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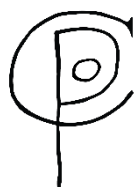
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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE OYSTERS

Founded in 2020 the Sydney Harbour Rugby Club affectionately known as The Oysters was born out of a need for a Rugby club that provided strong on field competition with a greater focus on social & community engagement.

The club has been formed through bringing together rugby players of all skill levels. This includes players coming out of retirement, players moving from premier rugby, social rugby clubs and a number of international players joining the club.

This diversity, mixed with the drive for a common cause has created a unique player led experience, which has resulted in plenty of enjoyment and success to date. The club has had an extremely successful start both on and off the field laying a great platform for the future.



OFFICE BEARERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Toby Honig
Treasurer	Eden Taylorwood-Roe
Secretary	Angus McClelland
Committee Member	Tom Mencinsky
Club Captains	Lachlan Argiris & Sam Wood

COACHES

Head Coach	James Wivell
Assistant Coaches	Judd Harvey Anthony McDougall
Manager	Nick Stace

SUPPORT STAFF

Club Patron	Andrew Mehrtens
Club Doctor	Nicole Hele
Club Physiotherapist	David Burt
Social Media	Lyndon Christie, Nick Stace, Thomas Taylor
Website	Lachlan Argiris & Angus McClelland



ACHIEVEMENTS

SYDNEY SUBURBAN RUGBY DIVISION 4 – 1ST GRADE

McLean Cup Major Premiers

McLean Cup Minor Premiers

OTHER CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS

4th Division Club Champions (Won with Easts Rugby Club)

Ferry Cup Winners

Neptune Cup Winners



2021 AWARD WINNERS

AWARD	WINNER
<i>Oyster of the Year</i> <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 	Lyndon Christie
<i>Best & Fairest</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awarded on a 3,2,1 basis as voted by the coaches after each match 	Sam Brennan
<i>Players Player</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awarded on a 3,2,1 basis as voted by the players after each match 	Angus McClelland
<i>Rising Tide</i> <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 	Will Evans
<i>Leading Try Scorer</i>	Hamish Lorang (10)
<i>Leading Point Scorer</i>	Angus McClelland (99)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Despite being the third year of the club, 2023 was the first full season. With success on and off the field it will go down as the most successful year in our short history.

Even though it was our first full season (16 games played across regular season and finals) it was the fewest players (38) we have used in a season. Player numbers was always going to be a challenge coming into this year, trying to add players to cover those who would not return. We were lucky enough to have 11 new players in 2022. Among them were two international players who joined us for short albeit memorable run. We are looking forward to welcoming them back if they return to Australia, once an Oyster, always an Oyster.

The Sydney Harbour Rugby Club once again played in Sydney Suburban Rugby's Division Four, competing for the McClean Cup. The results can speak for themselves, the team going undefeated and winning a tough fought grand final 13-6 against Manly Savers. Division Four is a two team competition, so we had Easts Rugby filling in as Oysters Second Grade team. That team was run separately, managed by Easts Rugby. The partnership with Easts was a successful one both on the field and off. We were able to organise some training sessions together and played a few of our games at Easts Home ground Woollahra 1. Oysters Second grade finished second on the table and made the grand final where they went down to Redfield 16-12. The success of the club across the 2 grades led us to claim the Division Four club championship and the Herlihy Shield.

We entered the season requiring a new coach after Louie Biscoe announced last year he was

relocating to London to start work on the London Oysters team. In 2022 we welcomed James Wivell to take over the vacant role. Wivell took on the role with energy and enthusiasm. He already knew some of the playing group and those who he did not know got to know him very quickly. He put in a massive effort to build a great culture on and off the field, accomplishing this in what was a trying year with training ground availability and managing a large playing group. Anthony MacDougall and Judd Harvey stepped into assistant coaching role. The three coaches supported by the tireless work of Nick Stace as manager formed our 2022 coaching group.



Whilst the club is in a strong position on the field we have also worked hard to build the club off the field both in social events and securing our finances and infrastructure. This year we welcomed back many sponsors from previous years in addition to three new sponsors.

Brickfield, Bisley and South Sydney Advisory all joined the Oysters Rugby club in 2022 allowing us to continue to build our club not just for now but into the future.



