



SYDNEY HARBOUR RUGBY CLUB 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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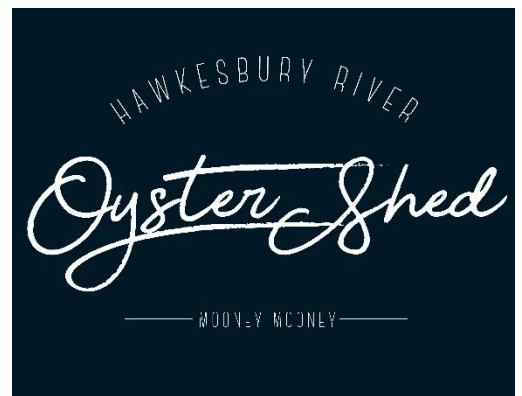
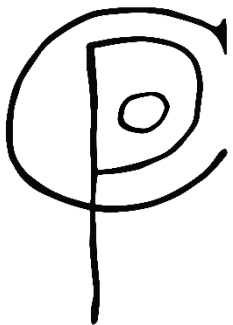
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Office Bearers

Executive Committee

President	Toby Honig
Treasurer	Eden Taylorwood-Roe
Secretary	Angus McClelland
Committee Members	Louis Biscoe Mack Bowman Joel Cheung
Club Captains	Lachlan Argiris Sam Wood

Coaching Staff

1st Grade	Louis Biscoe - Head Coach David Robertson
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Support Staff

Club Doctor	Nicole Hele
Club Physio	Luke Stephens
Club Assistant Referee	Charlie Collins
Game Day Merchandise	Will Evans
Website	Ellie Roberts



Club Achievements

NSW Suburban Rugby Union Premierships

Jeffery Cup Premiers

Other Club Achievements

Jeffery Cup Minor Premiers

Neptune Cup Winners

Jeffery Cup Player of the competition - Jack Remond



Presidents Report

The Oysters inaugural season is in the books and by all parameters it was an auspicious start for the club. Despite the setbacks that came with 2020 we have been able to meet our goals for on field performance, sponsorship, financials, socials and playing group.

On the field the Sydney Harbour Rugby Club went undefeated and claimed the Jeffrey cup in a modified version of the division 5 season, only having to play each team once. 34 different players took the field for the Oysters this year, with only four of them playing all nine games: 15 of our 34 players scored a try this year. This reflects the club's player rotation and intention to share playing time across the group. Credit to our coaches who took on the undesirable job of not just coaching a team but starting something from scratch. The performances on the field coupled with the well-attended training sessions are a reflection of their hard work.

Off the field, the club has been able to make the most of the limited opportunities that the COVID restrictions have allowed. 4 bus trips were well received especially as we had to play half our games in the Shire. Post-match and post-training time was spent at the Light Brigade Hotel, where despite the restrictions on numbers and how often we could go the playing group was able to spend a significant amount over the bar, leading to more money back in for the club. From the outset, we wanted to create a club where people

feel welcome and we feel this has been achieved this year. Whilst most of the playing group had some form of connection prior to joining, those new to the group were able to fit well into the culture we have created.

It goes without saying that the club cannot run without great sponsors and we are thankful to all those who supported us in our first year and helped us get the club off the ground. Special thanks to our major sponsors the Light Brigade Hotel and Costin Roe Consulting.

As we move onto the 2021 season we will be looking to solidify and add to our sponsors. Our goal was to end the year with a surplus to support us moving forward, and this was achieved through player registration, sponsorship and fiscally responsible decisions by the club.

Finally thanks for this year goes to the committee who have met weekly to ensure the smooth running of the club.

In closing, 2020 has been an amazing year both on and off the field. We give thanks to all the players, officials and volunteers who have made our inaugural year one that will be hard to top.

Toby Honig



Finance Report

The club is reporting a final cash surplus of \$1,500 for the year ending 31 October 2020. This is a very pleasing outcome for the club, given the uncertainty of NSW Government Covid-19 restrictions, the pressures of an inaugural season and a newly formed management committee. This result is testament to the commitment of the players and coaching staff, the ongoing work of the committee the continued support of our sponsors.

Total income for the 2020 season was \$38,609, of which 26% consisted of direct cash sponsorships, 25% from players subscriptions and the remainder of income from merchandise and event activities. A bonus source of revenue for the season was our ongoing agreement with the Light Brigade Hotel, where for every \$5,000 spent by our players the club received an additional \$500 sponsorship. The resulting additional \$1,500 represents the promising relationship between our two establishments and tribute to our front row.

The uncertainty caused by Covid-19 presented its challenges in budgeting for the inaugural season, particularly in allocating expenditure for a changing season duration. However, prompt payment of subscriptions by all members of the club allowed for the smooth navigation of these early uncertainties. It was great to have a large portion of the club's expenditure allocated towards improving the enjoyment of the experience in being an Oyster, whether through social events, playing kit and extra merchandise.

