, Scott Blackford

U12: Ben Khan, Juliana Bates, Troy Cameron

U11: Andrew Clarke, Frank Rego, Laura Phemister, Shogo Kikuchi

U10: Blair Callon, Claire Zanotti, Liz Bird

U9: Nathan Lusted, Olivia Mesley, Tom Taylor

U8: Melanie Robertson, Paul Luchi, Jeremy Wilcox

U7: Alex Johnson, Malcom Tangi, Tristan Worledge

U6: Eban Rainey, Stewart Bell, Tristan Worledge

Sense Rugby: Aaron Jackson



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I have a mate who tells sad Dad jokes, his favourite joke when talking to me about Petersham Juniors is: "Shammies, they are good in the wet!". Well, we had to be this year because we had the wettest summer and winter on record. While this disrupted the the start of the season it did not hold back this fantastic community Club.

This was the first year we have achieved our vision to turn juniors into Shammie seniors. Jack Riley was our first graduating Junior Shammie to play colts. It was a real thrill to not only see him play his first Colts game but several other 200 game Shammies (Tom Maclean and Tommy Treharne) also make their debut later in the year. This journey through the juniors is a real testament to all the hard work previous coaches, managers and committees have put into these young men and long may it continue.

2022 season was also the first time we have fielded a team in every age group in Sydney Rugby – u6 to Opens grade. What was particularly pleasing to see is the way we even had some older Shammies Colts make themselves available for our Opens team and see how those two teams trained together. This continued cooperation with our Senior Club can only make our local rugby community stronger.

While we had lots of teams our players numbers were slightly down to 273 players. This is not an unusual occurrence across team sports post covid. As a Club our main challenge next year, along with NSW Rugby and Sydney Juniors Rugby, is to revitalise our Minis recruitment and once again start growing a strong player and volunteer base. Look out next year for some new innovations around the Minis competition.

A couple of key pillars of the Shammies Juniors were back again this year – socialising and touring! For the first time in 2 years we could finally have all club Trivia night. What a night it was and it was great to see so many families attend and really enjoy themselves. The proceeds from that night will go to the u13s tour of New Zealand in September. Touring is what the Shammies do best and we are hoping post covid we are back to business as usual. The template we have set up in 2022 can be followed by all our following u13s age groups.

All these Club achievements of course would not be possible without all our volunteers. I thank you all for your contribution this year. A special mention to all those long term Shammies families that will be leaving us this year because their son has outgrown the juniors, thank you for your contribution to the club over many years. We hope you will always fondly remember your time with the Juniors. On a more personal note I would also like to thank my family (Marcela, Javier and Thalia), as a family we have had some health challenges over the last 18 months but the continued passion and support you share with everyone in the Club is very much appreciated.

I thank our Club sponsors WestAshfield, White Cockatoo Hotel, Belle Property Newtown, Red Rooster and CrossFit Play. Without your support we would simply not be able to provide the same level of services to our members.

Finally I thank the 2022 committee. Your continued dedication and effort ensures we are the leading Inner West juniors rugby club.

A would like to close with a personal highlight of the year for me. This really summarises what I think rugby is about and why I am so passionate about the game. In March this year I got a random email from a German family that had decided to travel the world for 6 months. Their 12 year son was bored of travelling and really missed rugby – which he plays in Berlin. His coach in Berlin is an ex Shummy and suggested they get in touch with me. Well one thing led to another and this 12 year old (Rapha) stayed with our family for three weeks to get a true rugby experience. Everyday he would watch a rugby game, he would come to training, he would do extra training (thanks CrossFit Play) and he played 3 games for the u13s (he was bloody good too). This experience is what Rugby gives us the opportunity to do – it doesn't matter where you go in the world you will find a Rugby community and they will feed you, shelter you and share their stories with you. What a wonderful game we have.

Enjoy the summer break!

Yours in Rugby



John Kilkenny (JK) –
Club President

Key 2022 Club Achievements

1. Juniors transition into Senior Colts
2. Registrations steady: 273 registered players
3. Successful Trivia night – post Covid
4. U12s grand final winners
5. U13s New Zealand tour
6. Expanded collaboration with SenseRugby

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CLUB COACHES REPORT 2022

After two lockdown impacted rugby seasons in a row it was fantastic to get a full season of Petersham Juniors Rugby completed in 2022. Despite the wet most Junior Shammies teams managed to get their full complement of game in across the season.

Petersham continued their strong showing at Inner West Mini's fielding 7 teams across the U6 – U9 age groups. Special thanks to Tristan Worledge who provided expert assistance in getting the U6 and U7 up and running smoothly and ensuring a fantastic welcome to the many new families to the club.

Once again, it was great to see the transition to tackling in the U8 and full field play in the U9 over the season. The season finished with a bang in both U8 and U9 with the annual clash of Blue v Maroon providing a fitting end to the season for both age groups.

Thanks to coaches, managers and parents for their flexibility and understanding of the late notice on our two rescheduled games, an inner west clash against Balmain to beat the rain and an early Sunday morning clash at Camperdown prior to the U10 kicking off.

SJRU

The challenges in getting Juniors teams on the field is light years from mini's.

Highlights of the year included both Liz and Claire's joining the club and taking over the coaching roll with our energetic U10 squad. Liz and Claire enthusiasm and professionalism saw the squad go through the season undefeated until the semi's. A great year for the squad as an introduction to SJRU rugby.

Getting older players on the field remains a challenge for local community clubs in the face of private school sport and the many distractions that present themselves to teenagers in the modern world. The efforts of Bec Lebler and Jeff Thurecht in the U15's and Dave Lennox and Richard Chen in the U16's to negotiate, run and manage Joint Venture teams with both St Ives and Wests respectively. To have Shammies kids in these age groups playing rugby is our primary goal and by this criteria the season was a success.

2022 saw Petersham Juniors field an Opens XV for the first time. Again no mean feat getting 16, 17 & 18 year olds on the rugby field. The Opens saw a strengthening of our relationship with the senior club with the team regularly training with Grade. Numbers through COVID, illness and injury became a challenge towards the end of the season but it was great to see the boys out in the famous Maroon and Blue.

Congrats to U13 for making the plate semi-finals in the competitive B/C grade and for the U14 narrowly going down to arch rivals and eventual premiers Balmain.

While very biased the season highlight undoubtedly goes to the mighty U12's who brought home the sole piece of silverware to the club this season taking out the 12E Premiership with a pulsating 12-5 victory over a valiant Manly Roos. The squad only lost one game a heavily COVID / Injury impacted game against St Ives. A well coached squad by Ben and Troy developed significantly over the season to see their best defensive effort of the year in the Grand final to hold out a surging Roos attack in the second half of the Grand Final – the after party may go down in Shammies folk lore.

As the season draws to a close there is still lots going on, U13 tour to NZ, Spring 7's, Junior Girls 7's program to get up and running.

With the growth of the 7's season Rugby is now a 12 month sport with the required extra volunteer effort to get this happening.

Finally, a massive thanks to everyone who has coached, managed, volunteered as AR and Ground manager, scorer or sausage turner. Look out 2023!



DAN WATERWORTH
- CLUB COACH

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW



U14 2022 Action Shots



U10s parents helping on the BBQ



U12s Grand Final winners



Jack Riley our first Junior to play for the Seniors



Love player of the day award



U16 breaking through the tackle



Clapping on Uni



U7 player of the week



Post game hands in



U6s breaking through



U12 lineout



U9s tackling a big opponent



U7 making a 'touch' in defence



Yes it was a muddy season



White Cockatoo take over!



U14s Happy With Another Win

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 2021.

Revenues	Y20 to 31 Dec 20	Y21 to 31 Dec 21
Registration - net	\$35,625	\$34,145
Sponsorship	\$24,900	\$27,875
Tour	\$0	\$3,820
BBQ/Canteen	\$865	\$5,557
Shop/Gear sales	\$4,945	\$2,548
Rep Fees	\$0	\$5,250
Fund Raising - Raffles	\$6,178	\$795
Try Rugby Funding 2020	-\$3,350	\$0
Misc revenue	\$2,000	\$3,752
Total revenue	\$71,163	\$83,743

Costs		
Gear - Kids	-\$39,030	-\$40,538
Gear to Sell	-\$209	-\$13,542
Presentation day	-\$4,439	\$393
Committee/Coach/Mgr Meetings	-\$2,509	\$0
Affiliation	-\$1,892	-\$280
Ground Hire	-\$6,239	-\$6,138
ANZ Eftpos Costs	-\$335	-\$150
Misc expenses	-\$2,141	-\$3,206
Total costs	-\$56,794	-\$63,461
Surplus / (deficit)	\$14,369	\$20,282
Cash Held at Bank		
Main account	\$30,625	\$49,197

Financial Summary

Despite another challenging year with all the rain interruptions, we are pleased that we were able to see some strong fundraising throughout the 2022 season. We really appreciate everyone's support in staffing and supporting our canteen in particular. Our updated menu, stocktake approach and price list saw a significant increase in returns for the club this year, all of which goes straight back into getting the kids on the field, and we look forward to bringing you more Sausages in a Roll next year. Our financial position is strong and allows us to continue to invest for Season 2023. Your ongoing support and that of our sponsors remains critical to our ability get the teams on the field and we look forward to your support in 2023.

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:

	u6/u7	u8/u9	u10s+
Registration Fee	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$210.00
Insurance Fees	\$7.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
NSW Rugby Union Fee	\$23.25	\$40.25	\$40.25
SJRU Association Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11.00
PJRC Club Receives	\$139.75	\$109.75	\$138.75

The Club uses these fees, sponsors contribution and fundraising to pay for playing kit, new training equipment, ground hire, first aiders, presentation days, website/communications etc. The Club is heavily reliant on our Sponsors to provide the full range of services we offer as a Club. 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 register and make sure you nominate on registration intro 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 you are from Petersham Junior Rugby. If it is not recorded then we don't get the credit!
3. Belle Property Newtown - Anthony Tripodi is a fantastic agent and was super happy to attend our trivia night and catch up with new and old clients alike. Think about Belle Property Newtown when you are buying, selling or renting a property. See Belle's special offer in 2022 where they will donate 10% of commission on the sale of a Shammies listing.
4. Red Rooster - The updated menu is great for a Friday night takeaway, home delivery or drop into their convenient Summer Hill location for lunch after a Minis game.
5. CrossFit Play - our new sponsor is a true local and is after one thing... local memberships and getting you fit. The best thing with CrossFit Play is they have program specifically designed for kids and they run 5 days a week. 50% of all memberships go straight back to the Club.

**PROUD SPONSOR
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CLUB**



Anthony Tripodi
Principal

BELLE PROPERTY NEWTOWN SPECIAL OFFER

Belle Property Newtown will happily donate 10% of their sale commission to the Petersham Rugby Club, when a member or friend of the Club lists or refers property for sale in 2022.



Thank you to all our coaches, manager and volunteers in 2022



Love a good Camperdown sunset

1883 CLUB WINNERS 2022

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
Thomas Luchi



U8s Maroons
John Paurini



U9s Blues
Ryan Tappin



U9s Maroons
**Patrick (Paddy)
Taylor**



U10s
George Furey



U11s
Julius Rego



**Thomas
Stockwell**



U12s
Matt Tydd



U13s
Spencer Bowerman



U14s
Hamish Kelly



U15s
Jasper Cohen



U16s
Josh Chen



**Harry
Stephens**



Opens
Tommy Treharne

100 GAME, 200 GAME AND LIFE MEMBERS CLUB

The 100 Game Club is for players and coaches that have represented Shammies for at least 6 seasons. 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 third year we are inducting players into the 200 game club. This is awarded to players that have played 11 seasons with the Club.

200 Game Club



Quillan Ung

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

The BBQ at the Camperdown rotunda

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

None

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

Our first win this year

Who are your sporting heroes?

None

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Show up to training

We also welcome in **Nik Treharne** in the 200 Club as a Coach. Thank you Nik for your many years of dedication to the Juniors Club.



100 Game Club



Alexander Mitchell

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

On my second game when I scored over 10 tries

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

I tackle my sister on the morning of my game, she's a great tackle bag

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

When we beat Balmain

Who are your sporting heroes?

Josh Addo Carr and Nathan Clearly

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Keep practising, train hard and believe in yourself





Edward Walker

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

Playing in the Blue vs Maroon derby in inner west minis and winning player of the match and getting a 10 dollar boost juice voucher

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Strapping myself up with tape, on my wrists, boots and any injured spot

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

Scoring the match winning try off a lineout in the U10 semi final.

Who are your sporting heroes?

Angus Bell

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Get down to training early and practice some personal skills.



Hugo Rutter

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

Playing touch at Concord Oval and having my grandma and grandpa watch me!! We did this every weekend without fail and I loved it as I scored a few tries

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Powerade purchase, Queen song we will rock you!

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

The Mosman game at their oval on a Friday night under the lights and DJ music blasting. We drew and it was a great match. It was so much fun. And the time the three kangaroos bounced across the field at a gala day.... while we were playing rugby!! It was incredible!!!

Who are your sporting heroes?

Richie McCaw, great captain and all black. He is committed and motivates the team in a way few can do! He never gives up.

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Get the tackle technique in your head as soon as you can. Do pre-season training...that is a must!! Make as many friends as possible for life!! It is so much fun even running laps!!

100 Game Club



Fletcher Laphorne

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

Playing touch across the field from sideline to sideline at St Lukes at Concord

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

No. Just turn up and play!

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

Getting to play for Sydney Uni in the State Champs

Who are your sporting heroes?

Bernard Foley & Marika Koroibete

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Find what you are good at and build on that.



Hamish Kelly

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

First training session being told the ball is to be protected over anything

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Listening to my pre game playlist

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

U10's Final

Who are your sporting heroes?

Matt Burton – Five eighth (Bulldogs)

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Never be afraid to speak out and express yourself



100 Game Club



Jake Matthews

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

Captaining my first game back in under 11s

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Pre game advice from dad

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

My first line break after taking the run off the kick off

Who are your sporting heroes?

Jonah Lomu

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Have fun and play hard



James Baranowski

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

Saving a runaway try and winning man of the match

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

None

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

Friday night rugby and the intensity

Who are your sporting heroes?

Josh Schuster

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Play eyes up footy – look for gaps to put your teammates through





Max May

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

Scoring my first try in U8s. Running straight down the middle with a smaller boy hanging off my jersey.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Not really. Just try to get fired up.

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

Brisbane tour last season was just brilliant all round.

Who are your sporting heroes?

I don't really have any. I like any team that works hard as a team.

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Work hard at training and respect your coach (my Dad told me to say that)



Owen Charles

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

Post game BBQ sausage at Concord

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

"Shammies on three!"

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

Making new mates, and playing with friends since I was 6

Who are your sporting heroes?

Charlie Gamble and his awesome moustache!

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Stick with it, you will get better, and it will be fun and also practice the club song, the "Oh aren't we a wonderful credit to our locality" line is tricky!



100 Game Club



Josh Baranowski

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

Getting absolutely smashed by massive forward & getting straight back up - I realized the contact didn't hurt from then on

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

None

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

Getting on the field and playing with mates

Who are your sporting heroes?

None

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Give it your best and don't let your teammates down



Louis Ruelle

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

I still remember my first training session and meeting new people and i liked the drills and learning simple game plans.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

No rituals but i like the pre-huddle with the lads.

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

Every game is great but of course scoring my first try for the Shammies.

Who are your sporting heroes?

As a Frenchman i would have to say Antoine Dupont.

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Enjoy the game and Shammies spirit!



Robbie Walker

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

Winning the player of the week medal at Minis.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Chugging a Powerade for extra energy.

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

I have loved every season playing with my best mates.

Who are your sporting heroes?

Bernard Foley

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

The Shammies is a great place to make new friends



Robbie Clarke

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

Stepping onto the field and having my picture taken with teammates

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Taking a couple of breaths, flick the switch and run out onto the field

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

Last week's game where I did a swan dive to score a try

Who are your sporting heroes?

Michael Hooper, Jonah Lomu, Alex Deminaur, Steve Smith and Latrell Mitchell

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Go out there and have some fun in other words "just Smash em!" !

100 Game Club



Walker Gaff

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

Being introduced to all the coaches specifically Dunny and trading jokes about each other's nicknames

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Listen to plenty of pump-up music and I always put my boots on from right to left

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

Going over to New Zealand for the tour of Queenstown, it was a great experience shared with a lot of the boys and coaches and I will never forget breaking my arm whilst I was there.

Who are your sporting heroes?

My sporting heroes would have to be Karl Anthony Towns in the NBA, Jordan Petaia in Rugby and Daniel Ricciardo in the F1

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Embrace the amazing team culture, wear the emblem with pride and of course have fun



William Harriman-Khan

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

The earliest thing I remember is when I was in U7's and I got a bit carried away and tackled an unsuspecting opponent, I ended up getting carried off the field by our coach.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Usually I would just listen to some psych-up music on a playlist and think about three main things to focus on in the game.

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

My favourite moment playing for the shammies was when we had our first win against Drummoyne at their home ground, it was super windy, 10th of August 2019. This year is also shaping up to be a great year for the under 12's!

Who are your sporting heroes?

My favourite player is Antoine Dupont, the French half-back. Also can't go past Michael Hooper and Pocock. Special mention to my favourite rugby 20 character, Teddy Thomas, the French winger.

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

My advice would be if your ever losing don't put your head down, just play harder! And NEVER be afraid to tackle.

100 Game Club



William Jamison

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

Earliest memory-I remember being scared in u6 first training and not wanting to do it but then I saw 2 friends from school and I loved it

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Take a deep breath

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

When i scored my first try

Who are your sporting heroes?

Ben Smith (All Black)

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

Run forward and keep persisting even if you lose some games

We also welcome in **Richard Chen** into the 100 Club as a Coach. Thank you Richard for your many years of dedication to the Juniors Club.