Off the field we were able to spread the Oyster brand. We began the year in preseason taking a team to the Kiama Sevens, players and support crew performed admirably making this a possible yearly event. Two home games held at Woollahra 1 doubled as community events. The Sponsors day allowed us to host some of the people and organisations that supported the club in 2022, it was very well received and something we will expand on in future years. Our Pearls Day was (behind the grand final) the biggest day of the year. Despite what can only be described as horrendous weather conditions we were still able to host over 150 guests and

players for the event. The day started with Sydney Harbour securing a win over Epping and ended with a live band taking us through the night. A big thank you to all those who donated items for us to give away. Nicole Hele and Harri Greville carried the day and we cannot thank them enough for their time and effort. We also saw 2022 as the first year of the Oysters Netball club. In the first year we had 15 players, made up of friends and partners. Playing at Moore Park the team did well considering they were accidentally put into a mixed competition, however it allowed a few of the boys from the rugby team to fill in. From all reports the boys need to stick to rugby.

As we reflect on 2023 it might be hard to think how we can top it, but we have a few big ideas. With uncertainty which division we will be in next year we know regardless Oysters will take on the next challenge with the same attitude that has carried us for the first three years. Short goals of player recruitment and solidifying our social events mean 2023 is sure to be another great year. On top of everything else the club is in the process of organising our first Oyster overseas Tour. We plan to take a group to France for the 2023 Rugby World Cup. We are even lining up a few games against French clubs.

Toby Honig

President

Sydney Harbour Rugby Club

FINANCE REPORT

The first full length season for the Oysters was another success. Congratulations to the players, management, families and friends. We gained a few great new sponsors this year and as always, the club is very thankful for the support.

We started the season with a \$13k cash surplus from 2021, this surplus was due to the shortened 2021 season. The committee made the financial goal of the club this year to finish the season with \$10K of cash surplus. We have ended the season close to our target and have made some important investments in club equipment, merchandise, and key administration costs. As such, the club has continued to grow, and we look ahead to 2023 with a positive financial outlook.

Outlined below is the financial position for the year ending 31 December 2022. Some of the key items that influenced the financial position of the club this year are:

Number of players:

This season the playing group went from 38 to 28. This resulted in a marginal reduction in upfront capital.

Full length season:

The longer season meant a larger budget required for the increased number of social events, after match functions and adhoc expenses.

End of season function:

Due to a slightly smaller group and full pricing for the boat hiring the end of season function was on a net basis a larger expense for the club this year.

Eden Taylorwood-Roe

Treasurer



Financial Position for the year ended 31 December 2021

Income and Expenditure Account

Year ending 31 December 2022

	2022	2021	2020
	<i>(\$)</i>	<i>(\$)</i>	<i>(\$)</i>
Income			
Sponsorships	28,000	27,000	9,875
Ongoing LBH Rebate	3,500	2,000	1,500
Merchandise Sales	1,560	2,134	3,773
Players Subscriptions	8,400	11,400	7,000
Other	700	760	10,500
Total Income	42,160	43,294	32,648
Expenditure			
Administration	12,804	7,763	9,873
SHRC Assets & Equipment	6,262	6,790	1,549
Team Kit	6,614	8,495	5,165
Merchandise & Marketing	4,642	2,340	4,230
Events & social	9,779	867	8,693
Debit Card & Other	5,000	4,112	1,636
Total Expenditure	45,102	30,366	31,146
Year-end Net Position	(2,942)	12,928	1,502



COACH'S REPORT

Returning after a season cancellation in 2021, there was a sense of unfinished business and eagerness to return to the reef and play oysters rugby for the Mclean cup.

Joining the club as the second coach in the club's illustrious history of success was a huge burden, with outgoing coach Louis Biscoe setting the pillars of success to allow for a smooth transition with great structures and game play imbedded to the returning players. As a coach, it's always been about how we as a team, develop players to better prepare, continue to improve skills, knowledge and execute structures, with this being the standard that we maintain to be the best. The consistent message for the year was "Mongrel Dogs", this was used to have the players compete, fight and scrap to win every opportunity they could, whether it was getting on a loose ball, dominate tackle, winning the collision, basically being the best at everything we could is what this message was for.

Pre-season - After a number of high quality early pre-season training sessions, the Oysters and most of Sydney had been significantly impacted by the weather with our planned development leading into the 2022 season. Needless to say, there has been many willing participants in the alternative beach and park runs that have substituted most recently. The Coaching Team were very impressed in the application of players and the way they have grasped the structure and willingness to apply

the game plan to utilise our strengths of speed, mobility, skill and fitness to our advantage, to play a fast and expansive style of rugby. The Neptune cup was the first trophy won in 2023 and the horrendous weather conditions didn't allow a lot of phase play, but it allowed the oysters players to wet the whistle in anticipation of the upcoming season.