The robust financial position of the club going forward is due to the contribution and efforts of many. The club is indebted to the continued support of its sponsors and greatly appreciates the generous support. It has been a tremendous inaugural season for the Oysters and I look forward to many more

Eden Taylorwood-Roe
Treasurer

Income and Expenditure Account

Year ending 31 October 2020

	2020	Comment
	(\$)	
Income		
Sponsorships	9,875	
Merchandise Sales	9,734	
Ongoing LBH Agreement	1,500	
Players Subscriptions	7,000	
Ball Tickets	7,500	
Bus Tickets & Other	3,000	
Total Income	38,609	
Expenditure		
Administration	5,713	
Rugby Operations	5,475	
Merchandise & Marketing	9,577	
Events & Social	11,343	
Bus Tickets & Other	5,000	Miscellaneous costs
Total Expenditure	37,108	
Net Cash Surplus	1,502	Net cash after 2020 season
Rugby equipment	2,100	Value of equipment transferrable to 2021 season
Unsold inventory	800	Cost price of unsold merchandise
Closing Cash Balance	1,502	

Coaches Report

Week 1

The sun was glistening over the water at Rushcutters Bay on Saturday afternoon, setting the stage for an electric debut for the Oysters. The Oysters dominated possession early with the piggies getting some good strong carries over the advantage line. This laid the platform for the pearls to operate, Nick Stubbs and Sam Wood were linking up well in the centres and before long space started to appear out wide. The boys struck early and were relentless in attack, piling on points en-route to a 55-5 debut win. A special mention to fly half Jack Remond who was named players player, referee's player and coach's player of the game.

Week 2

Round 2 of the Jeffrey Cup saw the Oysters hit the road for the eagerly anticipated match up against the North Cronulla Sea Lice. The inaugural Neptune Cup was on the line, with the first opportunity to secure some silverware adding to the excitement. Playing in heavy rain, the Lice put us under pressure early, demonstrating quick line speed in defence. capitalizing on handling mistakes before scoring the 1st try off a neat cross field kick. Realising our early mistakes, the Oysters changed tactics, kicking to the corners and attacking more directly off 9. Slowly but surely, the Oysters began to build pressure and the piggies were punching holes around the fringes of the ruck. In an immensely physical game, the work rate of our forwards and strength of our scrum helped seal a signature early win, securing the Neptune Cup on a 13-12 score line.

Week 3

Week 3 saw the Oysters hit the road again to take on Sydney Combined Forces. The team was probably feeling a bit too comfortable coming out of the gates. We lacked urgency in our defensive work, and little communication saw us looking disjointed in attack. Whilst still pretty scrappy, the Oysters showed enough patience throughout the game to execute overlaps and score points. Hamish Lorang was real threat, showcasing his express pace constantly on some big touch-

line runs. Roy Harrison also made his debut, his quick and accurate service helped open things up for the team & his sniping runs paid dividends, scoring a try for himself in the process.

Week 4

Diversity was the theme this week as the Oysters embraced wet conditions, a late ground change & an electric top of the table match up against the defending champs Burraneer. The boys looked to gain field possession early with some well-placed kicks by Jack Remond. An attacking scrum saw the Oysters backline execute a brilliant set piece play straight from the training ground. The Ranger (Jack Remond) attacked the defensive line with plenty of options outside him, before dishing a perfect, flat pass to his number 12, Sam Wood who sliced through untouched and scored under the posts. The Oysters didn't dwell on the hot start and continued going about their work. The pigs were playing tight and together, flourishing in the wet weather conditions and enjoying doing the dirty work. Their efforts helped suck in defenders, and the back line ruthlessly exploited the subsequent overlaps to score. We ran out winners 27-7, a special mention goes to man of the match Seamus Frost who always straightened the attack out wide and was a constant threat.

Week 5

For our homecoming game, Merrylands offered a different challenge to us, being a much bigger side that looked to utilize this strength by playing in tight and disrupting the breakdown. We had talked about the importance of playing a fast, up tempo game in order to combat this, however we struggled to implement the plan in the opening 40 minutes. We lacked shape in attack and got found out constantly with too many one out runners. Thankfully the second 40 was a vastly different story, Lachy Argiris & Harry Williams provided strong impact off the bench, running directly to allow quick ball. Jack Remond had some moments of magic, attacking down the short side with silky footwork. It was pleasing to see us turn things around so abruptly, winning with a final score line of 36-7.

Week 6

The arrival of the long awaited jerseys was a great surprise this week before kick off against Engadine. We had a picture-perfect start as Lachy Argiris scored twice within the opening 10 minutes. The red-hot start probably let some complacency creep in and we took our foot off the pedal. Trying to force passes in order to score quickly hurt us and we couldn't maintain possession. The Engadine 15 was very dangerous and showed off his dancing shoes, stepping his way to two tries. They had a large pack that loved direct carries, the boys showed immense hunger and desire in defence to repel lots of attacking raids in the second half. We were more clinical to end the game, grinding out a 45-24 win.