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 Bacic, Ben Brown, Eric Carney, Josh Cartwright, Frankie Davies, Oscar Greville, Finnley Harding, Siasoi 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

2020

Aiden Lee, Declan Cohen, Giovanni Briguglio Magarinos, Jasper Cohen, Jasper Jones, Javier Kilkenny, Jemima Zoud, Jonas Cook, Josh Chen, Kyle Ritchie, Liam Waterworth, Max Blomberly, Nate Travis, Noah Zoud, Owen Lloyd Jones, Ryan Gleeson, Sam Cameron, Sam Rudd.

Coaches: Martin Davies, Peter Lloyd-Jones and John Kilkenny (JK)

2021

Dominic Cheng, Ezekiel Barros, Jack Cooper, Julius Rego, Kobi Hetariki, Levi Mikhiel, Rowan Bhatia.

Coaches: Frank Rego

PAST 200 CLUB MEMBERS

2020

Thomas Maclean, Tommy Treharne

2021

Frankie Davies, Kye Martin, Nils Bacic, Oscar Greville

SHAMMIES JUNIORS LIFE MEMBERS

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

Inducted 2018 – Michael Crawford (Granny) *President 2009-2013*

Inducted 2020 – Adam Dunn (Dunny) *President 2014-2019*

Inducted 2022 – Sarah Pinchbeck

Inducted 2022 – Jo Bacic



2022 GRADUATING CLASS – WE DIP OUR HATS TO YOU

How to get an age group playing from Kindy, all the way to HSC...and beyond

There are lots of reasons why Shammies Juniors have become one of the best, most organised, and fastest growing junior clubs in the land. There is no question, no question at all, that one of the MAIN reasons behind our success is the group of families who we are farewelling in Season 2022

- Families who have been at the club 11+ years (back when the club only had 20-30 kids)
- Families whose kids have played over 1,000 combined games between them
- Families who organised the first Juniors overseas tour..(NZ in 2017)
- Families who have served on the committee, coached teams, introduced girls rugby, promoted refereeing...they have done everything
- Families who have set up the ground and turned the snags at over 100 home games

We owe these kids and their families a huge debt of gratitude for forging the path enjoyed by the rest of us, and all future Shammies Juniors.

We got a group of them together for a chat to hear their reflections. We thank Martin Davies, Tim Greville, Nik Treharne, Jo Bacic and Mike Thomas for their time.

WHAT ARE THE KEYS TO YOUR LONGEVITY?

- Make sure the kids are having fun...it is #1, even when they are 17
- Get involved...the more the parents put in, the more the families will stick together through
- Get involved...the more the parents put in, the more the families will stick together through the tough times
- Go touring...it was definitely a highlight that the kids still reflect on

WHAT IS NEXT FOR YOUR YOUNG ADULTS?

This year these kids trained with the Colts from Shammies Seniors and that was a huge step up and kids really enjoyed feeling part of Seniors. For the first time in their Shammies lives, they were not the oldest and could enjoy learning from older kids.

This experience has them keen to continue on this path into Shammies Colts and beyond.

Shammies Juniors now has a pathway...from Minis (u6-u9), to Juniors (u10-opens including reps), through to Colts and beyond...this is ground breaking territory for our humble beginnings.

See a video of the interview on the Club's website.



In September last year, our intrepid u13's (now the 14's) hopped over to NZ for the first Shammies Juniors international tour for many years. They went to Queenstown to play in a rugby tournament, and then got some time to let their hair down and soak up the local landscapes. After the rugby was finished, they got to spend time looking around Queenstown, jet boating, canoeing, and generally having a ball with their teammates and parents. They flew over together and stayed in the same digs. The first few nights they slept with their parents, but the last night saw them all bunked in together for a night they will long remember.

We dragged 5 of them aside after their Rd2 match and asked them how they enjoyed themselves...



Excerpt from previous annual report

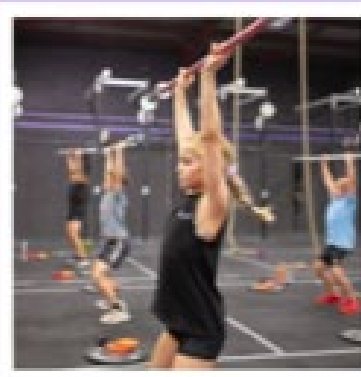
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WOMEN OF THE SHAMMIES

Rugby is proud to be a sport that focuses on getting people playing, whatever background they are from. Diversity and inclusion are important and Petersham Juniors is constantly pushing to build the club on these values. One area that we focus on is gender diversity, more specifically getting greater numbers of girls playing the game.

We are currently running at about 5% of registered players being female, which is consistent with other clubs in Australia. As a club we want to target growth, particularly in the minis and sevens competitions. There are a number of ways we can do this: school engagement; promoting through club events such as Try Rugby Day; encouraging kids through the success of the various Sydney Uni women, NSW Waratahs Women and Wallaroos teams; and running girls only teams in different competitions.

Another less direct way to encourage girls to join, and remain in the game is by demonstrating diversity in our volunteers. We have female representation in our coaches, managers, assistant referees, committee and other aspects of the club. This shows all of our players, boys and girls, that rugby is a game for all of us. It can be played, watched, enjoyed and celebrated by everyone.

Let's celebrate our success in this area by shining a spotlight on a few of those volunteers that help get kids playing rugby, and by doing so help encourage more girls onto the field.

Liz Bird and Claire Zanotti (Under 10 Coaches) – Our Under 10s have had a huge season, and the kids enjoyed some first-rate coaching. Their new coaches this season are Liz and Claire, who volunteered to take on the team as a way to give back to a game they have been so richly rewarded by. They guided the team through to the Semi-Finals of their grade.

Angela Walker (Secretary), Trudie Hariman (Treasurer) and Hellen McGlade (Events) – this trio do so much to keep this club running as part of the committee. Simply getting their respective children to practice and matches is not enough for them. Whilst less visible to the players, the work these amazing women do couldn't go unnoticed.



Hellen (events), Ange (Secretary) and Trudie (Treasurer)

Our amazing managers (pretty much all age groups) – there are a few male managers at the club and we thank you all, but behind most of our teams there is a unit of Mum's that do the heavy lifting to make everything run smoothly. It might be finding somewhere dry to train at the last minute, explaining to other parents on a Friday evening that the game has moved from 11am at Camperdown to 9am in Narrabeen, or fighting the Rugby Explorer App on a Sunday morning. Most managers have to deal with all this, and worse, and we salute you all. It does not go unnoticed, and the kids – boys and girls – appreciate it hugely.

Of course, there are 100's of men, women, boys and girls that contribute to this great club and sport, and we are lucky to have your support. As a club we continue to push for more girls to be introduced to rugby and for them to remain in the support for as long as possible. We look forward to having more and more female players, coaches, refs, assistant refs, volunteers in the game and at the club.



Claire and Liz – u10s coaches 2022

PETERSHAM SHAMMIES SUPPORTERS GROUP REPORT

The PSSG continued this year to follow its ideals of promoting camaraderie between its members and raising funds to support the on and off field activities of both the Senior and Junior clubs.

As per our charter, the funds raised are distributed in a pro-rata basis, based on the support of membership received from the Senior and Junior organisations.

We had 59 supporters sign up and pay their membership fees this year, and sadly, only two of those individuals came from the Junior ranks.

Our weekly emails go out to many within the Junior organization and I know we are mentioned in the regular Junior's newsletters, so it is a shame more have not taken up the opportunity to support the supporters group, especially, when funds are returned directly in the form of gear and equipment and touring funds to both organisations.

Over the years the PSSG has supplied the club Marquees, the glass fronted fridge in the canteen, eskys, the club BBQ, tackle bags and rings, field marking and corner posts, all sorts of stuff – even the ladder to get the balls off the canteen roof. As well, some funds have gone directly to support a couple of the Junior tours – that is what we, the PSSG, do.

We look forward to continuing our support next year years and in turn look forward to support from both the Seniors and Juniors to allow us to undertake our ideals.



The PSSG also incorporates the Petersham Old Boys.

With a history dating back to 1883, there has been many old boys over the years and a great deal of wonderful history.

Below is an article about the touring Petersham Rugby team on the back page of the sports section of the 1967 San Francisco Examiner.

Golf's Bobby Jones Is Dead



Only Grand Slam Achieved in 1930

ALBANY, N.Y., Sept. 15.—Bobby Jones, the greatest golfer of all time, died here today at the age of 36. He was born in the small town of Swanton, Vt., on June 23, 1894. He was a member of the United States Golf Association and had won 13 major championships. He was the only golfer to have won all four major championships in a single year, in 1930. He was also a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, and the Royal Golf Club of Edinburgh, Scotland. He was a member of the United States Golf Association and had won 13 major championships. He was the only golfer to have won all four major championships in a single year, in 1930.



BOBBY JONES CLASSIC SWING IN 1930



Cowboys Lasso Eastern Title

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15.—The Philadelphia Eagles have won the Eastern title of the National Football League today, defeating the New York Giants 14-7 in a game played at the Franklin Field stadium here. The victory gives the Eagles a 1-0 lead in the Eastern division. The Giants, who were the defending champions, were defeated by the Eagles in a game that was one of the most exciting in the history of the league. The Eagles, who were coached by Dan McCarney, were led by quarterback Frankford Smith, who threw for 133 yards and two touchdowns. The Giants, who were coached by George S. Blumenthal, were led by quarterback Steve Tame, who threw for 100 yards and one touchdown. The game was a defensive struggle, with both teams committing many turnovers. The Eagles' defense was particularly strong, forcing the Giants to punt six times. The game was a testament to the Eagles' teamwork and determination.

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It's Forty Niners' Longest Day

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Royal Owl by 3 1/2 Lengths

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The story is shared with other very big stories of the day – the death of one of the US greatest golfers,

Bobby Jones and the current standing of the San Francisco 49ers. The article reports on the game, won by the touring Petersham team V the San Francisco Rugby Club and talks about their round the world tour continuing onto the UK and Europe.

We were a big item on the day !!



U6S SEASON REPORT

What a year we have had with the Under 6s. For the bulk of our players this was their first year with the club (along with me), and it's been great watching the team spirit and confidence grow in our group over the season. We have come a long way from the initial games where we focused on the basics of; field extents, tagging, shadows and running forward (which is still a work in progress!). The team is now starting to work together on defence (the mighty Shammy wall) and running for the gaps. We have several players with an eye for the corner.

At training for the first half of the season we ran the full session with the U7s to help develop core skills and the U6s were able to learn from the older children. For the second part of the season, we have been splitting off after some combined drills with the U7s to focus on our defence, passing, and attack. This time together has also allowed our team to bond and there are many friendships developing in the team.

We have had many good games over the year, but two occasions really stand out. First was our gala day out at Windsor, it was a cool and sunny day with plenty of excitement. Everyone went well and it was a change to be able to play some different teams from Sydney. The second highlight was a game against Briars in the back part of the season. Briars were short of a few U6s so called in the 7s (with our blessing) to help with numbers, our players really stepped up and enjoyed the challenge of playing against the older children. Suddenly the space in the corner was not as easy and I was very proud of how our players matched up, especially on defence showing the training we had practiced.

Part of our brief for the yearly report is to think on some funny or unique memories for the season. One stands out. Keeping our players focused on the game can at times be a challenge (hello 5&6 year olds!), on one occasion I believe I was tying a shoelace only to look up and see three players chasing a bird across the field, two players wrestling each other and the remaining group in a circle talking. Ten seconds is all it takes. Cue the collective nod of the parents please. I do feel proud of how far we have come with our concentration from the start to end of the season though!

The goal for the U6 team is to always have fun and build confidence as our young children first start playing. I reflect on some of our earlier games in the season where there was no shortage of nerves, a few tears and many a pep talk from Mum and Dad on the sideline. At the end of the season our team is engaged, excited and always come off proud of their achievements. One of the biggest joys for myself and I am sure the parents, is seeing the confidence coming out in the children as they learn to participate in the team. Team sport teaches; sharing, sportsmanship, dealing with adversity and most importantly the high of being involved. I am incredibly proud seeing the change in the children over the season.

Next year when the U6s move up to U7s we will continue to build our core skills and start to focus on bringing some passing in versus one off running. In the second part of the season some contact training will be introduced to prepare for tackle in U8. We hope to have a strong team of returning players, that know and trust each other. With this group we can focus on working together as a team and supporting each other to succeed on the field.

It has been my privilege to coach the U6 team this year, I will finish our report with some thankyou's. Stewart Bell for getting involved in training, Tristan Worledge for managing the team (along with the U7), all the fantastic parents that turn up and support our team, and of course a big thankyou to our wonderful club the mighty Petersham Shammies!

Bring on next year!

Player profiles



Alfred Pratt

If Alfie was not a rugby player he could easily be a sprinter. Epic pace and holds the mantle of fastest on the team. A huge presence on the field in both attack and defence. One of our top try scorers, and has a big heart to match his speed. Can already see him as a flying wing in the older grades.



Bo Hanniford

A big head of hair and a big personality match, you always know when Bo is on the field. A great asset to the team, Bo has made some huge steps forward in the later part of the season where the job of being a rugby player is starting to “click”. Shows a good turn of pace and strength, has potential to be a devastating runner in the contact grades.



Edward Glanville

Edward has been a stalwart of the team, always at training and games. His running game has developed really well over the season, and he is a contender for try of the season with a scything step back through the midfield which saw him win player of the day against Wests.



George Gerofi

George came late in the season and has been getting the hang of this rugby business at training with the team on Tuesday nights. We look forward to seeing a full season with George at the Shammies next year.



James Moncrieff

James is a true team player, and you can always count on him. Always at the game, always brings a great attitude. Has shown a lot of development over the season. Runs some awesome lines and we have enjoyed watching his confidence grow over the season. You just know he loves the camaraderie of the team environment, which is what rugby is about.



Lachlan Franta

Lachlan is always up for a run, a chat and was a happy smiling face on the field. Has developed his running game and is a great team player. A strength of Lachy was his great work as the shadow following up with his team. Could he be a future jackal around the ruck!



Lincoln Rainey

Our youngest on the team and a speedster to boot. A great eye for the corner and quick to exploit any open space. Lincoln is also great on cover defence and has

a knack for pinning his opposite against the sideline. A competitive player that enjoys his rugby.



Nate Bell

Nate started a little later in the season but has made big gains. His running lines are getting straighter every week and his awareness on the paddock is growing

with every game. Another reliable player that always hits practice and games. Has scored some good tries in the corners.



Oscar Parker

Oscar is a capable athlete, a strong runner with ball in hand and an aggressive cover defender. Oscar put in a standout performance at the Windsor Gala day.

When he focuses his energy, he is a powerful rugby player. We are excited to see more of him next year.



Thomas Leydon

A committed player and another highly dependable member of the U6 team. Thomas always gives 100% and his confidence as a

player and member of the team has grown over the season. Good defence and attack, we look forward to seeing more of Thomas next year.



Zachary Rash

Zach is a born rugby player with great balance and has the art of running with the ball in two hands, constantly bamboozling the opposition. A staunch defender and already has the look of a player that will thrive in the physical contact of the older grades. A standout player for the U6.



U7S SEASON REPORT

Finally, a season free of COVID interruptions... well mostly. After a truncated season last year resulting in less opportunities for the kids to develop their skills, 2022 has seen our players really master some of those tricky concepts from last year like, side lines, try lines and moving the ball up (though there is still some room for improvement in that). Towards the end of the season both blue and maroon teams really started to show us what they could do with a quick ball after being tagged and how to support the runner. They have even begun to build the foundations for next year with tackling drills and an exploration of (uncontested) line outs and scrums.

2022 also saw a big injection of new talent into the squad with Michaela, Thomas, Sacha, Jackson, Harvey, and Max M joining us. This sets up with a depth of talent to make us the envy of the inner west mini's competition and allowed us to continue fielding two teams despite some attrition from 2021.

Next year all the kids are excited to be moving from tagging to tackling. With so much power, speed and agility on show every week, I am certain that they will thrive in the more physical version of the game. Indeed, one of the challenges this year was remembering to stop, turn and pass when they got tagged rather than continuing to run. I don't think I've ever seen a group of players so keen to just keep running.

I would like to thank all the parents this year who have contributed to what was definitely a successful season. A big shout out to Mal who had taken the lion's share of coaching duties this year after a skateboarding mishap last year took me out of active duties, and Alex Johnson who stepped up to ensure that the Maroons had solid guidance on the field every week. I would also like to call out Will, Akai, and Alex K who have been active supporting the kids at both training and games, along with Danielle who organised the U7 table for the trivia night.

Tristan - U7 manager

Player profiles



Arktos (Arki) Hardwick-Miles

Another nickname in the making - Arki 'The Bull' Hardwick-Miles will charge towards the try line, game after game. Arki has made a massive improvement

in running straight and staying inside the side lines. Frustrated to be stopped by tagging this season, Arki is chomping at the bit to emulate his hypothetical nickname's sake in the tackle game next year.



Charlotte Kirwan

Charlotte is a strong all round player, who after a bit of bumpy start to the season, found her groove after being moved from blues to maroons. She has continued her habit

of blasting down the side line she built in the U6. Opposition plays with the ball often find themselves face to face with Charlotte just when they thought they had flanked out line.



Henry Taylor

Henry is a friend to everyone, demonstrated by playing in both the U6 and up in the U7 blue team this year. I have been very impressed in how much more confident Henry has become in running the ball up to the bigger kids. He has also got more involved in support, consistently shadowing the runner to give them options after being tagged.



Harvey Holtham

Harvey is another newcomer and has showed his indispensability through his quick straight runs that eat up metres on the way to the try line.



Henry Greene

Henry is another player whose skills have matured significantly this year. With good speed and an ability to read the game, he is a solid player anywhere. As we develop our passing

game Henry is shaping up to be the perfect winger to sprint down the sideline to finish off our back line plays.



Isaac Johnson

There is an ongoing competition between Isaac and Jude to get the most tries each game. Ever hungry for the ball Isaac can always be found

at the breakdown looking for his next five pointer. Combined with his ability to shut down opposition play, this makes Isaac a formidable player the making.