Regular Season - the regular season was hit with some entertaining rugby played by the oysters, with not a lot of consistency when it came to the games available with various challenges throughout the season, with weather, scheduling and forfeits through in.

Round 1 – The Oysters took on Canterbury down at Lyne Park, the sun was out and the reef was looking fantastic. From the kick off it was going to be a tough, tight and slow game which really suited Canterbury, with the oysters

defending well and with the first opportunity mounted some serious phases together Dan Bottrell went over to score a nice try. The Oysters defended well and really took on the much larger Canterbury team in defence before really executing the game plan that the coaching team have been trying to implement in the preseason. The Oysters won this game 29-22.

Round 2 – The Oysters played Chatswood down at Eastern Suburbs home ground, where there has been a history of success with memories of the first premiership win coming flooding back. The oysters came out fast against the Chatswood team playing with some expansion and direct hard running by the forward pack, allowing James Read and Nick Stubbs to score two tries each and the oysters running away with the game 73-0.



Round 3 - saw the oysters on their first bus trip of the year to head north of the bridge to take on the Northern Saints. The Saints really brought energy, enthusiasm and stubborn attack, which saw some enormous efforts from Harry Tate, James Rickard, Will Evans and Sam Brennan in defence and some stars in attack to

assist the oysters regain shape and control of the ball, Dan Bottrell and Lyndon Christie showed great leadership to help manage play, provide width and key decisions to straighten the attack when needed. The Oysters ran away with this game, winning 47-12

Round 4 – The rain had not given up all week in the lead up to the game versus the Western Raptors and saw training moved, with a slightly disrupted preparation, the game was taken to Christison Park Vaucluse to allow the oysters to get their weekly rugby fix. The Oysters started fast with Hamish Lorang scoring a quick fire double before the game descended into a bit of a dog's breakfast with a few inappropriate tackles here and there, but the oysters maintained their composure and run out 45-12 winners.

Round 5 – The Ferry Cup was on the line in Round 5 when the oysters took on the Manly Savers. This was end to end and with no team giving an inch throughout the game, it came down to the one single try. The defensive efforts from Nick Stubbs, Duncan Hood, Dan Bottrell and Harry Tate set the standard for the oysters to win the game 7-3 and the second trophy of the year. This game should the “mongrel dog” mentality and that defensive mindset, with the positive that staying in the fight is what the mongrel dog loves.

Round 6 – Across the round the oysters went to Eastern Suburbs Rugby ground to take on the Renegades for Round 6, with the coach away the boys will play and so they did. The Oysters really came to play and where really impressive in phase play and sticking to the task. The oysters played end to end attacking rugby, which saw James Manns score two tries in the 53-21 win.

Round 7 – The battle for mid season top spot at Holroyd oval Merrylands. It was built up as a cracking start to a very tough three weeks of rugby for the oysters and it didn't disappoint, with the scoreline not truly showing how close this game really was. The Merrylands team came out with some sting in defence and direct running in attack, it took the oysters weathering this from Merrylands in the first half to then run away with the game, with strong performers from Angus McClelland, Nick Findlay, Dan Bottrell and Jack Remond to see the final score 34-10 to the oysters.

Round 8 – The only team to beat the oysters in their history was the round 8 opponent and it meant a very long bus trip out to Redfield. The Oysters boys started very lackluster with oysters trailing at the halftime stoppage 10-0, this is exactly what the team needed and with some strong second half performances by Nick Stubbs, Harry Williams and Sam Wood, the Oysters eventually came up triumphant 33-18 winners.

Round 9 – Ladies day and boy the ladies didn't let the oysters down, the weather most certainly did. El Nina was doing it's upmost to ruin what was a hugely important day for the club and showing the ladies, what oysters rugby was all about, however the weather definitely got in the way, with the rain coming in sideways all game and the wind was upward of a 30km/hr southerly, it was not conducive to running rugby and it really turning into a slog. Both teams played extremely well considering the conditions with the oysters just getting over the line 12-10.