Week 7

The final regular season game was played in perfect conditions at Rushcutters Bay. The boys looked to play an expansive game, a vintage 'cutter' play executed to perfection early on. Sam Wood crashed it up in the midfield to give us a good platform. Following another strong carry by the pigs, the Oysters quickly switched back to attack down the narrow sideline, Seamus Frost got on the outside of his man and then gave the pass to put Hamish Lorang away who raced down to score our first try. We continued to score points without dominating possession & our defensive work was excellent. In his first start, No 6 Joel Cheung was a highlight. Joel was loving the physical stuff, constantly racing off the line and tackling hard and low. We capped off a perfect regular season, winning 38-10.



Semi Final

In our first taste of finals footy, the boys put on their most clinical performance. Playing with at a very fast pace, the forwards were working hard around the corner, dominating the physical contest with some direct carries. Roy Harrison mixed things up nicely with some well-placed box kicks and the whole backline was operating in sync, constantly changing angles en-route to scoring some blockbuster tries. A special shot out to front rower Harri Greville, who was far too comfortable in space following a line break, he executed a great switch to put Hamish Lorang away for a highlight real try. It was a dominant performance, propelling ourselves into the big dance after a 68-17 win.

Grand Final

Opportunities to win a premiership in life are very rare, let alone the chance to go undefeated in a club's first season. That is exactly what was at stake for our team last Saturday and the boys were absolutely raring to go on a cracking afternoon at Easts Rugby Club. The Oysters immediately were on the attack to start the game. We looked to work it in tight through the forwards, despite some good phase-play, the Dolphins were absolutely up for the physical stuff, with some big shots being put on Oliver Hassall and Nick Findlay. We struggled to crack the defensive line, but both halves recognized this and looked to kick, turning Burraneers defence around. Right before half time we seized the momentum. Angus McClelland scored two great tries in what was a true captains knock. Daniel Bottrell also put in a herculean effort to chase down one of the Burraneer players after a line break in which he looked certain to score. Following the break, the boys picked up where they left off, with Jack Remond slicing through a gap immediately after the break. Dan Bottrell ran a beautiful support line to link up with his 10, before racing away for a quick score. Everything was clicking for us, and the team was doing well to constantly recognize where the space was and shift the ball accordingly. The final whistle signaled the Jeffrey Cup had been secured, and obviously bought complete elation for the squad who had put in a huge amount of work to get to this stage. It was a pleasure to coach such a great group of guys, the camaraderie and commitment demonstrated on this crazy journey by the players was extraordinary.

Louis Biscoe

2020 Oysters Awards

Award	2020 Winner
Oyster of the Year <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Awarded to the person who has gone above and beyond the most to contribute to the success of the overall club	Louis Biscoe
Best & Fairest <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Awarded on a 3,2,1 basis as voted by the coaches after each match	Angus McClelland
Players Player <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Awarded on a 3,2,1 basis as voted by the players after each match	Nick Findlay
Rising Tide <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Awarded to the player who has improved the most over the course of the season both on and off field	Harrison Dormer
Leading Try Scorer	Hamish Lorang (10)
Leading Point Scorer	Sam Wood (67)



Season Results

Round 1	
Oysters	Oatley
55	5

Round 2	
North Cronulla	Oysters
12	13

Round 3	
Combined Forces	Oysters
7	40

Round 4	
Burraneer	Oysters
7	27

Round 5	
Oysters	Merrylands
36	7

Round 6	
Engadine	Oysters
24	45

Round 7	
Oysters	Kings Old Boys
38	10

Semi Final	
Oysters	Kings Old Boys
68	17

Grand Final	
Oysters	Burraneer
31	17



Season Scoring

	For	Against
Tries	55	17
Conversions	36	9
Penalty Goals	2	1
Total Points	353	106



Club Statistics

Name	Oyster #	Games P.	Tries	Conv.	Pen. Goals	Total Points
Harri Greville	1	9	1			5
Nick Peper	2	7				0
Oli Hassall	3	8				0
James Rickard	4	8	2			10
Nick Stace	5	8				0
Angus McClelland	6	8	8			40
Nick Findlay	7	8	1			5
Lachy Argiris	8	9	9			45
Will Lee	9	5				0
Jack Remond	10	8	2			10
Hamish Lorang	11	8	10	8		66
Nick Stubbs	12	7				0
Sam Wood	13	9	1	28	2	67
Harry Cole	14	7	3			15
Daniel Bottrell	15	5	3			15
Sam Mako Moko	16	7				0
Will Valeri	17	7				0

Daniel Cheung	18	9				0
Jonah Clarkson	19	8				0
Mack Bowman	20	7	1			5
Seb Gould	21	8	4			20
Barney Archibald	22	4				0
Jon Chryssafis	23	1				0
Harrison Dormer	24	4				0
Joel Cheung	25	3				0
Mitch Rice-Brading	26	4				0
Harry Williams	27	7	5			25
Justin Sayer	28	6				0
Will Pattinson	29	4				0
Tom Ritchie	30	2				0
Tom Fulton-Kennedy	31	3				0
Roy Harrison	32	5	3			15
Hamish Robertson	33	2				0
Seamus Frost	34	4	2			10



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