Henele (Hene) Tangi

Hene is a natural player, with speed to race away for a try or chase down an opposing player who has got past our Shammies line. He is a vital piece in our defensive line,

able to shut down an opponent's run even if our other players have been drawn out of position. A pleasure to watch, Hene is always hungry for the ball but never to the point that it stifles play.



Jackson Nicita

Jackson's nickname should be "The Darkhorse". This unassuming player has a freakishly deceptive turn of speed combined with agility that make my old man joints

ache, just to watch. I love watching Jackson get the ball and look forward to seeing him continue to build his confidence next year.



Jude Barros

A maelstrom of passion, speed and fun. Jude has started to harness some of his previously untamed potential this season. Quick play of the ball, blistering runs up the side

and fast pressures up from the Shammies line make Jude a player to watch! Ask him who scored the most tries in his most recent game. I bet he'll be able to tell you.



Maximilian (Max) Akai

What a boot! If there was kicking in U7 Max would ensure that we won every game off penalties and drop goals alone. Not to pigeonhole himself, Max

can demonstrate a turn of speed that would challenge kids twice his size and is not afraid to really commit to a tag.



Max McQueen

Another 2022 newcomer, Max looked like a seasoned professional at his first training session. Max loves running the ball and has a natural ability to find gaps punishing any

team that underestimates him. Dangerous from anywhere on the field.



Michaela North

A strong contender for rookie of the season, I consistently find my action shots from each game populated with Michaela running the ball with a strong confident stride. She has taken to the game like a duck to water, and will enjoy the extra space afforded by the larger fields next year.



Sacha Beattie

Sacha's first training session this season revealed her to be a confident, powerful, and assertive player. When on her game she is a fast and dynamic player, often connecting with one of the other 'Annandale Musketeers' to devastating effect. An outside centre if ever I saw one



Thomas Polito

Thomas was born to run, and will avoid being tagged like a cat avoids water. Able to draw undisciplined defenders out of position and make space, he consistently carves up opposition lines before punching through for a scoring opportunity.



Tobias (Toby) Worledge

Toby's sense of fun is infectious, he has performed more cartwheels, handstands, and forward rolls than the rest of the team combined. He is also one of the first Shammies on the scene if he sees another player upset. Toby has experimented with a few defensive strategies including holding hands with Henny Taylor to make a physical wall and exploring the role of full back. His tenacity and surprising strength will serve him well in the ruck next year.



Toby Herbert

Consistent and Dependable. If I had only two words to sum up the other half of the Tobies, that's what it would be. Never the loudest on their field, Toby nevertheless makes his presence felt through solid defence and strong consistent pressure in defence. Toby's play has matured a lot this season, he is more than ready to make the transition from tagging to tackling.



U8S SEASON REPORT

After a premature end to the 2021 season, it was the weather's turn to threaten a disruption to a much-anticipated year. Coaches Jeremy and Paul had returned with the "introduction to contact" plan ... and that's what it remained for three weeks! Thankfully, the season start was delayed by one month and two relieved coaches then got to work.

In what seems to be the custom, a late surge of players in pre-season saw our numbers grow to 14 and eventually to 16. Again, separate Blue and Maroon sides could be named each week but with so many staggered start times this year, reserves were aplenty with each Shammie eager to showcase their own unique brand of what was learnt on Tuesday!!

With draws, revised draws and gala days creeping up quickly, what would we have done without Mel!! Thank you again for allowing the coaches to coach without stress and keeping us all in the loop. We missed you late in the season and hope you're back next year.

It's quite a thrill to look over at the sideline during a game and see all our parents and family members active each week. Into our Shammies community it's a welcome to our new members and welcome back to everyone else. Thank you for the oranges, snakes, photos and your presence; be it at games or on Tuesday evenings.

There was nothing like the sight of our little ones hitting a shield when DAD was holding it!! And with that, a massive shout out to the huge help we received at training each Tuesday. There were sessions with four and five dads helping out, and with 16 players on the books that's a ratio the "Pros" would be envious of!

A special mention to Chris Furey for taking the reigns when either Jeremy or Paul were absent on a Saturday and for being so active at all our Tuesday sessions. Thank you as well to Emilie Furey for managing us in Mel's absence.

Saturdays always looked different as every player improved. Making tackles and being tackled took some getting used to but the try scored after 1 minute 24 seconds and 8 consecutive phases in the penultimate round against West Harbour just wouldn't have happened three months ago. Outstanding work!!

It was a challenge trying to keep training interesting and fun yet simultaneously addressing the obvious need to learn and practise a new set of skills, all involving contact. And so it has been extremely rewarding to witness such rapid improvement in ripping the ball, clearing out, and placing the ball. We will start from a very solid base next season.

Hope you can return and be a part of it.

See you next season!!

Player profiles



Ada Marshall

Our scrum half and line out thrower, Ada was never short of a word during games. As the season progressed so did her desire to make a few runs ... hard and straight. Ada worked hard on her passing

and gave excellent service to our backline.



Alex Shepherd

Always smiling and often with a story to tell, Alex listened and his skills got better each week. His long place was textbook especially when directed towards his own team mates! Alex always brought a positive vibe to training and games and his presence was enjoyed by all.



Bill Taylor

The unstoppable machine!! Bill has had a cracking season; he is an inspiration to the others. On the field he is super tough and has scored a mountain of tries, usually with half of the

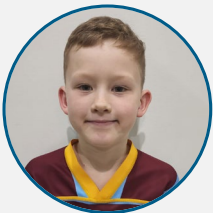
opposition hanging off him. Off the field he is the first to turn up and always has a smile on his face. Bill is determined, courageous and well-liked by all!!



Charlie Furey

Charlie has become one of the teams best attacking players. He is very fast; he loves taking the ball up and the opposition have to be on their toes if they want to catch him. He thinks about

the game positions himself well on the field and is considerate to his teammates. He is happy to pick the ball up from the ruck & run but equally able and happy to fire a pass as well.



Corey Brownjohn

Recruited from the round ball game, Corey has had an amazing first year of rugby. He tackled and produced many a long, weaving run each game. Corey listened, trained hard and just got

better. Well done.



Dara Forrest

So elusive, fast, strong and competitive all round. Dara scored many tries and was equally busy in defence all season. Awesome at the breakdown, his combinations with Thomas and Jakob were great to watch.



Flynn Field

Always a pleasure to see Flynn's smiling face!! He loves taking the ball up and crashing into the opposition and of course he loves scoring tries, which he often does!! Flynn has a strong ball

in hand game and now we want to turn him into a wrecking ball in defence. He's a gentle giant and a great asset to the team.



Jakob Rainey

Jakob joined us a few weeks into the season and it did not take long for opposition teams to be aware of his presence. Jakob terrorised many defences this year with barnstorming runs. He also managed to add a dummy

to his repertoire late in the season although we are still determining who exactly he was trying to fool!



James Catanzariti

James is brave and when committed tackles fearlessly. The quiet achiever James is humble, courageous well behaved and prepared to get stuck in. He is also

prepared to help out at training he supports his teammates and plays fairly with a good attitude.



James Mansour

James just wanted to try things and get stuck in. Be it packing down in a scrum, being part of the line out or running the ball ... there was natural enthusiasm present. James improved

his ball retention and placement in contact and produced some fine runs as the season progressed.



John Paurini

A natural sportsman with incredible strength & speed. He is our benchmark; the rest of the team all play better by simply seeing what John can do on the footy pitch. This year John has

brought missile like tackling to his arsenal, his cover tackles have been bone crunchingly memorable. He is our top try scorer and a lovely kid with unlimited ability.



Roly Willcox

He's super speedy and has developed a wicked step and effective fend that resulted in a lot of tries for our Role-Star. He gets involved in the tough stuff, takes the time to set

the back line and has also been known to chip and chase as well. Roly is a thoughtful rugby player who has shown resilience and toughness.



Roscoe Westgarth

Roscoe is delightful team player and has had a sensational season. He always turns up ready to give his very best, whether in attack or defence he is reliable and effective.

At training Roscoe listens he is polite and well behaved. He is determined and gritty he works on his game and as a result the opposition don't get past him.



Ryan Weeden

A real superstar! He works hard at training and plays tough every Saturday. He loves tackling and getting stuck in at the breakdown. He has improved his tackling technique through listening

and grit. Tough and happy, Ryan is great to be around off the pitch and on the pitch all the kids respect him. A powerful tireless tackler and now starting to run with the ball as well.



Samuel Rash

What an improvement Sam has made to his running game. He has learnt to use his size to huge effect and set up many tries as he took defenders to ground.

Keep smiling Sammy, next year will be awesome.



Thomas Luchi

Thomas loves playing! He practised hard and didn't mind "firing up" at times during games. Thomas could and did tear through any defence but was just as effective

at stealing opposition ball in contact. Great season!





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How do you celebrate a win in the Under 8s?



Thomas Luchi, corner post!

U9S SEASON REPORT

Well, what a season! Finally, in 2022 we had the opportunity to get back into rugby and the U9's made the most of it! A lot of new players to the team mixed with the veterans, allowed us to have a huge squad of 28, making it easy to feature two impressive teams, the Blues and Maroons.

It was amazing to watch the kids grow in their teams and develop their skills, under the guidance of our committed coaching staff.

The rate of skill improvement was impressive across the board, with the kids really building their fundamentals skills and Rugby IQ. The U9's took massive leaps in their breakdown awareness and decision making, learning to protect the ball. Lots of contested training also helped build confidence in contact and it was great to see the teams really starting to run hard and straight with the ball, hold onto the ball in contact and effectively clean out. We are starting to see the great divide of rugby play out with players naturally starting to favour either the rough and tumble of forward life or the space, time and try scoring promise that comes with the back line.

With coaches coming off the field part way through the year, the kids did very well at organising themselves to get into positions for set pieces and restarts. Helped by the emergence of some leaders, lippy halfbacks and hookers setting the marks, communication and teamwork were evident and grew as the season went on.

All the kids were super keen on Saturday mornings out at St Lukes and were very competitive against old foes Balmain, Drummoyne, St Pats, West Harbour and the Briars. Both teams scored and saved many tries every week, but most importantly had such fun and played the game with great spirit.

Gala Day was a highlight out at Hawkesbury Rugby Club, where the Blues vs Maroons came up against some quality opposition from all over Sydney. The size and physicality of the opposition along with the multiple games tested the Shammies, but the girls and boys did the club proud, never giving up.

A massive thanks to the coaches, Nathan Lusted, Tom Taylor and Dan Waterworth. They were outstanding and taught the kids so much whilst making it fun and interesting. 28 kids at training is not easy to control and they did a fantastic job. Every time the kids were knocked down, they were there to dust them off and encourage them and always brought a smile to their faces. Dan, massive thanks to you too for making every game happen, rain or shine, you made every effort to get our kids out there every Saturday, and thanks to you they had a very full season.

Thank you to all the wonderful U9 parents for your support and for getting the kids there every week. The shammies is an amazing community and we can't wait to welcome everyone back in 2023!

Player profiles



Aden Satchcroft

Aden joined the Shammies this year with his brother and has had a big impact in his first year. A natural speedster, he was always quick with the ball in hand when looking for any opening in the opposition's defence line. Aden continued to build confidence in defence over the season and will continue to grow as a player as he spends more time on the field.



Aidan Boyle

A great season from Aidan. His work in defence and getting to the breakdown was second to none. His efforts on the training paddock ensured that his skills continued to develop throughout the year. The angles he runs in attack, always places the opposition in two minds about which way he will run.



Cormac Wolfenden

Mack was new to Shammies, but it was great that he had some familiar faces around the club. His fingers are like vices. When he gets hold of an opposition's jersey, he never lets go. Mack was fearless at the breakdown. Great first season.



Dylan Lusted

Dylan's last man defence is exceptional. His speed ensures he covers all areas of the field. Many a times opposing players thought they were a shoo-in for a try, but Dylan motors them down with unbelievable cover defence.



Donncha Slevin

Donncha is fearless with ball in hand, running straight and hard. He keeps his legs pumping, making it difficult for the opposition to get him down. Donncha has worked hard at the clean-out and it was demonstrated in the backend of the season.



Eleanor Sato

A key player in our backline, Eleanor is always looking to find some space out wide to use her speed. She is a committed player who continued to develop confidence as the season went on. Her own talented father, Dave Sato, was always first to lend a hand at training which helped the entire team develop skills for the weekend game. It was great to have Eleanor in this team and we look forward to her continuing to dominate on the larger field now with the extra room to use her speed.



Finn Waterworth

While Finn is well known for his try scoring ability, what was astounding this year was his defence. His never give up attitude was evident in a video of Finn chasing down the biggest kid in the comp. It's gone viral. Everyone watching says "No, he's not, he can't... what he did, unbelievable".



Henry Willcox

Another of our key speedsters, Henry loved nothing more than running into some free space through the opposition backline for another runaway try. A notable mid-season hair cut has put a number of Rugby League scouts on notice for the future!! Henry's skills continued to develop at training each week and his tackling ability later in the season was starting to show signs of Henry becoming a future all rounder. We look forward to seeing Henry continue to develop as a player and expect many more tries to come on the larger field.



Hamish Worledge

I have never seen a player evade so many opposing players within 2 metres. The opposition had no idea which way Hamish was going to go. I think at times Hamish doesn't even know where his legs are going. One try Hamish scored he evaded 17 tackles (there are only 10 on the field).



Hugo Mesley

Hugo Mesley (has photo) Hugo “Teddy” Mesley has had another big year for the Maroons team. His natural ability in attack continued to show this year with his high

try scoring tally however most notable this year was his ongoing commitment in defence. Despite being one of our smaller players, Hugo continued to show his strength and skills when bringing down players almost twice his size. With ball in hand Teddy continued where he left off last year with fast runs and a quick step on the attack. As the season progressed he would look for support outside and a quick offload to set up his teammates for the try. Well done on another great season Hugo

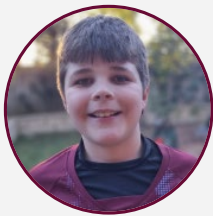


Lincoln Mesecke-Trent

2022 was another big year for Lincoln. He is our biggest player in the team and this season he really started to understand the benefits of his size. Lincoln became known for his barnstorming runs from the

tap restart and all of the shammies parents were known to cheer loudly when Lincoln was lining up for one of his big hit ups.

In defence, Lincoln worked hard this season to develop his skills in cleaning out. Ongoing focus on entering “through the gate” will continue to build his impact in this area. His tackling skills improved a lot as the season progressed and Lincoln worked hard to get lower when tackling the opposition players. Well done on another big year for the big lad.



Liam Lategan

We saw Liam return to his devastating best. His hard running and no fear tackling had the opposition quaking in their boots. This was after most weeks having already

played a game before the Shammies. His efforts at the Gala day was exceptional. Really matched it against bigger and faster opposition.



Mali Smith

Mali is our 2nd Prop making up the front row. Already possessing great size and skills, Mali became an even more devastating ball runner in 2022 as her confidence

grew. She has a good understanding of the scrum and line out set play and has started developing skills in tackling and cleaning out.

Mail will continue to develop confidence on the field and we can’t wait to see those strong running hit ups again next year.



Milo Satchcroft

The second of our twin recruits, Milo was welcomed to the shammies this year as one of our new players. Dad had decided the rough and tumble energy of twin boys

was better spent on the rugby field than in the backyard. Cautious at first, Milo continued to build his confidence as the season progressed. Milo contributed in games to both the backline and the second row this season and took advantage of his speed whenever a small hole in the defence was available to find some free space on the field.



Patrick (Paddy) Taylor

Paddy is a young lad with a genuine passion for Rugby. He is one of the young leaders on the field with plenty of talk amongst his teammates when getting everyone organised at the scrum

and line out set play. His small size proved to be an asset when getting low in the ruck and contesting the ball. This resulted in weekly stealing of the ball from the unsuspecting opposition much to Paddy’s delight. Well done on another great season and being our 1883 player of the year for the U9 Maroons.



Ryan Tappin

Ryan has been ever dependable. He is always so keen to get to the tackle, I'm not sure if he has ever been onside throughout the year. Once Ryan gets the ball, his

running is superb in broken play. When Ryan was given the opportunity to lead the side, his strategic skills come to the fore. Well done on another great season and being our 1883 player of the year for the U9 Blues.



Reica Kikuchi

Reica is the smiling assassin. Her ability to take down the opposition regardless of how big or small they are, is second to none.

Reica's work rate during a game and in training demonstrates her supreme athleticism. Whatever Reica does, she always gives it 100%.



Rory Clampett

Rory was a welcome inclusion back in the U9's this season. With his strong running style and big commitment to use his strength in defence Rory made an impact on the field

every week. He will continue to grow as a player as his natural size and strength are becoming an asset on the field. Well done Rory on another year with the Shammies.



Rupert Colman

Being a first time Shammy, Rupert fit right into the culture. It was unfortunate that Rupert's season was limited with the Shammies due to a mid-year transfer to the New York Jets. What caught the

eye of the scouts was his relentless defence. We look forward to welcoming him back to the Shammies family after his contract expires.



Strath Stevenson

Another newcomer to the Shammies. Strath fit into the team quickly. He had a steep learning curve with the technical aspects of the game but

managed to pick up them up with ease. His hard running straight up the middle is what the team came to expect from Strath.



Seyi Barros

Seyi stole more balls than I have hot dinners. He is a competitor in every sense. Whether it is in defence or attack, Seyi gives his all. He is the type of player, that

when he is on the field, it gives all the other players confidence to lift and be better.



Sidney Hawkins

Sidney made a transition from last season backline speedster and is now moving into the front row as our ever reliable hooker. He was responsible for organising the forwards at the scrum and line out, performing his throw ins for the set piece and keeping up lots of talk with his teammates on the field.

His work with the clean-out at the ruck was impressive together with his commitment to tackle low to stop any hard running opposition forward. Sidney is one of our toughest young players and did not let the team down this year. Well done Sid and can't wait to see what you have to show us next year.