Round 10 – After the slog of round 9's game versus Epping still fresh in the air, the fields across Sydney had taken an absolute

hammering by the wet weather and meant that training was Mac Uni 32-10

Round 11 – The oysters played up tempo, which lead to some great ball movement and early tries from Angus McClelland and Tom Mencinsky. The continued pressure in defence, saw some turn overs for the oysters and saw the oysters continue to play a expansive game that saw Harri Greville and Hamish Lorang finish with four tries at the completion of the game. The Oysters won 86-7 and now with a week off to recharge before the finals run.



Round 13 – Starting slow off the bus trip over to Chatswood, the oysters took some time to really establish the pattern of play to break down the Chatswood team. The Oysters look to through the ball around without setting the platform to do this early, which saw the team defend their line for the early part of the game and with some direct running by Nick Clifton

and James Rickard, the backs managed to let the ball shift to Mael Peyches scoring some incredible tries in the 67-15 win.

Round 14 – Unfortunately our regular opponents Canterbury forfeited early in the week, which meant we were able to arrange a friendly game versus Barker Old Boys (BOB's), on what was a huge occasion for the club, with club stalwart – Sluggo bringing up his 400th game for BOB's, it was a huge pleasure to be apart of this milestone match for Sluggo. Throughout the game, it had some great pieces of attacking and defensive play from both sides which made it a tight tussle and the oysters had some standout's, with Duncan Hood and Hugh Morgan standing out with some great defensive efforts.



Semi Final – with the first week of the finals as a well deserved bye round, the oysters sharpened up and were gearing up to play the semi final versus the arch nemesis, Redfield old boys. The weather was still stuck in the El nina and the rain came down, causing the oysters to adapt to the conditions. The greasy and again

tight encounter became a rather bruising affair, both sides were desperate to cross the white line. In an unbelievable defensive effort, the Oysters defended for what seemed like 20 minutes consecutively. Every Redfield raid was met with strong shoulders and fast line speed, in what can only be described as one of the best team efforts seen in Oyster history. The Oysters won 17-0 and onto the grand final

Grand Final – The day we play for, the day we cherish and the day we want to win that covered McLean Cup. Holyroyd oval, Merrylands and against the Manly Savers. Harden defence, mongrel dogs and passion for doing those little things for the player next to you. The message was simple and the oysters took this all in. The start of the match saw the Oysters ball control and phase play in structure look dangerous and threatening. The Oysters managed to skip out to a 6 nil lead going into half time. After the half, the oysters defended gallantly with Sam Brennan, Angus McClelland, James Manns and Nick Stubbs being huge in the facet of the game. Manly managed to kick two penalties to even the scores at 6 all and with five minutes remaining, attacking the Manly Line, Dimi Tremopoulos made a neat line break and placing a pin point grubber into the in goal for Hamish Lorang to dive on the ball, scoring the match winning try with Angus McClelland nailing a conversation from the sideline to lead 13-6. The oysters last five minutes of defence was what the mantra of "Mongrel Dogs" meant, the oysters fought, scrapped and hunted as a pack, winning every bit of contact, collision and contest to finish the game 13-6 and undefeated minor and major McLean Division premiers.

Throughout the year there was a lot of challenges, some that we adapted too really well and others just out of the blue. Themed

Training sessions normally got the best out of the oysters, with American sports night, city versus country and juniors jerseys. Our best session was the city versus country, with it coming down to the wire with Country coming out on top, with some dubious scoring by yours truly. Funny thing was the most attended training session for the year was the Thursday before ladies day and it was one of the best days of the year, it was really great that we adapted to training, no matter whether it was at Centennial Park, Gunyama Park, the Light Brigade or down at the dog park.



There's a few people that I'd like to specifically call out, Nicole & Burdo, Thankyou for your support during the year, we had a reasonable run throughout the year with injury, all due to Burdo's magical hands and Nicole was instrumental in helping us through the management of head knocks (as well as one of the ladies that did a heap of work for ladies day), A massive Thankyou to you both.

Judd, Anthony and Nick, the coaching team, a massive Thankyou for buying in and being so tolerant with my messages during the week

about selections, training sessions, weird structures, plays and notes on the opposition. The way we worked together and continued to drive the structure and standards throughout the year was unreal and the support and guidance you provided was second to none, so Thankyou gents.