Spencer Neil

Spencer was a new addition to the team and he made his presence felt from the start. His enthusiasm to run the ball at every opportunity was notable from the beginning

of his time with the shammies. His skills and understanding of the game continued to develop over the season as he became a real team player and with his work in both attack and defence. We can't wait to see you back again next year as the skills continue to develop.



Thalia Kilkenny

The opposition consistently underestimated to their peril Thalia's speed and determination for the try line. Given half a chance, Thalia burns the

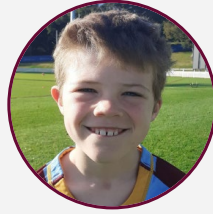
opposition. This is backed up by steely defence that cuts the opposition in half.



Theodore Le

Theo was one of our faster back line players from the season. His natural agility was his biggest asset in attack and in defence. Always keen to learn at

training, Theo demonstrated some textbook tackling & clean out techniques on the pads. These skills transitioned onto the field with an improved all round player this season. Well done on another great year Theo.



Will Herbert

Will decided to join U9's again this season after having a few games in the higher age group last year. And we are glad he did. Will is a very strong young Rugby player

and his work when tackling and cleaning out at the ruck is to be commended. He attentiveness at training was excellent resulting in some impressive skills being used during the weekend game. Will was a real powerhouse for the team and we can't wait to see him again in the U10's.



Xavier Mogan

Xavier was a new addition to the team this year. One of our young forwards, he was focused on learning new skills at training each week. He showed confidence with the

ball in hand and was happy to take some solid hit ups when the team was on the attack. With a solid season behind him we expect great things coming from Xavier next season.



Xavier Alexander

Watching Xavier running with the ball in open space is a wonderful thing. His step off both feet, have left plenty of opposition players in his wake. Xavier was always first in to

support his teammates in the ruck.



SENSE RUGBY REPORT

What an amazing effort again from the Sense Rugby families this year. We have had 15 kids try out for Sense Rugby this year which has been amazing. We have also tried training on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays across the year. It was so great to see the players all decked out in the Shammies training kit for the first time. So many proud faces as they donned the Shammies colours.

Every Sense Rugby programme starts with what can only be described as organised chaos. As children feel more connected and involved and the staff adjust and adapt to the players needs great improvements in teamwork, connection, confidence and skills were seen by all players across the season.

Over the course of the year so many great moments have been achieved. Some of the highlights include:

- Some children not returning to Sense Rugby at all this year and feeling confident enough to try mainstream rugby with the Shammies or other sports!
- Children seeing how their ideas can be validated and heard and that they can be physical, regulated, in the community and part of a team.
- One boy not being confident enough to even enter the programme one week to laughing and generating ideas for the full session within a couple of weeks.
- Staff supporting the transition of children from our Sense Rugby programme into age groups within the Petersham Shammies.
- One boy trying community sport for his first time and then realising he loves it!!!
- Lots of bubble monsters!!!
- Children generating ideas for games themselves with rules and structures which other children participated in.
- Throwing Darth Vader ball!
- Players beating the adults at the Rugby game.....constantly.
- Some fantastic dodging both in dodge ball but also some fancy steps around some sluggish parent defence.
- Catching that pesky tackle bag before it runs away!
- Children feeling confident to initiate each step in the schedule.
- Kicking, passing and catching skills developing significantly for many children.





Due to privacy as a therapy programme we are unable to talk specifically about different children but the families have once again loved the support of Petersham and being able to don their Shammies kit! A big shout out to Dan and JK for their ongoing support of the programme and to all the parents who muck in and help out at every session. Sense Rugby is a family affair and just doesn't work unless parents get involved. I think every parent who works with their child at Sense deserves an award as it takes courage for us all to step out and find safety and enjoyment in something new. We look forward to Sense Rugby running again in 2023! Go Shammies!!

U10S SEASON REPORT

What a year for our U10s! It's been a season of change, resilience, growth and success. Like everybody else, the season started with barely any opportunity to train because of the wet weather. This presented a significant first hurdle for the boys who had to prepare for their first full field competition with scrums & line outs. They had to learn about new positions, responsibilities and rules as well as build team cohesion with an even mix of legacy and new players, as well as new coaches!

We had such great commitment from parents bringing players to extra sessions, changing locations last minute and assuming new roles on game days and training. Thank you, parents! We would like to extend a huge thank you to our amazing manager Blair for orchestrating everything smoothly. Nothing would get done without Blair's commitment and support behind the scenes.

We would also like to say a massive thank you to the dads, specifically Andrew Keenan, Giles Rafferty and Gino Erispe who kindly offered their time to support Liz with coaching while Claire was away. This was a massive help and the boys really benefited from your knowledge and encouragement. Also, to Tom Chanter for his assistance at training early in the season. It was great to have a real-life referee to learn from!

The boys set some team goals at the start of the season: to have fun, learn new skills and to put the work in to win the championship! We asked them individually to have a think about what personal goals they wanted to achieve and the most common answers were to have fun with their friends and win a few games. So, we hope the boys will reflect on this season as a great success.

As we all know Rugby isn't all about winning. But as coaches, we are extremely proud of the team recording no losses all season! They played some incredibly tough games that had it all: last minute match winning tries, scrums won against the feed, ruthless try line defence, inspiring team spirit and some individual brilliance for the highlights reel. The boys also rose to the challenge of some adversity, such as boys having to play out of position, some injuries mid game and the dreaded mud patch at Camperdown Oval! We are very proud of the development of our players, with 6 boys making the Sydney University rep side. Well done to those boys. We'd also like to acknowledge the rapid evolution of our beginners who all became key members of the team and should be praised for their commitment and progress. All players showed fair play, resilience, team spirit and a healthy competitive mindset.

The forwards worked hard on understanding their positions and the skills they needed to set a great platform for the team. The backline has shown great speed and agility, directed by Captain Finn. Passes were sticking, balls were being spun out wide, rucks were being hit and tackles were being made. But there is definitely plenty of room for improvement and lots to work on for next season.

We are particularly proud of the strong character and team spirit shown amongst the boys. They consistently support one another and challenge each other to be better. Their heads never dip, even when they find themselves behind the goal posts. They have shown that when you trust in one another and in the skills you have worked on at training you can beat any team on the day. We are hoping the team's goal of a grand final win is on the horizon! We are excited to keep building the team around the same values, to reach new heights next season! There is plenty more to learn.

Thank you to the club for supporting us (first all female coaching and management crew!) Special thank you to JK and Dan Waterworth for your trust and support. And thank you again to the parents for your encouragement. Lastly a big thank you to the boys! It's great to see you all enjoying your Rugby. Look forward to seeing you all next season!

Go Shammies!

Player profiles



Alexander Corben

Alex is the quite achiever of the U10s. He picks his moments and as soon as the team needs him he is there doing the tough stuff. Alex has worked on his ruck technique and body

position this season which has improved his clear out and tackling. He carries the ball confidently in to contact and has really improved his understanding of when to commit to a ruck or find a space to fill in the defensive line. He often plays the full match for us and has been a solid pillar in the scrum. With continued work on his footwork and leg drive Alex is a James Slipper in the making.



Angus McNamara

Angus is definitely beginning to understand that his size and strength is a great asset on the rugby field. Another quiet achiever, Angus puts his head down and works hard at training. He has worked

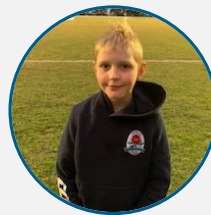
diligently on his footwork, carrying in to contact and body position at the ruck which have all improved out of sight since the start of the season. Angus can be a real enforcer when the moment takes him, using his size and strength to make dominate tackles and clear outs which will improve with continued work on getting a low and strong over the ball. Angus's confidences around the team has grown as he has become more sure of his role and what he can contribute to the team. He is a great team mate and we look forward to seeing Angus continue to develop on his rugby journey. Well done Angus!



Blake Dickson

Blake has been a energetic addition to the Shammies this season. Always eager at training and on game day! He has worked hard on his bullet/anchor and on getting to the ruck quickly,

which have all improved since the start of the season. He is also happy to get his hands dirty and go looking for the ball which has not gone un noticed. Blake is a great team man and always has something positive to contribute. He always takes on direction from the coaches and has done everything asked of him on and off the field. Great season Blake!



Byron Barret

Byron came to us halfway through the season and fit in with the group seamlessly. He is a eager learner and has learnt many new rugby skills in a short amount of time.

Although he is not the biggest kid on the park, he is brave in contact and lightening quick with ball in hand. He came in to his own against Norwest, stepping up when the team needed him to play out of position so we could field a full-strength side, winning our Forward of The Match award for his efforts. We look forward to seeing Byron develop further and hope to see him back next season. Congratulations Byron!



Caleb Chiundiza

Calebs energy is his greatest asset on the rugby field. Always excited to get stuck in! He makes his presence known in the front row with his strength and size and has proven very

difficult to tackle, making him a real handful for the opposition. Caleb has worked hard on his ball placement and retention as well as his tackling this season. When he finds himself in space, he's a good direct runner helping the team to get hard fought meters. Caleb has a wonderful attitude both at the games and training and we can't wait to see what he can bring next season!



Carter Roffe

At the start of the season Carter was adamant he wanted to play in the centres. Although we thought his skill set was more suited to the forwards, Carter was determined to prove us wrong, and he sure

did! He has applied himself and put in the work to learn the skills needed to play his preferred position. He makes a huge impact on the field with devastating runs in to contact and speed on the outside. He was a well deserved selection in the Sydney Uni Rep side and he brought a lot of the things he learned there back to the team. Carter should be very proud of everything he has achieved this year. He knew what he wanted and worked hard to get it. If Carter continues to work on his draw and pass as well as getting to ground quickly when tackled he will be even more of a handful. Carter is a talismanic figure for the U10s and we look forward to seeing him develop further.



Fin Chanter

Fins game management, decision making and leadership have all been brilliant this season. He has been an inspiring captain, speaking up at half time to rally the troops. His kicking

has been the difference in a few of our wins this year and he approaches the tee the way he approaches the rest of his game, with a cool head and complete focus. We are immensely proud of how Fin has stepped up and led the 10s this season. He continues to work at varying his game play and has grown more confident trusting those outside him as well as taking the ball to the line. With further development of his draw and pass, Fin will continue to develop in to a very capable 10. Fantastic season Fin!



Finlay McFarland

Finlay was a new comer to Rugby this year. Although shy at first, he quickly grew in confidence and became an integral part on the team, winning Forward of the match

only 2months in to his first season. Finlay is a dedicated trainer, never afraid to ask a question so he can get the most out of a drill. He has greatly improved his passing, body positioning and game day decision making. He's not afraid to get in some dark place and go looking for the ball either, securing some great turn over ball for us as well as executing a few try saving tackles. Whenever he has the ball in his hand his has a smile on his face and it's a great to see him enjoying his Rugby. Well done Finlay!

Player profiles



Fionn Rafferty

Fionn has been a consummate leader of the forwards this year. Full of encouragement for his team mates, he brings enthusiasm and energy to the team. He has shown

power and control at the back of the scrum and has taken his role at Number 8 very seriously, focusing hard on the extra little things he can do to stand out. He is one of the hardest trainers in the group and it shows on the field. His determined carrying in to contact always gets us quality forward meters as do his clever pick and go's. Fionn's hard work was rewarded by being selected in The Sydney Uni Rep side. Fionn will be unstoppable if he continues to work on his footwork, going to ground quickly when tackled and support running to unlock the defence. An outstanding season. Well done Fionn!



George Furey

George has a wonderful can-do attitude. He is an encouraging and supportive team mate who always has something positive to say. George has worked hard on all his core skills at training

and is definitely one of our hardest and most attentive trainers, who sets a great example for his teammates. His speed and step are lethal and although not the biggest kid he is ferocious in defence, ensuring anyone coming down his channel is dealt with appropriately. Some of George's huge tackles have had the sideline wincing in sympathy for the opposition. George's dedication paid off by being selected in The Sydney Uni Rep side where he had a chance to develop his skill set further. George's follow me attitude, compassion for his team mates and leave it all out on the field outlook is why we have awarded him our 1883 player for the season. Well done on a fantastic season George!



Harry Johnson

Harry has been a rock for the Under 10s this season. 2nd row is not the most glamour of positions, but Harry's quite understanding of how important his role is has

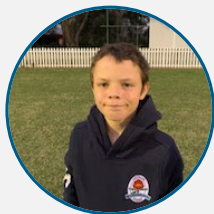
been great to watch. Harry has worked very hard on his leg drive, tackling and ruck technique at training. He is brave and solid over the ball and works hard to get to each and every break down, being a great body guard for his team mates. He's also quicker and more elusive than he realises and more often than not will beat defenders for hard fought gain line meters, recycling the ball quickly. Harry has done everything asked of him and more. Well done Harry!



Hugo Erispe

Hugo is a consummate team man with a fantastic attitude. He does the tough stuff every game, which has not gone unnoticed. His tackling power has improved throughout

the season and his breakdown technique has been strong. He always goes looking for the ball and has secured a few great turn overs for us, getting to the break downs quickly and latching on. Hugo is developing into a very well rounded forward, not only performing in the scrum, but also developing his carrying in contact and support play. Hugo's confidence grew throughout the season and as he develops his passing and defensive awareness further, the sky is the limit. Well done Hugo!



Iggy Downes

Iggy came to the team at the back end of the season and has been a welcome addition to the U10s. He is still working on finding his best position in the backline but has been very handy

for us on the wing so far. Iggy shows natural athleticism and pace when he gets his hands on the ball. He has worked on keeping his depth in attack and marking up in defence as well as his catch pass at training. He has a great ability to anticipate defenders. It's never easy joining a team late in a season and Iggy should be commended for making his mark with such enthusiasm. Well done Iggy!



Jack Farley

Jack has boundless enthusiasm for the Shammies. He always has a smile on his face and lots of energy both at training and on game day. His confidence in the scrum

has improved as he works to find his preferred position in the forward pack. Jack is powerful in contact and his ball placement and ball security have improved since the start of the season. Jack is a hard player to bring to ground. With his powerful leg drive and determination to eat up meters, he gives us great go forward momentum. We hope to see Jack back in Shammies colours in 2023.



Jono Peacocke

Jono is a well-rounded footballer. Not only does he have a dynamic pass that he unleashes every game, but he has a great rugby brain. He has shown to be a cool head on the field

taking some pressure off the boys around him, dictating the tempo and direction of the game with great success. He makes smart decisions which have only improved since he has been working on the speed of his pass at the ruck and anticipating the opposition. He has worked hard on his pass off the ground and his restart kicks which have been a great asset to the team. Jono is a hard worker and a dedicated Shammie who is developing in to a very smart scrum-half. Watch out Aaron Smith!



Joon Soo Woodhead

Joon Soo is a dedicated and determined trainer, concentrating hard to get the skill or drill right the very first time. He leads by example with a follow me attitude

and plays an integral role in our forward pack taking a lot of our quick taps with great effect! He is also pillar in our scrum and is devastatingly strong and deceptively quick. His tackle technique has improved as has his footwork in contact and speed to the ruck. Joon Soo is a fierce competitor who gives his all at training and on game day. Joon Soo was also selected in the Sydney Uni Rep squad where he made his impact and work ethic known. Joon Soo will continue to improve by developing his support play and defensive awareness to get the most out of those huge tackles! We hope to see Joon Soo back next season!



Mac Callon

Mac has taken his role at scrum half with both hands this season. He has continued to work hard on his passing and speed at the ruck. He is not shy to speak up during the game and let the boys know where

he wants his forward runners. His communication with his team mates is one of his best skills. Not shy to take the ball from the base of the ruck for a snipping run when the opportunity presents itself, Mac is a handful for the opposition. Mac was selected in the Sydney University rep side and the knowledge he has taken from that experience has shown in both training and on game day. With some more work on passing from the ground and quick decision making, Mac will continue to make his mark at 9. Well done Mac!



Michael Keenan

Michael is easily one of the quickest boys in our team and has a mature understanding of where he should be in both defence and attack. He is very patient and makes his time with ball

in hand count, using his step and speed out wide to score some fantastic tries this season. Not only does he use his initiative to come off his wing to go looking for the ball but he also moves smartly in cover defence and isn't scared to get his head in a ruck when needed. Michael's hard work paid off by being selected in The Sydney Uni Rep squad this season. With continued work on his tackling and support play we predict many outstanding seasons ahead in Michael's rugby career.



Rafael Curach

Raf puts his body on the line every single game. I'm sure the statisticians will confirm he has scored almost every game this season. Raf's trade mark speed is only matched

by how slippery he is in contact. Often drawing defenders in then burning them on the outside and shaking off grasping hands as he leaves the opposition in his wake. Raf has worked on his depth and positioning at training which has really paid off for him on game day, as he more often than not finds himself in space and in the right channels in defence. With some work on stepping back inside or linking up with a support player, Raf will continue to be a real-life highlights reel!



Tom Jamison

Tom is developing in to a very versatile backline player that exhibits great attacking ability and solid defence. He has played in both the centres and on the wing for us this season.

At training he has worked on his positioning in both attack and defence as well as his ball retention and passing which have all improved. He is incredibly evasive with ball in hand and uses his speed out wide very well. Towards the end of the season Tom was getting more confident at running straight with the ball and making good decisions on when to pass or go to ground. He makes great impact with his defence in the middle of the park, demonstrating some huge tackles! Great season Tom!





U11S SEASON REPORT

Another great season of rugby for the mighty U11 Shammies! With the set back of covid lockdowns behind us, we were able to get a full season in and, despite some interruptions from the rain, full effort was put in by the U11 players. With the help of coaches, the aim was to unite individuals, consisting of veteran and newer players, into a formidable team. Focus was on team positions for both backs and forwards, formations for attack and defence, set pieces and most importantly the drive over.

The U11s had a strong start to their season winning games at the gala day and in the opening rounds. As the season progressed, the team experienced some losses and drawn games against tough competition. During this time fitness was focussed upon to give players the confidence required to play longer games as well as get used to their designated positions. As the season neared its end, there were some close losses and a win that demonstrated the team was able to put on a strong competitive match when they were determined and united as a team.

Many memorable games were played: the team's first Friday night game under lights with a DJ playing and a gin bar for the parents, several games in thick mud, the unforgiving centre of Camperdown Oval either rock hard or boggy, the fantastic game against top of the table KWP where we lost but it felt like a win as the game was played so competitively and in the absolute spirit of rugby. The U11s won, lost and drew, but always took the result in good stride no matter which way it went.

Season 2022 also marked the first opportunity for our players to play representative rugby. Six of our U11 players played for the Sydney Uni team at the Tuggerah state championships winning four from their six games.

A big shout out and thank you to our coaches: Frank, Clarke and Shogi – who week in, week out were always there for the kids, helping them individually develop into better players and together unify into a cohesive team. Thanks to Laura for organising us. Thanks to our wonderful parents who washed very muddy jerseys, set up pitches, ran the BBQ, donned the hi-vis vests (even the tight orange one) and cheered the team through our ups and downs.

Finally: thank you to the U11 Shammies who impressed us every week with their commitment, camaraderie and spirit of rugby! We can't wait for season 2023 U12s: full pitch and 15 a side, bring it on!

Player profiles



Augustus Nicholls

Another new addition to the team, this was Gus's first year playing Shammies rugby. Playing in the position of wing, Gus got involved in defending and attacking

on the sides of the Shammie team during match days. A baptism of fire like for all new starters in rugby, with bodies flying left, right and centre, Gus got involved in the rucks and drive overs of the game. Red rover a favourite in training, Gus had fun putting his tackle skills to use against his teammates.



Ben Byrne

Ben made his debut as a front rower this season, giving it his best with the forwards. He played the first half of the season, trying hard to gain ground for the team for

further attacks. During his time on field, he also made daring sprints along the sideline when he could, going for that break.



Callum Middleton

Callum's first season of rugby and we hope he had a great time. Playing in the number 8 lock position with the forwards, Callum gave it his best both in training and on

game day. As part of the forward pack, Callum got involved in the scrums, set pieces and drive overs pushing over the opposition when he could on game day. We hope he had a blast and will be back next year for some more rugby action.



Harley Donohue

Harley had a great season, playing in the fly half position. Another veteran in the group, Harley attacked and defended well during the season both on game

day and in training. You usually saw him working hard with the scrum half getting the ball out to the centres for their attack. If he was not playing fly half, he also was playing outside centre as his other position getting ready for the attack or drive over. It was great to see Harley get involved with his teammates during the season. Well done.



Hugo Rutter

A veteran Shammie now, Hugo has hit his 100 games (6 seasons). We have seen him grow stronger and stronger with his gameplay, as he settles into his beloved role

as hooker or prop, always wanting to throw the ball in at line outs. He also made his debut as part of the Sydney Uni rep team. We love Hugo's desire to play the game with his team and to get involved whether it's a ruck, maul or scrum. Not to mention his Mum, who is our number one cheerleader from the sidelines. We love your work Megan!



Jamie Phemister

A versatile back, Jamie usually played in the half back position. Strong in attack and defence, he would either be passing the ball into the back line for an attack, or if the

opportunity presented itself, go for a run himself with the ball. Lightning fast, Jamie also made his rep rugby debut with the Sydney Uni team. Jamie's skills also gave him the opportunity to be the game kicker, going for conversions or drop kicks when needed. Like all good players, there is no doubt he will get better each season so watch out for him. Well done this season Jamie!



Julius Rego

The oldest veteran Shammie of the group, Julius pushed himself in both attack and defence during the season. Playing in the centres, he is keen to get the ball to

make a difference in gameplay. During the season, Julius was also working on his kicking game, with a very memorable and difficult conversion being made against the Mosman team on their home ground. A good utility, he can be used anywhere in the backline to help his teammates. Great season!



Kerrie Turagavuli

A late addition to the team, but gee we wish she had joined earlier. Kerrie made an immediate impact in both attack and defence, with her first

game scoring her player of the match. Kerrie is fast, fearless and moves like lightning making her perfect in the back line. She plays on the wing, stopping the fast movers coming in, or when she gets the ball, goes for a dash to try and score. Another one to watch out for in the future. Glad to have you on board Kerrie!



Lachlan Harden

This was Lachie's second season of rugby and Lachie has leaped up to be a force to reckon with. Playing second row, Lachie has done well in playing his

position, getting involved hard in the scrum, lineouts and where it counts. He also commits hard to tackles, putting his body on the line to stop them in their tracks. In addition, Lachie joined the Sydney Uni team and played representative rugby. A blast of a season, Lachie should be proud of his achievements



Lawson Boyle

What a blast of a second season for this young lad, playing both on the wings or outside centre. We suspect that some coaching by his old man on the off season,

is the secret weapon being used. Lawson really stepped up this season, getting involved in the tackle, breakdown or attacking when he could. Always happy to train and be part of it, showed commitment by Lawson. You never know, could be a future forward just like his old man!



Leo Murphy

Leo, great to have you back! Leo had left the Shammies for a few years but is now back with the team. The good thing is, Leo still plays like a professional giving it

his all with each game. Usually on the wing due to his fast pace and strong tackle skills, Leo is well known for his swift intercepts of the ball and making tries from this steal. The talent oozes from this kid and you can tell he has the passion for playing. One to watch out for, we are keen to see Leo's gameplay as the years go on.



Mirei Kikuchi

A great player in both attack and defence, Mirei played most of this season in the half back positions of either scrum or fly half. Known for her great ability to tackle, she showed

the team how it was done both in the training exercise or on the field when the game was on. Her skills were also used by the Sydney Uni rep team. Mirei is on her way to becoming a rugby legend, just like her old man Shogi.



Mylo Booth

Mylo is one of the veterans in the team, standing proud and rightly sized as a second rower. Mylo had a great season, working hard on strength, technique

and fitness to get his gameplay strong. Mylo pushes hard in the scrums, jumps high in the lineouts and scores tries when they count by pushing through the opposition. His teammates are proud to see him giving it his best, as his size makes a difference to the forward pack. Well done Mylo and keep up the good work!



Nyah Ibrahim

A newcomer to the Shammies and great to see Nyah enjoying being part of the team. Playing lock, Nyah was always getting involved in the

game or training, attacking hard, driving over, or tackling the opposition. Always ready to take on any role, it was great to see him be passionate about the game and enjoy it so much. Keen to jump on the field and give it his best, is a great asset that will see him do well in this game. A joy to see him play, keep it going Nyah!



Orlando Ponzetta

His first season, but wow what a great debut season for Orlando! A natural at the game, Orlando worked hard at scoring tries or busting through the opposition

defence. One of the biggest players in the team, Orlando also can move fast ensuring his momentum is projected to whoever dares to take it on. We believe it's in his DNA, as his grandfather was also a legend of the game. This player was born to be a front rower (and that's where the money is!). Can't wait to see the next few seasons this kid is going to have.



Robbie Clarke

A passionate Shammie (6 season player) and a passionate rugby fan, Robbie always gives it his best when it comes to training or game day. He

is the usual suspect for the famous number 1 position as loose head prop, getting involved hard in the scrum or the set pieces. He is usually the pick as captain for game day, for his ability to lead and show the others how to commit in playing. No doubt over time, this young Shammie will get better and better as the years go on.



Robbie Walker

Another veteran who has reached their milestone of 100 games. Robbie has flourished with his gameplay, showing us that he can hold his line as a second

rower in scrums, lineouts and attack strong during game days. The coaches always had faith in this lad, and it paid off as we watched his game get stronger. Robbie also joined the Sydney Uni crew, having a blast playing representative rugby with them. We are certain Robbie will continue to get better and better as he continues his journey in rugby.



Saachi Williams

Saachi had a ball this season, playing in the centres and then later in the forwards as a determined Shammie, as well as making it into the Sydney Uni rep team. Not one

who is afraid to attack, Saachi was usually seen making a dash towards the try line. If that wasn't the case, he would be driving hard over to try and secure the ball for play, so his teammates could get ready for the attack. This was only Saachi's second season, but Saachi is on his way in refining his skills, adapting and learning so that his rugby keeps getting better. Keep it going Saachi!



Sean Og Slevin

A lion on the field, Sean Og gives it his best every game. Placed on the wing, he attacks and defends with a passion others can learn from. Not afraid to

put his body on the line, he put up a fight defending the wing against the dreaded Dee Why opposition. Unfortunately, Sean Og was injured and was not able to continue the season after this. However, we praise him for his effort during the season and wish him the best in returning to the game, we can't wait to have Sean Og back in the maroon and blue!



Thomas Stockwell

Tom is a huge asset to the U11 Shammies with his fearless tackles bamboozling the opposition every week.

Not only does Tom tackle well, but he is relentless in taking the ball up to the try line to gain more territory for his team. Playing in the centres, Tom attacks and defends well, in addition Tom has kicking ability which must come from his AFL days. But we are glad he made the switch to a better code. Keep up the great work Tom and the rugby world will be your oyster.



William Lloyd

One of the toughest players in the team, Will made a great impact on the field when he came on to play. As a front rower, he showed strength and courage playing hooker or prop, binding hard in scrums and driving hard over when the breakdowns occurred, a true member of the forward pack. He may be playing in the loose forward position of flanker or lock next year, and if he does, watch out the opposition.



U12S SEASON REPORT

I would firstly like to begin by thanking John Kilkenny and the committee for their tireless efforts again this year. There is a tremendous amount of work by all involved to get teams training and playing weekly throughout pre-season and the competition, fundraising, organising gear, and managing communications. We are most appreciative.

To Juliana (Jules) Bates, our manager. A huge thankyou on behalf of the parents and boys. Managing logistics, communications, rosters and technology makes coaching the easy job and we are blessed to have such a wonderful manager.

To Ben Khan, it has been a pleasure to work with you again this year coaching the boys. They are lucky to have someone so invested in their individual and collective improvement, and it has been great not only sharing the teams' success this season, but the moments in games where it shows the boys soak up what we try to pass on to them, and put it in to practice on the field, not to mention the nuggets of gold where some of our less prominent players have moments to shine. (Rocky Hawkins.....I don't think we will forget that try for a while)

To the parents. Thank you for getting your sons to training and the games, and for the assistance in setups, marshalling, AR etc. They are a wonderful group of kids, and a credit to you all. It has been great to have such a supportive, willing and harmonious group of families, as well as extended families and friends cheering on the sidelines. (Richard Ireland, a special shout out as #1 ticket holder).

What a great season for the PJR U12 team! Minor premiers in the SJRU 12E competition is just rewards for your effort and consistency over the season. We had 11 wins from 12 games, with the next best team having 9 wins. The statistics suggest we cruised to the minor premiership, however the competition was much closer than the results show. The team's ability to prevail in all but one game where injury and illness took too great a toll, is as much an testament to the spirit in the team as its skill.

With 23 players, unfortunately, not all boys had as much game time as we would have liked to provide them, but the contribution every boy made, in many critical situations in games is something each player in the team can be extremely proud of. It is easy to focus on the try scorers, and more talented individuals, but without the whole squad contributing the way they did, and willing to play out of position to get more of a chance, I do not believe we would have had the same level of success. All the boys improved greatly over the season, and should recognise they have contributed to the teams' results.

It would be remiss of me not to mention that 13 of our boys represented Sydney University at the State Championships. In an exceptionally tough competition, the boys were able to come away with a win against West Harbour, and to their credit, continued to front up and do their best over 3 days against the best talent in the state. These boys should be proud of the way they played, conducted themselves and stuck to the task, regardless of the calibre of the opposition. (These boys have been identified in their profiles with SUJRU)

It has been a pleasure co-coaching a great bunch of kids, where all boys were embraced and recognised for their contributions, and no big ego's got in the way of just having fun, and enjoying the team's successes together. They should be very proud to have secured the minor premiership, and we wish them well in the finals series.

Coach - Troy

Player profiles



Aiden Lee (Sujru)

Aiden has had an outstanding season this year and certainly one of our best players. He has been gracious in not playing his preferred position, but really shone as a flanker. His tireless efforts in defence

have stopped opposition onslaughts and saved many tries, and his aggressive running with the ball has seen him bag a number of tries this season. A special mention in regards to his season was the fact that he was the only Sydney University player at the U12 State Championship to play all 200 minutes of rugby the team played, a testament to his ability and endurance.



Alex Mitchell

Alex is an exciting runner with the ball in hand, and another who has taken limited game time in his stride. With the limited opportunities he has had with ball in hand on the wing this season, he has

made the most of them. When thrown in the deep end in the centres at a critical time of the match against Sylvania at Camperdown, his defence helped keep them out and showed how important he was to the team.



Alex Moore (Sujru)

Our Jonah (Lomu). A wrecking ball on the wing, who just loved trying to bulldoze his way over the opposition, often carrying 3 or 4 defenders when they did stop him. Not only did Alex make many metres, and

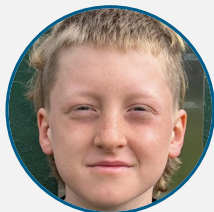
score many tries, but his tough style of defence certainly put pressure on his opponents and made them look twice when they got the ball. Relatively new to rugby, Alex has tremendous potential to become a devastating winger.



Harrison Bell

New to the squad in 2022, Harrison has made continued improvement throughout the season. He has really embraced the front row, and has performed admirably for

someone thrown into the role. As the season has gone on, his tackling has improved to a point where he makes a real impact in defence. More time on the field will develop him into a very handy player and greatly admired team mate.



Jack Stewart

Jack joined the Shammies this season, and made an invaluable contribution. He is one of the most improved players this year, and his textbook defence in a losing team against St Ives, and his 2 try effort at

home in the last round demonstrated how far he has come this season.



Jack Phillips

Jack has contributed his weight in gold this season. His teammates should be proud to have someone so enthusiastic and keen to put their body on the line for them no matter what

position. Jack suffered a serious arm injury in the final round of the season, and we wish him well for a full recovery. Watching the boys see him off in the ambulance, with genuine goodwill hopefully showed Jack he is a valued member of the squad. It also showed the boys he is one tough character.



Jake Quailey (Sujru)

Jake is blessed with speed to burn, and makes the most of it. His blistering runs, often created points from nothing, and his ability to get across the line made him our highest try scorer for the season. While his contribution in attack was impressive, his contribution in defence should not be understated. Playing outside centre for much of the year, not only put the ball in his hand more often but allowed him to make more of an impact in defence, shutting down many opposition raids.



James Tyler

James joined the Shammies this year, and has been a valuable addition to our outside backs. He is solid in defence, never allowing the opposition past him, and his deceptive pace has

allowed him to trouble his opponents at any opportunity.



Jude Steverson

Another Shammies debutant this season, Jude has equipped himself with distinction in the front row. He will only get better with more time on the field, but any team would be lucky to have such a dependable front rower.



Kristian Mackay (Sujru)

Kristian has played an important role in the success of the team this year with his versatility to cover a range of positions including outside centre, wing and fullback. His solid

defence is invaluable, and his explosive ability in attack, has made him more than a handful for all opposing teams.



Liam Waterworth (Sujru)

Liam has continued to develop as a young rugby player, and in particular as a number 9. He has all the makings of a great halfback. His service to the backline has been excellent this year,

and his judgment of when to run is improving with each game, keeping the opposition on its toes at all times. Liam plays with his heart on his sleeve, gives it his all 100% of the time and is an invaluable part of the team.



Lucas Villate-Gallagher (Sujru)

Our captain. What a great season Lucas had leading from the front. His ability to make significant impact on games, in scrums or at the front of the lineout, making

bullocking runs, scoring tries, stopping the opposition in their tracks in tight, or cover tackles out wide, was the difference between the team winning and losing a number of games. Certainly one of our best players this year, he took the responsibility of being captain seriously and led from the front all season.



Matt Tydd (Sujru)

Matt is our 1883 Award recipient this year, and it is thoroughly deserved. Not only has he been one of our best players consistently this season, he

has demonstrated all of the attributes that we respect at the Shammies..... toughness, competitiveness, resilience and humility. His desire to improve all aspects of his game, make him a pleasure to coach, and we look forward to seeing him develop further in seasons to come.



Nate Travis

Nate has taken to the role of fullback like a duck to water. His last line of defence has been dependable, his positional play has improved throughout the season, but his ability to make oppositions

stand still while he swivels the hips and slides past them has been a joy to watch. He is one who certainly makes the most of his skills, and has been a joy to watch develop in his role.



Owen Charles (Sujru)

Owen has improved again this year and is developing as a well-rounded rugby player. He is a mainstay of the forward pack, being able to cover all positions in the back 5. His speed in attack and defence, has allowed

him to really contribute and make an impact in games, and his versatility has been invaluable.



Rocky Hawkins

Rocky is one of the most relaxed rugby players that you will find and has improved greatly over the season. He is a true team player that always does his best to contribute on

the field. His try at Camperdown will be remembered by the coaches for a long time and his tackle in Rd 11 that cut the opposition attacker to the ground showed how far Rocky has developed this year.



Sam Cameron (Sujru)

Sam makes all his team mates feel appreciated, and I am as proud as his father when I see him throw his arm around a team mate to ensure they are okay, as when he is cleaning out the

opposition. As our main goal kicker, he got our season off to a great start with a match winning goal that bounced over off the crossbar against Narrabeen, and his sneaky try against our inner west rivals Balmain was another highlight of his season.



Sebastian Triccas (Sujru)

Seb is one of our most improved players this year. At the beginning of the season, he filled the role of a utility, but soon it became clear he would cement himself in the back five. He goes hunting for the ball

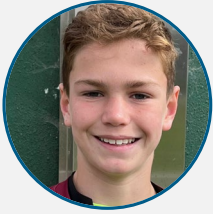
and has been formidable making serious inroads into opposition defensive lines. His handling skills are outstanding for a forward, and some of his pickups that lead to tries were outstanding.