The Committee & Players, Thankyou for welcoming me into the oysters club and really buying into how we wanted to play and train, if it wasn't for all of you buying in, we wouldn't have achieved what we did this year, so Thankyou. Winning the Minor and Major McLean Division Premiership, as well as undefeated is a fantastic effort and I look forward to doing it all again next year.

Cheers

James Wivell



RESULTS

McLean Cup Results 2022

Round 1	OYSTERS	29 - 22	Canterbury	Round 8	Redfield Old Boys	18 – 33	OYSTERS
Round 2	OYSTERS	73 - 0	<i>Chatswood</i>	Round 9	OYSTERS	12-10	Epping
Round 3	Northern Saints	12 - 47	OYSTERS	Round 10	OYSTERS	32-10	Macquarie Uni
Round 4	OYSTERS	45-12	Western Raptors	Round 11	OYSTERS	86-7	Hawkesbury Ag College
Round 5	OYSTERS	7-3	Manly Savers	Round 12	OYSTERS	Forfeit to Oysters	Northern Saints
Round 6	OYSTERS	53-21	Renegades	Round 13	Chatswood	15-67	OYSTERS
Round 7	Merrylands	10- 34	OYSTERS	Round 14	Barker Old Boys	10-22	OYSTERS
SEMI FINAL							
OYSTERS		17- 0		Redfield Old Boys			
GRAND FINAL							
OYSTERS		13-6		Manly Savers			

Season Scoring

	FOR	AGAINST
TRIES	88	22
CONVERSTION	53	12
PENALTY GOALS	5	7
TOTAL POINTS	561	155

CLUB STATISTICS

Player	Oyster #	2022 Games	2022 Tries	2022 Conv	2022 Pen	2022 Points	Total Club Games	Total club Tries	Total club Conv	Total club Pen	Total club Points
Harri Greville	1	8	5			25	24	9			45
James Rickard	4	12	1			5	26	3			15
Angus McClelland	6	13	9	21	4	99	29	22	21	4	164
Nick Findlay	7	10	1			5	25	3			15
Lachy Argiris	8	8	2			10	23	17			85
Jack Remond	10	11	4			20	24	9			45
Hamish Lorang	11	11	10	2	1	57	25	25	33	2	197
Nick Stubbs	12	14	6			30	28	13			65
Sam Wood	13	11	2	10		30	26	3	42	2	105
Daniel Bottrell	15	14	5			25	22	10			50
Seb Gould	21	9	2			10	19	8			40
Harry Williams	27	8	4			20	23	13			65
Roy Harrison	32	11	4			20	19	7			35
Tom Mencinsky	36	10	3			15	16	6			30
Tom Taylor	37	9					16	1			5
James Manns	38	8	4			20	14	4			20
James Hindle	39	7				0	10	2			10
Ryan Campbell	41	11	1			5	16	2			10
Tim Medley	42	1				0	7				
Sam Brennan	43	13	1			5	19	2			10
Hugh Morgan	44	14	6			30	18	7			35
James Willetts	45	6					12	1			5
Lyndon Christie	46	6	0			0	12	1			5

Ryan Droop	47	2	1		5	7	2		10
David Robertson	49	4	1	19	43	6	1	31	67
Moffat	50	5			0	9			
Maloney	53	11	3		15	11	3		15
Will Evans	54	11	1		5	11	1		5
Harry Tate	55	7	3		15	7	3		15
Dimitri Tremopoulos	56	6	1		5	6	1		5
Justin Warton	57	8				8			
Tom Holohan	58	7				7			
Duncan Hood	59	8	4	1	22	8	4	1	22
James Read	60	4	1		5	4	1		5
Tom Ridhalgh	61	8				8			
Nick Clifton	62	2				2			
Josh Holland	63	2	3		15	2	3		15
Mael Peyches									

CLUB RECORDS

Largest Victory Margin

(79)

86- 7 vs. Hawkesbury Ag College 16.07.22

Most points in a game

(25)

Angus McClelland vs. Chatswood 6.8.22

Highest Score

(86)

86 – 7 vs. Hawkesbury Ag College 16.07.22

Most Tries in a season

(10) –

Hamish Lorang 2020 & 2022

Most Tries in a game

(4)

Harri Greville vs. Hawkesbury Ag College

Hamish Lorang vs. Hawkesbury Ag College

16.07.22

Most Points in a Season

(99)

Angus McClelland 2022



SOCIAL MEDIA 2022



2022 Followers: 910



2022 Followers: 606



2022 Followers: 122





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