Tom Catanzariti

Tom has made great contributions on the wing this year, being very solid in defence, and with ball in hand. His deceptive speed, keeps his opposite number on their toes, and

his runaway try in the opening minutes against St Ives was a highlight.



Tom Ireland (Sujru)

Tom has made an invaluable contribution to the team, and is improving as a number 10 with each game. The responsibility of being a young number 10 can't be understated, and he has

taken it on with distinction. He really has had the backline singing this season, unleashing the players outside him, and his running game, mesmerising the defence with the ball in two hands is great to watch.



Tom Nelson (Sujru)

I am yet to come across a player who enjoys his rugby more. His joy for the game, and smile that goes with it, is infectious. Tom is a great lad to have in the squad, and has made significant contributions

this season with rock solid defence and a direct running that puts the opposition on the back foot. His two try effort was a highlight.



Will Harriman-Khan (Sujru)

Will has again made a massive contribution to the team with his outstanding defence. His ability to cut down attackers much greater in size has been

a highlight. In addition, his ability to find invaluable meters in tight spaces with fancy footwork, really helped the team's momentum in attack.



Will Jamison

Will is a quiet achiever. He is another member of the squad, who without his ability to come into the game and do his job, the team would not have had the success it has this season. He has

improved throughout the season, both with the ball in hand and in defence, and is a valuable member of the team.





U13S SEASON REPORT

What a treat! A full season of rugby in 2022 after two stop start years due to Covid and player injuries. The u13s were pumped to get back into it, turning out in full force for pre-season training and friendlies with Balmain. This cohort went from 3 teams in the 2021 season to one awesome team – and we managed to get into u13's B/C grade! At the tail end of the season u13's Shammies are in the top four and poised to go into the finals. This is such a huge achievement considering the blend of experienced war-horses, those still learning their trade and even a handful of total newcomers to the sport. Many things have contributed to this success, with the camaraderie, team spirit and respect amongst the kids the standout factors. They should all be congratulated for a triumphant year.

Training has been an integral part of the u13's success, and with the introduction of lifting in the lineout, practice has made all the difference. Wednesdays and Thursdays at Camperdown, Petersham Public school when it rained nonstop, CrossFit Play again when it rained some more. We even had 6am training during the Term 1 school holidays – that's dedication! Huge thanks must go to the coaches, James Breen and Scott Blackford. This is Scott's first year of training the Shammies and he's really whipped the forwards into shape. I think we've seen a rolling maul or two throughout the season!

We've seen a step-change in dedication this year from our u13's. Our first-timers have taken to the game with gusto and have never looked intimidated. Several kids have taken full advantage of our new sponsor – CrossFit Play, with a few 'beefing up' at a shocking rate. And the commitment at training has matured. It's been fantastic watching each and every one of this team develop into fine young adults!

There was also an international player who joined the ranks for the first few games of the season. Raphael Moutsinga and his family live in Berlin but are touring the world. They love rugby and it turns out Rapha's rugby coach is an ex-Shammie! Confirmation that the Shammies influence reaches far and wide! Rapha was an amazing addition and helped the forwards become a formidable group. We miss him, mum Pia and dad Robert but I think there will be a few of the u13's that will be visiting Berlin in the future!

This year is a touring year for u13's and we are heading to NZ at the end of September. We fly into Christchurch and then head to Queenstown to play rugby with the locals and of course have fun! We have a group of 25 players, and their family members coming, so the season has been hectic with not only rugby but several fundraising efforts! Thank you to Ray Reilly who has taken the lead with organisation of the u13's tour.

We have had White Cockatoo Hotel and Sydney Park Hotel raffle nights where several of the boys have turned up Friday nights to collect patron's cash, with the record close to \$700 in one night! There was also Karma Keg at White Cockatoo hotel, where we managed to get through a keg of Grifters (all in the name of fundraising) – thank you again Ray for organising.

And of course, the Grand-Daddy of fundraising efforts, the Annual Petersham Juniors Trivia night, was a whopping success!! Thank you to the Trivia Committee: Fiona Breen, Ray Reilly, Brad Steyn, Phoebe Steyn, James Breen and Sara Reilly – led by the amazing Hellen McGlade. They organised an absolutely fabulous evening. The profits of this event will go a long way to helping out with the tour!

It's been an action-packed year for the u13's and their families, with finals plus the tour yet to come. It is safe to say this has been one of the most awesome seasons of rugby yet!!!!

Player profiles



Alex McGlade

The Shammies Under 13s have developed a reputation for top class scrummaging, and Alex is (literally) at the middle of it, hooking between our ferocious props. His determination to learn

this role and execute to perfection is always evident at training and his attitude on the pitch – getting stuck into the grubby world of front row rugby – is great to watch. Lineouts have been a success as well with Alex delivering pinpoint accuracy to our lifters. He makes them look good, but we all know they'd be nothing without consistent delivery.



Angus Glover

Gus has performed well this year. "The Comedian of the team" Gus always puts in at training and this is benefitting his game. Gus made some telling

tackles and great runs down the sideline this year. Gus deserved to score a few more tries. He was always happy to play any position in the backline if needed.



Angus Pagan

Another first timer playing any type of contact sport, add to this, unfortunately, Angus only found us halfway through the season, so this year was a prelude to things

to come. Although it was a late start, Angus has been able to fit into the group easily and has already been able to make some good friends. Angus is another player who is a sponge for learning the game of rugby, keen to train, ask questions and as his confidence grew, he became more involved in contact at training.

Unfortunately, he had only limited time on the field (but that wasn't due to his keenness) he just needs to learn more about the game. Again, this year was a "toe in the water" experience, but we can't wait to see what next year brings.



Bryn Hall

Bryn was another newcomer to Rugby this year. Bryn applied himself all year and has been brave in tackling considering his size. A good listener who is always

willing to try his best. Bryn would repeat drills numerous times to perfect them. A big heart and valuable team member. Experience, game time and continued hard work will bring big rewards for Bryn.



Charlie Swindail

Charlie is the other "book end" of our front row. Charlie has greatly improved throughout the year. He has knuckled down, listened at training and as a result, he has made his presence felt on the field. Charlie has continually worked on all facets of his game, his tackling, body height and dominance over the ball, whilst his ball running has improved immensely. He has been able to turn himself into a well-rounded, confident player. We are all looking forward to seeing what Charlie can bring next year.



Cruz Vasea

This is Cruz's first year of rugby but what a great one. Trains hard, listens and executes. A background in Jiu-Jitsu means Cruz is familiar with a bit of rough

and tumble, and when that gets combined with his strength and speed we can see a future Shammies legend in the making. Learn the game, improve your ball handling and keep working hard Cruz. A cracking first season at rugby and a weapon of mass destruction next season!



Edward Walker

Ed has added another skill to his game this year, and I don't mean his comedy routines. He developed his offload in the offseason. With Ed running straight

and hard and then offloading we've been able to get in behind defences many times. This adds to his already crowded repertoire of rucking, tackling and line breaking. We've seen solid performances from a solid second rower, with some champagne rugby round the edges.



Ezekiel Barros

A HUGE year for Zeke, who continues to be a pivotal player in the team. Playing predominantly blindside flanker, Zeke has honed his skills to dominate the break

down. With his improvements in defence Zeke continues to be an important member and leader of our team. In-addition, and with the addition this year of lifting in the line out, Zeke was able to adapt skills he has learnt from that other game (kick and hope) AFL and become a great line out jumper, skills that turned our line out into a very productive weapon. We are all looking forward to what you can bring next year



James Gormly

James has been one of our most improved players this year. James has shown at training that he is always keen to learn, he listens and works hard to improve and

grow as a player. James has improved out of sight at the break down, using his size, lowering his body height and hitting it with a "newfound vigour"; he is starting to make his presence felt in this area. If James can build on the platform he has created this year, next, who knows what he could be capable of.



James Rowntree

James is another member of our backrow quartet. James is new to our club, joining a couple of games into the season, and thank goodness he did. James brought a

new spark of energy to our back row and a sense of competition, with four great players vying for three positions. This not only lifted the performances of the back row, but the whole team. James led the way with his defence dropping the biggest players in the opposition and inspiring his new team mates to do the same. James has become a valued player in this team, and we hope this is just the start of things to come, playing with the Shammies.



James Reilly

Jimmy lion heart. Smallest guy on the field with the biggest heart. Will take on any tackle and run at anyone, ducking and diving through back lines with

ease. Jimmy has made fullback his own this year. Jimmy, is always dangerous with ball in hand. Looking forward to a big season next year.



Javier Kilkenny

Javier is another member of our AWSOME back row quartet. Javier never stops, his commitment to the breakdown is as intense at the 50 minute mark, as it is from

the kick-off. He has shown over the year that he will never take a backward step and will run himself into the ground when needed. Javier has had a great year, his strength at the breakdown is exceptional. With him gaining a bit of size and continuing his fitness programme in the off season, we are all looking forward to Javier's return next season.



Joseph Spiers

Joseph has developed his game this year with his confidence increasing each game. It was a big step up into B/C grade but Joseph took it in his stride

playing across the back line, including at full back which is not an easy position to play. He works hard at every training run and come game time is making more tackles and running hard with the ball in hand. He always gives 100%. With another year under his belt, Joe will be a very handy player.



Joshua Baranowski

Josh decided to play league this year and only made a handful of games. Josh had a big impact in those games and really makes a difference when on field. Looking forward to his return to full time next year.



James Junior Breen

James Junior has taken on the role of Team Captain this year, a role that has certainly brought him out of his comfort zone. In this role James has had to learn to be more assertive, a decision

maker and a leader for the players on the field, attributes that as the year has gone on, he has worked on and mastered. James was picked as Captain due to one of his strengths, his ability to read the game, which makes him a pivotal link between the forwards and backs, his bullet like passing has kept the backline firing and his talk on the field has been driving the forwards. James has certainly evolved into a leader on and off the field.



Julius Thompson

Julius had limited game time as well this year. Has all the ability and skills to do well at rugby. Can play any backline position, which makes him a valuable asset to the team.



Kayhan Simavoglu

The Special K of the Special Shammies. Kayhan knows only one direction and that is forward...with force. He puts fear into the opposition with his size and aggression,

and then surprises with speed and deftness of movement. His experience in the front row has allowed him to help and support our other props, demonstrating technique and grit that only comes from a number of seasoned campaigns in the front row. A pleasure to coach, and watch.



Larissa Daniels-Maifea

Larissa has speed, aggression and great ball handling skills. This makes Larissa a danger on the wing, and a useful tool to drop in across the back line when needed. Larissa reads the

game well and is always there looking for the ball – just needs to shout louder at her team mates so they pass!



Levi Mikhiel

Levi's season was thwarted with (a non-rugby) injury which is such a shame, as we were starting to see a new level of aggression and commitment. Levi's

speed and size means he can move from loose forward to anywhere across the backs so he will be a valuable member of the team in New Zealand and into next year. Maybe just hang up the scooter and focus on the footie...please!?!



Max May

Our VC. Max has taken on the role of Vice Captain with both hands – and literally run with it...straight through the opposition. A move from prop to number 8 has not phased

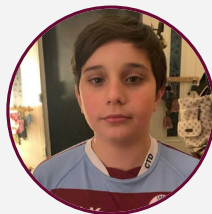
Max, in fact he has learnt to love having the ball in hand more, and scoring the odd try. We had a bigger, stronger and fitter Max this year – thanks to our new sponsor, CrossFit Play – and his game reflected his commitment. He has led from the front, with barnstorming runs, that, if didn't result in tries, certainly inspired the rest of the team. His work at training also deserves a mention, he is always attentive and gives 100%, even taking the time to help the new players in the team. Max is a true leader in this team and will be for years to come.



Otto Gerber

Otto continues to develop his roll at fly half. His tactical kicking game has really come on and he continually causes havoc for opposing teams. The 'Otto show and go' has

confused many a defence this season and his ability to side step even the most agile of opponents has been a joy to watch. Rock solid on defence and a master of the pilfer, Otto can turn a game on its head if he is on. Watch out for him next year!



Patrick Peluso

Patrick was new to the club this year and a welcome addition. He primarily played wing and showed great attack play. His defence was good and

showed great promise. Unfortunately, we didn't see much of Patrick in the second half of the year however we look forward to seeing Patrick grow next year.



Raphael Moutsinga

Rapha was the u13's Shammie's international superstar recruit, all the way from Berlin, Germany. While on a family world tour Rapha was desperate to play Rugby so he asked his ex

Shammies coach in Berlin for some contacts. A couple of calls later he then jet set into Aussie and was hosted by the Kilkenny's in Petersham, Sydney. Rapha played three games for the Shammies and dominated the lineouts, carried and tackled strong. It was his first introduction to 15 aside rugby and an introduction to 24/7 dedicated rugby culture. We wish we could have kept in in Aussie for the season but he had to finish his world tour. Rapha and his family brought spark to the u13s and we hope we see him back for a senior season with the Shammies in a few years :)



Rui Tsuji

First year playing any type of football. Rui has made tremendous gains learning the game of rugby. From a "blank canvas", Rui has grown

in confidence to a stage where he makes tackles and is able to hold his own at the break down. This has all come from his dedication at training. Rui listens, takes every instruction in and this shows on the field. Best of all, you can see the joy he gets playing the game with his mates, that smile is always there. We are all looking forward to seeing it again next year.



Sunny Steyn

Sunny had limited game time this year due to his busy schedule, but still managed to be one of the team's top try scorers. Always willing and never gives up. His

speed and ability to read play is an asset to the team – always on the end of Otto's kicks and always on hand to save a try.



Spencer Bowerman

Spencer has made centre his own this year. He has worked really hard at training on both attack and defence. This is taking his game to bigger and better

things which is developing him into a top class player. Small in stature, but big in the tackle – Spencer can befuddle a winger who thinks they are through to the line. And then of course there is his speed!



Thomas Mallinson

Big Tom...the corner stone of our front row. Tom has had a huge year, improving with every game. Starting the year Tom was a bit under done and unsure of his role in the team (playing

minimal minutes), as the year progressed and his fitness improved Tom started to release that inner "wrecking Ball" we all knew he had, and he started steam rolling over the opposition players. Tom has improved in all aspects of his game since the start of the year, his positional game, line speed, tackling and body height, now if we can just get him to hold onto the ball ... (maybe next year).



Thomas Lennox

Tom is an asset to the team and has been one of our standout Backs. Tom is a great defender and organises his outside backs like a chess master. His ability to create

holes with strong running gave us a huge amount of try scoring opportunities this year. Credit must also go to Tom for his commitment to both the Shammies and his team-mates at Sydney Uni. An injury mid-season meant Tom, who was selected for Sydney Uni, couldn't play. But Tom still travelled to Dubbo to lend his support and then turned up to Shammies training to encourage his mates.



U14S SEASON REPORT

As we write this on the eve of our semi-final game, yes against our arch nemesis, Balmain, it's with jittery excitement and constant weather checks, that we take a chance to think back over this season, an opportunity to take a moment regardless of the outcome of this weekend's game and reflect on the honour it has been to coach you this season and to say to our Under 14 Shammies, thank you!

We started the year explaining to our players that each season is a story, one that you get to write together. Unique, in that it is based on a shared experience from many different characters that all bring something of themselves into the narrative, some old characters who have played since they were Minis, some new, some you may never see again. A story based on some magic that draws us together on the weekends to fight for every inch of grass, on a field against foes as varied and passionate as ourselves.

It's not possible to accurately capture the story of this season, instead our hope is that years from now when you find this dusty book and look over these photos, you will see where it all started for these young people, the courage and heart they showed and the steps they took from adolescence to young adulthood. It's this season I think I will remember the most. One that started with the clouds of covid clearing only to make way for ones filled so heavy with rain that gave us mud and havoc for the weeks to come. Yet despite all of this we would not miss one game.

It is often said that when you move out of Under 13s into U14, (the first year of full competition and points ladder) that winning games becomes the most important part of the game, but I would like to challenge that narrative. Even though we won plenty of games, it was the hearts of those who watched that we won that mattered most.

Case in point, NB Barbarians - after we had sung our song and packed our bags a lady approached, her house is right next to the sideline the field. So compelled by what she had witnessed, she left her home on that cold afternoon to take the time to tell us that in all her years living literally on the sidelines of the field, she had never heard the voice of a team speak so loudly and supportive of one another.

When we lost to the second placed team on the ladder, Manly Savers, their coach came over to thank us and paid special mention to Sam and Austin who we lent to them so they could field a full team. Such was their contribution that it helped win the game for Manly, that their coach could not leave Camperdown oval without first telling us how impressed he was of the character of our players and the spirit in which we had played the game.

It is these 'results' that mean and count for more than the final numbers on a match day app and I hope that just as generations have done before you, those experiences last and befor ever part of your story of rugby. I would like to pay a special thank you to the incredible support and assistance from coaches, David Cooper, Ross Henry and Angus MacDonald and manager Mick Dandy, without you and your ongoing support for me and the players this year would not have happened. I thank you for everything you have given and shared.

To all of our families who helped with canteen, BBQ duties, Field Marshal, Assistant Ref and oranges cutters, thank you. To our great team photographer Ken Larbalestier, thank you for capturing all the fine details in those split-second moments.

Thank you to JK, Junior Club President, your vision and support of your coaches has laid the foundation for generations to come and we thank you for everything you have done for us.

To the team, sleep well, for tomorrow we wake and put pen to paper on our last chapter, 'Ambush', writ large the character of this team.

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Player profiles



Austin Nguyen

Athleticism and raw skill is the hallmark of Austin's game. From back handed flick passes whilst being knocked over the line to lightning passes off the ruck. Adaptable to any last-minute request thrown at him and never a complaint only gratitude, a committed team man whose tenacity and fearlessness became a key feature of his season this year.



Finn Hainsworth

Big year from Finn, switching from the outside backs to halfback. Finn is one of rugby's deep thinkers and we have loved his passion and diligence for his role at half. There was an inevitability that once Finn started spotting holes around the ruck that he would burst through - and he did, on a number of occasions! How many teams would kill for a zippy halfback with the nous to use his speed? Well we have one here and he is not going anywhere! Great season, Finn!



Frederick Dandy

Freddy does not stop. Just when you think his legs are about to fall off he asks for more. Memorable moment was when we ran for hours during training and the coach asked jokingly if anyone wanted another lap around the oval, his hand went straight up. Took on the captaincy role this year, developed his voice to become one of the most vocal leaders on the field. Congrats on an outstanding season.



Flynn Carle

Mr Dependable at fullback! We all breathe easier knowing Flynn is patrolling the back field. Oppositions on many occasions were left ruing their choice to kick to Flynn (the danger zone!), as he returned kicks with interest (and tries)! In a backline that feels the need for speed this year, Flynn might just be the quickest. Blink and you will miss him - but wait for him to fly past again because along with his blistering pace, Flynn is a great bloke to have around and we have loved his contributions in his second year with the club. His experience has been invaluable in developing our backline into the attacking weapon that went within a whisker of a grand final berth. Great season, Flynn!



George Agapiou

Joined the team this year and became a very lovable character of the team. An enthusiastic and unpredictable player who really grew into his role as a loose forward. George was often seen sneaking around at the end of a back line finishing off a run in broken play and just as happy to stick his head into rucks and a juggernaut move. We look forward to seeing him run out many more times in the Shammies jersey.



Harry Bibrack

Harry was a pleasure to have around this year. He joined us from other codes and made an immediate impact. Equally at home on the wing or in the centres with his raw pace wreaking havoc on oppositions. One of many highlights in the year was Harry streaking away down the sideline to score a much-needed try against Forest to help win the game for the Shammies. Equally as inspirational off the field as on it, with Harry and Hallsy making us all proud saving a child from drowning during the school holidays. The little guy made a full recovery and he and his family even became Shammies supporters for the end of the season. Great stuff, Harry!



Henry Jordan

A great ambassador of the game and club. Asks for nothing and gives his all. Ran great support play all year long often linking forwards to backs. Dependable and willing to do anything to

help his team. Usually, the first to the break down to do the hard work rather than claim the glory. Really lifted his involvement across the field, showing the importance of listening and applying. A great club man and a great mate!



Hamish Kelly

What can we say about this great young man? A true leader that pops up everywhere. We swear that some days we must have two or three Hamos on the field of battle because there is no way one person can get through

as much work as this guy does. Running, kicking, tackling, cleaning-out - a loose forward disguised as a five eighth! There is nothing General Kelly won't do for this troops. Played himself literally into the ground in our semi-final against Balmain and very nearly pulled off one of the great victories! We salute you, Hamo!



James Baranowski

We only had limited time with the Baran but when we did he made up for lost time. One of the most devastating tacklers you will ever see, deployed in the back line a number

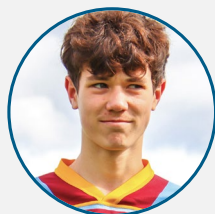
of times this year. James has the ability to turn any game around with his speed and damaging tackles.



Jack Cooper

Jack the Ripper took down so many attackers this year and charged into walls of defenders. A fierce player and carrier of the ball, looks into the whites of those poor defenders' eyes and takes a non-negotiable

approach regardless of who they are. Equal part gentleman and assassin, Jack leads from the front and takes his duties seriously. A great role model to have on the team.



Kubi Belunek

A search into the Shammies archives proved that 2022 wasn't Kubi's first time with the club ... and his return was a glorious one! Kubi combines speed and agility to perfection, but don't

let his charming nature fool you - within lies a steely resolve, determined to cut an opposition defence to shreds with his quick thinking and even quicker feet. Kubi in full flight is a thing of beauty for his teammates and coaches - and a thing of misery for opponents. We hope Kubi will be a mainstay of our backline for years to come. Great to have you in the team, mate! Great year.



Lorenzo Sim Lind

Enzo is both a professional and a gentleman. A genuine nice guy off the field but with his increasing speed and physical presence this year, his transformation once he crosses the paint resembles

that of the Incredible Hulk! Smash!! We have loved watching Enzo's development this year and like so many others in our backline, we can count on Enzo to do any job asked of him, and more! A super effort this year by a super good guy.



Lisiate Aholelei

After 3 games sitting out in the back line we were short on numbers for the back row.. And umm ouch did that change things. One of the most effective players in close quarters you will

ever find. His ability to clean out rucks and drive players off the field is difficult to match. Lisiate demolishes opponents with his physical approach and we are all so grateful we don't play against him.



Max Blombery

The consummate gentleman and workhorse, you never hear him complain even when throwing with a fractured finger. Max really owns his role and responsibilities. Always willing

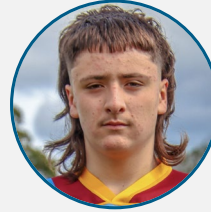
to lend a hand and commit himself to everything in front of himself. Puts his hand up for any kind of punishment and really built his season around a team first approach this year.



Michael Henry

The man mountain crashed his way through 2022. Really worked on his stamina, delivering big shifts every Sunday. A lower body height created a wrecking ball of devastation that left

a wake of bodies. A fine gentleman off the field, however would not recommend coming in contact with him when on the field.



Metuakore (Tino) Robinson

Where do we start with this? Although Tino only joined the team this year, it felt like he had been part of the team for years. The contrast between the rough mullet haircut and his ultra-gentleman approach to

everything he does is a real trait of this unique character. His late-season travel efforts will go down in team folklore. This frequent flyer is equally at home in the engine room or the Chairman's Lounge - only it is opposition teams that would be well advised to pay attention to the safety briefing when playing Tino! A wonderful and truly unique season by you, Sir!



Ollie Carle

Courage and determination define this character. Whether he is fronting the scrum or supporting at the breakdown, Ollie always

made such a big contribution with powerful runs and furious tackles. Has developed into a real ball-carrying weapon this year and built each game to create a huge impact, a brilliant season.



Owen Beckman-Scott

His second season with the team and what an impact he had straight away. From our first trial game he is a real gift to the team, equal parts ridiculous enthusiasm and athleticism.

Would run himself ragged only to be dragged off the field. His determination and commitment was contagious and we can only hope that he signs up again for 2023.



Oisín Moore

Oisín continued to build on his running game and defence this year. Constantly seeking to get more involved and determined to never let anyone around him. His chase game was a key feature and helped secure many a downtown kick. Pressured defenders and ran amok whenever he had the ball in hand. Dangerous to underestimate this player.



Riley Laris

2022 saw this rebel take to the field with a greater focus and commitment than ever before. Sustained so much damage yet still returned for more. A loose forward who grew in confidence with each game. We can see a growing fire burning in Riley that we can't wait to see continue to build - or perhaps it's a powder keg waiting for another spark in 2023! Great season, Riley!



Stuart MacDonald

Led from the front this year, equally committed as a captain or as a follower. Fierce and gracious are two of the best ways to describe Stu.

Just take a little look at some of the great shots throughout the year to see the fire in his eyes. Really took his game to the next level with greater awareness of game play and defensive reads.



Thomas Larsson

Tom aka D.O.W (The Destroyer of Worlds) returning to 2022 he somehow became even more damaging. Went on to play Reps and did the club proud. The best way to describe Tom is that he reminds me of something out of a Marvel episode. You just have to come along and watch on Sunday to know what I mean. If so I advise from a distance and wear a helmet.



Thomas Hall

Hallsy lit up the lawn this year, scorching defenders with his decisive runs and big right step. Played a number of leadership roles commanding the back line and taking his game to

new heights. Searching kicks and raw speed terrified oppositions throughout the year. The other half of the dynamic duo with Harry, proving that not all heroes wear capes!



Will Brothers

Joined the club and code half way through this season. We weren't quite sure what to make of this young man but it soon became apparent that his determination and commitment would quickly translate into on field impact. His new found love for getting dirty and running into opportunities / opposition was exactly what we wanted and from this young man. His size and power was felt on and off the field, very happy to be watching from the side lines. Paperwork ready to go for 2023.



Willem Teong

Answered the call halfway through the season - a real professional you can always count on. When we heard Will was returning - an experienced, level-head that adds a touch of class to everything he does, along with a 100 Club veteran of the Shammies - we all thought Christmas had come early! Astute and assured is how he entered the fray this year, taking his learnings from schoolboy games into his Sunday games. Will is always happy to cover a range of positions but now looks very much in control running at 9. A clean distributor with astute game awareness, thank you, Willem!



U15S SEASON REPORT

As the saying goes, rugby and friendship were the real winners. And this year maybe the mud can also claim a win. The under 15's started the year with so much momentum with summer 7's and an early start to training, however things came a little unstuck when we realised we wouldn't have enough players for a team. A joint venture opportunity with a team from the East presented itself and with the parents on board and a team nickname well considered and decided we were excited about this new venture. However by the next day our friends in myrtle green had done a recount and the JV was off.

Next came the idea of a joint venture with our passionate rugby loving friends from St Ives and so we met for gala day 1 on a very wet, cold and windy clifftop in Vacluse and with 2 convincing wins we knew it was a goer. The teams complemented each other well as the Petersham boys brought speed out wide and strength in the forwards to a talented, committed and never say die St Ives bunch of players.

The rain on day 1 was definitely a marker of things to come this season. Never before have the playing jerseys needed so many spins around the washing machine and the stink from the Camperdown mud was quite something to behold. Plans A, B and C were a constant each week as teams across Sydney contacted each other frantically to determine where and when we might get our Sunday hit of club rugby.

The season had its challenges not just from the rain but the challenge of training as a full squad even on those dry opportunities. We travelled to St Ives, Chatswood and Camperdown for training opportunities. Game days had their ups and downs as the promise of talent and combinations was evident however lack of consistent training together was our weakness. Under 15's was truly another step up in physicality and mental toughness. We endured some difficult games in which the boys showed great character to keep their heads and support each other – even winning praise from the refs for not succumbing to the niggles – something we were all very proud of. I am in awe of the way these boys put their bodies on the line, the dark places they put their heads and the strength and skills they show both individually and as a team. The breakdown was a development area this year with new skills evident in enforcing the turnover. The solid pick and drive game was consistent as ever and the speedsters out wide were always exciting.

With teenagers also comes injury and a multitude of other commitments (yes there is life outside rugby). And with 2022 we also got illness – players, coaches and managers alike. This made forming a team of 15 rugby positions a work of wonderful creativity and experimentation on some days. Congratulations to the boys for being willing to try new positions and playing wherever the team needed them while they continued to give it their all and show support for one another.

Our JV with St Ives drew some attention from other teams as they were intrigued to understand how such geographically different teams had come together. Basically, it came down to wanting to play rugby and good people working to make it happen. My sincere appreciation and admiration go to our parents and players who showed flexibility, good humour and openness to making this happen. A special thanks must also go to the St Ives committee, parents and players who were so welcoming and supportive and so committed to playing rugby in the right spirit. Thank you to St Ives President Neville, Coach Jono and Manager Warren and to our Petersham coaches Jeff Thurecht and Dan Waterworth – a brilliant team to work with and share the load. It was a great experience to make new friends on the sidelines and to watch the boys make friendships while they shared challenges and highlights on the rugby pitch. I trust that grew as players and people from the experience. I for one am not willing to predict what 2023 might bring but I know it will involve more entertaining rugby and great skill, determination and development from our players.

Player profiles



Aston Lebler

A student of the scrum Aston took control of the set piece and technical aspects of play this year. Often showed great rugby IQ and can be relied upon to make good

metres with a strong ball carry. Pulled on his beloved gold and blue for another season with Sydney Uni reps.



Ewan Gleeson

The team canon ball who consistently did the tough work and just kept putting his hand up for more. Ewan makes metres with the ball, tackles hard and showed some

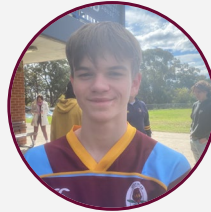
impressive work over the ball in defence. Enjoyed another year in Uni colours with a solid rep outing.



Fletcher Laphorne

A new experience for Fletch this year as he found a place for himself as a half back using his passing skills in attack and speed to put pressure on in defence.

Excelled at both half back and centre. His reading of the game really came on and allowed him to steer the team around. Played another solid rep season for Sydney Uni.



Hugh Glasscock

Another of our speedsters, Hugh used his speed and smarts to advantage. Hugh can be relied on to chase hard in attack and defence often pulling of some big hits out wide.



Jake Matthews

Mr Versatile. Not many people can play from outside centre to prop and be one of the best on the field every week. Loves a goose step and used it a

couple of times out wide to combine flair with his reliable work rate. Back again this year in Sydney Uni colours.



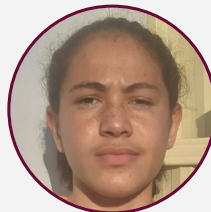
Jasper Cohen

JA great team man, Jasper made some massive hits with his up and in defence. Jasper adapted well when asked to play different positions even moving from wing to second row when needed.



Jeremiah Laupepa

A definite high impact player who makes his presence felt with physical rugby. Jeremiah is always entertaining to watch from the safety of the sideline.



Josh Moila

An entertainer with his footwork Josh, was enjoying such a promising season until unfortunately it was cut short by injury. Josh's outstanding defence, support play and commitment was missed by the team as well as by the Sydney Uni rep team.



Josh Robinson

Made great strides in positional play and linking between backs and forwards. An excellent year of development.



Oliver Hyslop

A newcomer to the team with genuine speed, Oli is a really slick finisher showing speed, balance and strength. Layed on some big hits and learnt a lot about positional play.



Seamus Hyslop

Another newcomer who played a couple of great cameos which showed real class. Unfortunately, his season was shortened by an injury and we look forward to

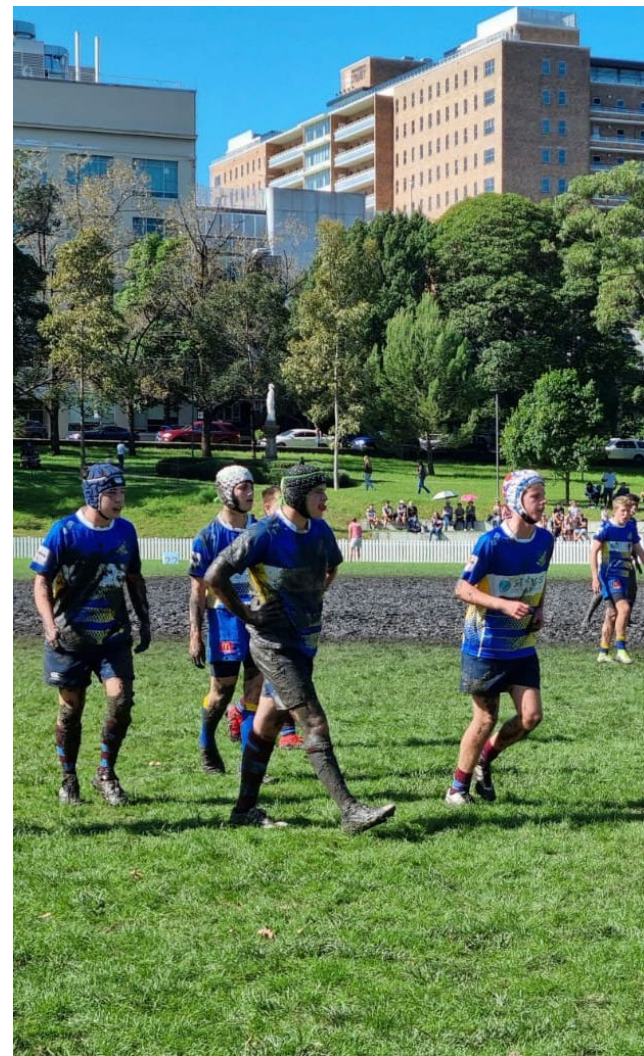
being able to see more of what Seamus has to offer. Experienced rep rugby for Sydney Uni for the first time and made an impact.



Oscar Thurecht

A great allrounder with an awesome work rate, impressive speed and willingness to put his body on the line, Oscar never stopped trying and his game

awareness really improved this year. Showed his grit again for Sydney Uni in the rep season.



U16S SEASON REPORT

It's amazing what can happen during the off season!

After having a reasonable, but interrupted U15s season in 2021, all planning was going very well during the off season for a U16s Petersham Junior Rugby team. As time ticked by, the numbers firmed, but not quite enough to form an outright team. Negotiations started and options for a Joint Venture team were cast and also received.

The Sylvania Bulldogs were seeking a JV, but unfortunately logistics stopped this from occurring. Our network across to the Wests/Drummoyne team was successful and a brand-new partnership was about to start. Unfortunately, some previously committed PJR players were lost to another JV.

All aside, training was shared between Wests' home ground at St Luke's Oval, and PJR's Camperdown Oval. It was amazing to see new friendships immediately begin from the first training session. All PJR players and families were welcomed with open arms (and a willingness to hold a tackling bag) as the thought of the 2022 SJRU season began. And the players were overjoyed - not because they had a full team with reserves, but because they all received their respective training kit from Wests and Petersham.

It is amazing what sport can do. The different shapes and sizes of the players as they grow up, help them to become a functional unit, and this was experienced in this JV. The Wests/Drummoyne/Petersham JV had all the components - now just to put it all together.

The players gelled together from the very first training session, as did the coaching team. Big shout outs to Cameron Sinclair and Chris Busch who welcomed me and the players, with open arms and minds as to how the JV would work. And work it did, indeed. With many years of playing and coaching amongst us, the coaching team brought all the components together to make the JV function well, as a playing unit.

Thank you to all the parents who willingly supported all the players, your help is always gladly appreciated. Thanks especially to Zonya for managing activities when at Camperdown and Ben as a trusty AR. David and Donna, always there to fill in and lend a hand and Toby on the BBQ. And to all the parents on the sideline, who the players could hear shout, "Go Wammies!"

Joint ventures can work. This would not have been possible without the support from Wests Junior Rugby and from Petersham Junior Rugby clubs. Thank you, Cam, and JK. Thanks to everyone involved for making the 2022 Wests/Drummoyne/Petersham JV a really positive experience for all.



Player profiles



Edward Phillips – Hooker/ Utility Forward

This season we welcomed Edward to Petersham. Ed is a quiet achiever and given the opportunity, he has worked consistently at training, listening and acting

on the advice given. This has been reflected as his confidence has grown in each game. Edward has a determined nature and relishes any challenge. He is extremely reliable on the field, and a player you need in your team.



Gabe Turner – Outside Centre

Gabe is a tough individual, who shows a fearless passion for rugby. Unfortunately, Gabe's season was cut short due to injury, and his value that he brings to the team

was greatly missed. Gabe always gives 100%. Given the opportunity, Gabe will see and take the gaps, regularly bamboozling the opposition. Gabe was selected for the Easts/Wests Representative team for the State Championships.



Harry Stephens – Utility Back

Most oppositions underestimate the capabilities of Harry Stephens. Harry is an extremely adaptable player, having the ability to play any position in the backline with

aplomb. He has an accurate pass, always hitting the mark; an impressive change of speed to break the opposition backline; and is consistently reliable to bring the opposition down, regardless of their size. Harry is a dedicated and loyal team player who always demonstrates the Shammie spirit.



Jack Lennox – lock

Jack always has a smile on his face, until he takes to the rugby field and gets his game face on. He is never happy to take a backward step, and he is always up for a challenge.

Jack has been a valuable, powerful and hardworking team member, providing passion and commitment to the forwards with the desire to make the advantage line, with every run with the ball. Jack was rewarded for his perseverance and skills, being selected for the Easts/Wests Representative team for the State Championships.



Jake Bender – Utility Player

Every team needs a Jake, a tenacious utility player with class, determination, speed and toughness. Whether it being a loose forward or playing scrum half, Jake brings another level to the

team. Jake has amazing ball skills and is one who can regularly affect a turnover at the breakdown. Unfortunately, a broken ankle cut short his season, not before being selected for the Easts/Wests Representative team for the State Championships.



Josh Chen – Fly-Half

Josh is a passionate and committed rugby player who is well respected by his peers. He is a fearless, yet reliable fly-half, who enjoys a challenge. Regardless of the situation, Josh is dauntless in

attack and defence, always putting the team first. Josh's speed, strength and kicking skills make him a versatile and invaluable player. A natural leader on the field, he always gives 100% at training and on game day.



Nicholas Kennett – Hooker/Utility Forward

Nicholas is a reliable and hardworking player. He has been a versatile forward, playing many positions, but has been invaluable with his accurate and consistent lineout throwing. Prized metres have been gained by the forwards from this tactical restart, stemming from Nicholas' efforts. As the season progressed, Nicholas has also grown in confidence, enabling him to be a vital team member



OPENS SEASON REPORT

For the first time ever, Petersham fielded a team in the Opens age group (u17s + u18s) completing the link between the Junior and Senior clubs. Indeed, some of our players ran on for both Junior Opens and Senior Colts during the season. And due to the high demand for training slots at Camperdown from younger age groups, we trained in the evening with the Seniors.

Our team comprised a core of u17s and u18s, with a few u19s, u16s and rugby league converts to round out the side. One thing the players did have in common – apart from a passion for rugby – is they are taller than their parents! And with some now working, driving to games, voting, and studying for Uni exams and HSC finals, it's hard to still think of them as 'boys'.

Due to the weather most of our games were played at the Camperdown Bog, including some rescheduled 'away' games. With a small squad, injuries and commitments away from rugby restricted us to 15 or fewer players in every game. So, it was a major achievement by coach Nik and the players to remain competitive. And it was good to see the improvement in the team and individuals as the season progressed, especially in the fundamentals such as tackling effectively, defending in a line, and catching and passing at speed and off balance. It was also great to see the Opens epitomise the spirit of Shammies rugby in every game.

Our best results on the score board included a nail-biting win against Hornsby, and narrow losses to Hornsby and Gordon. But, some of the team's best efforts were in games against competition heavyweights Oatley and Manly, where we were outnumbered and outgunned, yet fought to the last and even snatched a few tries. Nik's famous 'Spectacles' scrum move resulted in a number of tries. Our outside backs scored some outstanding running tries. And when we had enough forwards to contest scrums, our pack usually ended on top.

While rugby is a team game, some individual efforts deserve to be highlighted: rep players Oscar and Jake; top point scorers Jake (T4 G5), Luka (T4 G3) and Tommy (T3 G3); and tackle of the season by Luka.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without off-field support from manager Mike, assistant referee Matt, ground marshals Fi, Jo, Stephen and Tim; and all the parents and siblings who assisted Nik, carried water bottles, washed jerseys, worked in the canteen, flipped burgers, took photos, did coffee runs and helped pack up after games.

Sadly, this was the last year many of the older players will run out for PJRC, including some members of the 200 Club who have been playing for Shammies since Minis. Best wishes to those u18s and u19s: Sammy, Felix, Nils, Walker, Louis, Alex, Quillan, Luka, Nick, Jamie, Sam and Dan. We hope you will be back to cheer on the team in Maroon and Blue next year!



Player profiles



Alex Deligiannis

(Hooker) Came to watch his brother Tommy who was filling in for us from the U16s and happened to mention he had played at hooker before. Invited to grab his

boots and turn up to training, he immediately became an integral part of the team. His knowledge in and around the scrum, ruck and breakdown became evident. Stealing the ball or winning the penalty, Alex is in the middle of all of it. It helps that he doubles as a referee!



Archer Morris

(Centre/Wing) Archer has been with the team for a few years now and his skill and confidence grows with each game. Watching Archer with his powerful attacking runs

was great to see. He has worked very hard on his defence in the key outside back positions and his tackling became a master class in commitment. Archer will bear the fruits of his hard work in years to come.



Dan Paxton

(Fullback) New to the Shammies and new to Rugby. 'Paco' came across from league and brought attacking flair with him.

Took ownership at fullback, solid under the high ball often bringing it back to the point of kicking. Copybook tackling style (cheek to cheek) used to great effect in classic cover defence and some bone shaking tackles. We hope he has enjoyed his time with the Shammies and stays with the 15 a side code, as he has the makings of a fine player.



D'Arcy Cooper Ayres

(2nd row) One of our younger players who has only been with the team for a couple of years, but already one of the most popular. Willing to learn

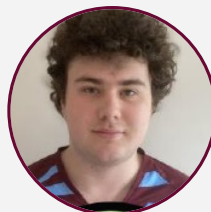
more with every game he played. Another quiet gentleman off the field who transforms into an animal on the pitch. Always reliable for when he is called upon. Unfortunately, D'Arcy was cruelled with shoulder injuries half-way through the season. Keep up your exercises and we look forward to seeing you next year, better and stronger.



Felix Sprange

(Fly half/ outside back) A rugby journeyman whose passion for the game is easy to see. A player who is able respond to what unfolds in front of him. Directing players

to be in the right place when it's needed. Felix can fill any position in the back line and has a huge kick for touch. Another player who we look forward to seeing where rugby takes him in life.



Frankie Davies

(Prop) O Captain, my Captain ... with his knowledge of rugby and his calm demeanour on the field, there are many ref's out there who have come away from our games better

informed about rugby than when they came in. His trademarks are thundering tackles and burrowing over for tries from close to the line. A true leader, inspiring and supporting all the boys. Thank you for leading the boys to be the best they can be.



Jack Hyslop

(Wing) Joined the Shammies this year and fitted straight in. He cemented his spot on the wing. With speed to burn watching him streak down the sideline is a sight

to behold. Putting foot to ball in behind the defence added extra metres to our attacks. In defence he was able to show his character. This makes Jack the all-round player. Rugby looks good with Jack in it.



Jack Riley

(Half) A classy half who stands out in any team. Jack shone for us in the Gala Day grading games. However, Petersham Colts won the tug-of-war for his services once the regular season started.



Jake Alps

(Flanker/#8) Travelled down from the Hunter to play with us on Sunday, often backing up from a game on Saturday. Bonus for us. What a great player able

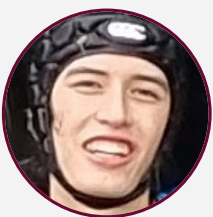
to go anywhere in the forward pack. Tackling, pilfering, making the break, long-distance goal kicking ... the whole package. He was able to make our attacking play something noteworthy. Selected to play with Syd Uni district reps as well as Hunter schools. We hope Jake continues to do double-duty with the Shammies next year.



Jamie Haste

(Centre) New to our team, Jamie backed up each week from Petersham Colts. Without his support, we would not have been able to field a team some weeks.

Jamie was a stabilising factor in the back line, adding size and power at inside centre. He made plenty of line breaks pulling many of the backs with him. Solid in defence and mindful of encouraging those around him when the going got tough.



Josh Sim Lind

(Wing) This season it seemed that Josh's speed was going to be a real weapon. Unfortunately, we only saw it for a few early games.

Definitely not your stereotype rugby player, but well-liked by the players, and we hope Josh finds his way back to the game soon.



Lachlan Prater

(Fly half) Another one new to the Shammies but with great experience. We were not sure where he was going to slot in, but it soon became obvious he was

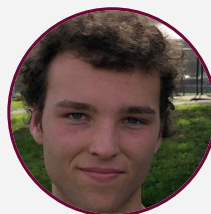
going to lead the backs from the 5/8th spot. Great in attack and very effective in defence. Is able to manage to wrangle the backs to be an effective attacking group. Look out for him driving a black Yaris!



Louis Ruelle

(Flanker) Another stalwart at Petersham having been playing for years. The consummate breakaway, first to leave the scrum and first to the next breakdown.

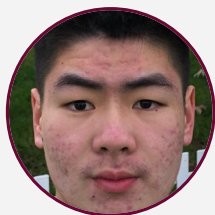
Often seen darting away from a ruck, ball in hand making the break for the line. Fearless with ball in hand and making the must-needed tackle on often bigger opponents. We're sure these traits will serve Louie well in whatever he does.



Luka Dagarin

(Flanker) New to us at Petersham but definitely not to Rugby. Coming over from across the ditch via Canterbury RFU, bringing experience and passion not seen for some

time. Every tackle, maul and ruck he went in with so much vigour and no thought of self-preservation. Always managed to lift all the players around him and adds energy to any team.



Nick Bui

(Flanker) We weren't sure if Nick would come back to rugby in 2022 but are grateful that he did. Always a tenacious player. Slight in stature but massive in

heart. He always impressed

us with how often he would make the tackle, get bumped off and get back up and make it again and again. Nick is the perfect example of rugby being a game for all shapes and sizes!



Nils Bacic

(2nd row) Another one of our experienced players having been with the club for many years. This is evident every time he takes to the field. A good solid

tackler and master of the break down able to jackal the most unlikely of balls. The refrain on the sideline would go "how'd we get that ball then?" with the usual reply of "that would be Nils". But unfortunately, a knee injury ended his season early. Take some well-deserved R and R and we hope you are back on the paddock next year.



Oscar Greville

(#8) With the skills and experience that Oscar has, it comes as no surprise that he would be one of our commanding players on the field. Leading the charge

from the back of the scrum to dominating the proceedings in the ruck and maul, any team would hunger to have him. Which is why he was called to represent Sydney Uni district, Sydney and Combined High Schools. It was unfortunate that an old shoulder injury resurfaced and sidelined Oscar. Use the year well to recover and we will see you stronger next year.



Quillan Ung

(Prop) The quiet unassuming man off the field turns into the beast on it. Give him the ball and its guaranteed metres will be made. If in opposition you happen to have the ball

in the near vicinity you'd better watch out. Q has been with the club and the team for many years, so knows his rugby and what is expected. Never disappoints, always excites.



Sam Hassan

(Centre/Flanker) Sam has been with the Shammies for many years. His experience and knowledge of rugby showed when he is able to guide the backs through

play after play, directing them in defence and attack. He even coaches the coach on the odd occasion! Sammy filled in admirably as a flanker late in the season. We look forward to see what he does next with rugby.



Sam Roberts

(2nd row) Sam joined us this year not having played for some years. With his size and strength it was evident that he was going into the second row. He added enthusiasm and pure physicality. Making tackle after tackle and making

sure the opponent knew they had been hit. Opponents found it very hard to shift Sam out of the ruck and maul. He has a lot to offer the game.



Tahi Sue

(Centre) Tahi signed near the end of the season but made an instant impact. Backing up from playing rugby league in the morning, his tackling technique proved

very effective in the inside centre spot. We hope he enjoyed his taste of rugby and comes back for more.



Tommy Treharne

(Scrum half) The link between forwards and backs. Going to training with the Seniors was good for his skills having taken advice from the other club halves.

With the number of years of experience Tom has, the connection between forwards and backs flowed seamlessly. He was asked to fill in for the Colts a couple of games this season which he thrived in and has talked of playing rugby overseas. We look forward to seeing Tommy play, wherever that may be.



Walker Gaff

(Flanker) We were very excited to have Walker (Tex) come play with us again this year. Tex drives from Orange to make the games! Even though we only have him every other week his experience is invaluable. Unfortunately, a thumb injury put him out for much of the season. When in town, Walker also plays for Hunters Hills in seniors alongside his dad, Jason, a former Shammie Juniors coach. Not sure what's in store for Tex, but hope he continues to enjoy his rugby.





SYDNEY UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES

Petersham Junior Rugby Club is part of Sydney University rugby district. There are 12 Junior Rugby Districts in the Sydney metropolitan area. Together with our friends at Canterbury and Balmain, we provide selected players to trial for the representative team for Sydney University Juniors.

The selected players participate at the NSW State Junior Championships held in June each year. These are for ages 10 through to 16 and are very competitively contested by the Sydney District teams, 2 combined NSW Country teams and often Victoria and ACT selections.

In 2019 Adam Dunn (Shammies Life Member) was appointed as the Sydney Juniors President. 2022 Representative Players for Petersham Junior Rugby Club that competed at the State Champs were:

U10s

George Furey, Carter Rolfe, Joon Soo Woodhead, Mac Callon, Michael Keenan

Subs (trained with the team but didn't attend the actual weekend away) Fionn Rafferty , Hugo Erispe

Coach - Chris Furey

U11s

Hugo Rutter, Jamie Phemister, Lachlan Harden, Mirei Kikuchi, Robbie Walker, Saachi Williams

U12s

Aiden Lee, Alexander Moore, Jake Quailey, Kristian Mackay, Liam Waterworth, Lucas Villate-Gallagher, Matthew Tydd, Owen Charles, Sam Cameron, Thomas Mallison, Thomas Nelson, Sebastien Triccas, Tom Ireland, William Harriman-Khan

Coach: Troy Cameron and Ben Khan

Manager: Julie Wheway

U13s

Cruz Vasea, Edward Walker, Ezekiel Barros, James Junior Breen, James Reilly, Javier Kilkenny, Kayhan Simavoglu, Max May, Otto Gerber, Spencer Bowerman, Tom Lennox

Coach: James Breen

Manager: John Kilkenny

U15s

Aston Lebler, Ewan Gleeson, Fletcher Lapthorne, Hamish Tegart, Joshua Moila, Oliver Hyslop, Oscar Thurecht

Coach: Jeff Thurecht

Manager: Rebecca Lebler

Opens

Jack Riley, Oscar Greville



Shammies referees at u13s State Champs in Dubbo

2023 AND BEYOND PLAN

Vision

“A Club for everyone, bringing people together since 1883”

This vision statement encompasses the two principal aims of the club.

1. “A Club for everyone” relates to the fact we are a community-oriented organisation based around the sport of Rugby Union with a primary aim of providing a place of belonging and attachment to our locality (Petersham and surrounds). “Everyone” means we do not discriminate and include all abilities, genders, race, religions etc.
2. “Bringing people together since 1883” is reference to our long history as a club. We use history as a reference point to what has made us successful in the past and as a guide to what will help us be successful in the future.

Objectives

1. Our kids and parents have fun while improving their rugby skills and knowledge
2. Our kids learn more from our Club than just how to play rugby
3. Coaches are well resourced and have opportunities to develop
4. We play a role within our broader community outside the sport
5. Partner with progressive businesses within the Inner West with shared values

Measure of success

Our primary measure of success as a Club is to achieve and maintain a Club player register of 300+.

Strategy

Diagnosis

- Rugby union as a sport is struggling to attract new players because of poor PR, underwhelming Wallabies/Waratah performances and a perception of being a dangerous sport
- Female participation is surging across Rugby Union because of increased profile through Super W and Olympics and improved pathways
- Inner West change in demographics over the years has helped boost Rugby Union awareness in the area
- Members join the club because they live in the area and/or know someone connected to the Club
- Players leave the club because of other sporting/school conflicts, desire to try another sport, relocation from area, quality of coaching/managers
- Female participation is unstable and not club centric yet. Heavily influenced by a few key players/schools and opportunities to play.

Guiding principles

- Leverage our existing networks as they are our greatest source of new recruits
- Players and parents having fun will help retain and attract new members
- Improving female and wider community group participation will improve the member base long term
- Actively managing safety concerns and perceptions help retain and attract new members

Actions

To achieve our objectives we need to:

1. Improve recruitment – 100 new kids per year
2. Schedule team and club social events throughout the year.
3. Emphasise to coaches/managers the importance of fun at practice and participation in games
4. Provide alternative pathways for players to stay in the game and connected to the Club e.g. referees, touch rugby, coaching, Sense Rugby
5. Provide opportunities for girls to train and play across all age groups
6. Better integrate Sense Rugby into club and engage local Indigenous groups
7. Document the 'The Shammie Way' of coaching – develop coaches and managers through mentoring, training and accreditation
8. Ensure as many age grades as possible travel outside of Sydney to play Rugby
9. Deepen connections with Shammies seniors and Sydney University





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