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THE FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT WARATAH
STADIUM, LOFTUS STREET, CONCORD ON SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER
1996 COMMENCING AT 10.00AM.**

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**NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR RUGBY UNION INC
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS - 1996**

PATRON

Mr J. Goddard

PRESIDENT

Mr W. Brown

HONORARY SECRETARY

Ms K.L. Da Silva-Taylor

HONORARY TREASURER

Mr B. Francis

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr S. Waugh

DELEGATES

Mr K. McCarthy	(Metro Western Zone Chairman)
Mr I. Cohen	(Metro Southern Zone Chairman)
Mr B. Killham	(Metro Northern Zone Chairman)
Mr P. Eather	(NSW Country JRU President)
Mr D. Paul	(NSW Country JRU Vice President)
Mr P. Alcock	(NSW Country JRU Vice President)
Mr R. Wessel	(NSW Country Delegate)

LIFE MEMBERS

Messrs J.S. Carroll, D.T. Andrews, R. Allen, P.H. Joseph, N. Murray, N.A. Williams, R. Leavett, K. Clifford, J. Russell, J.C. Degotardi, A.S. New, J. Goddard, R. Faulks and Mrs B.J. Mawer.

DELEGATE TO NSW RUGBY UNION

Mr W. Brown

HONORARY AUDITOR

Harveys Chartered Accountants - Mr Wayne S. Morton (Partner)

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

During the period January 28th, 1996 and October 12th, 1996 8 Management Committee meetings were convened by this Union and detailed here under is a record of attendance:

Wayne Brown	President	8
Steve Waugh	Vice President	7
Karen Da Silva-Taylor	Honorary Secretary	7
Brian Francis	Treasurer	4
Barry Killham	Metro North	4
Ian Cohen	Metro South	7
Kevin McCarthy	Metro West	7
Phil Eather	President CJRU	7
David Paul	Vice President CJRU	6
Peter Alcock	Vice President CJRU	3
Jarrold Bryant	NSWRU (10-2-96)	7
Ron Wessel	CJRU Delegate	8
Rob McQuade	NSWRU	2

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AGENDA FOR 1996 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Registration of Delegates
2. Acceptance of Apologies
3. Declaration of Proxies
4. Welcome to Guests and Visitors
5. Minutes of the Thirty Ninth Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 5th November, 1996.
6. President's address and presentation of the Annual General Report for 1996.
7. Presentation of the Audited Balance Sheet and Financial Statement for 1996.
8. Election of Officers of the Union for 1996 who shall form the Management Committee for 1996.
9. (a) Election of one (1) Delegate to the New South Wales Rugby Union.

(b) Election of Delegates to the Australian Junior Rugby Union Inc. The aforesaid delegates are to be elected from the newly elected Members to the Management Committee.
10. Election of the Honorary Auditor for 1997.

NOTICE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

1. General Business.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR RUGBY UNION
INCORPORATED HELL AT WARATAH RUGBY, CONCORD
ON NOVEMBER 5TH. 1995 AT 10AM

The meeting was opened at 10.15am.

All guests and members were welcomed.

Present: Members and guests signed the Attendance Book.

Guest: Warren Robilliard

Apologies: Patron, D. Shaw, JB. Antees, P. Murphy, P. Slattery,
B. West, D. Paul, P. Brial, J. Brial, P. Walker,
A. Heatlley.

Proxies: Proxies were read.

Minutes: The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read. Moved by J. Larkin and seconded by F. Cavanagh.

President's Report: Thanks went to the committee particularly Country Juniors and K. Campbell and L. Sheehy for their assistance in the State Championships. Congratulations also extended to Phil Eather being re-elected NSW Country Junior Rugby President. Moved by P. Eather, seconded F. Cavanagh.

Country Report: Read by P. Eather. Moved by P. Eather and seconded by J. Larkin.

C & D Report: Presented by guest W. Robilliard. NSWJRU Communication has become stronger with good communication between Sydney and Country. Unfortunately the NSW Representative will be unable to assist Juniors this coming year because of their schedule of 47 games from January 96 to December 96. There are now 12 staff on hand at New South Wales to assist in any junior matter so all concerned need not hesitate to ask for help.

Administrators

Report: Report was read. P. Eather thanked Rob McQuade on behalf of the NSWJRU Committee for assistance throughout the year.

Sydney Reports: Reports were read. elections for the coming year are as follows:
Northern Zone -Barry Killham, Southern Zone - Ian Cohen, Western Zone - Kevin McCarthy. Moved by J. Larkin and seconded by R. Wessel.

Treasurer's Report: Statements were read.
Sydney Report was moved by K. McCarthy and seconded by D. Bavister.
NSWJRU Report was moved by J. Larkin and seconded by R. Wessel after discussion ensued on the break up of 'Other' and 'Sundry' in future

Election of Officers:

All positions were declared vacant. It was moved and seconded that the 1996 positions are elected by ballot. Carried.

PRESIDENT:	Wayne Brown
VICE PRESIDENT:	Steve Waugh
SECRETARY:	Karen Da Silva-Taylor
TREASURER:	Brian Francis
DELEGATES:	
NSWRU	Wayne Brown plus one other
AJRU	Wayne Brown plus one other

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12pm.

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Karen De Silva-Taylor Secretary

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Wayne Brown - President

NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR RUGBY UNION INC

PRESIDENTS REPORT - 1995/96

After a year of turmoil and upheaval resulting in the loss of our past President Dave Menere, a great leader and highly respected individual, it was envisaged that we would be headed for an unsettled and difficult year and added to this was the loss of Rob McQuade due to promotion.

Putting these disappointments behind us the NSWJRU Committee decided to continue to build on the solid foundation built by the previous executive.

Jarrold Bryant was appointed to the position of Juniors Administrator and although new to the game Jarrod has proven to be a worthy replacement for Rob. He is keen, willing and passionate about the tasks allocated to him.

This Union has set about to complete a number of objectives set down at the commencement of our term. The objectives included:

- The completion of NSWJRU Handbook.
- Rewriting a set of guidelines and laws for the State Championships.
- Introducing an Insurance Scheme for players.
- Selection of a candidate for the Australian Under 16's position.

The above have been completed and benefits from these objectives have already been seen.

The new format of conducting the Under 16's and 17's at the State Championships has again been a huge success. This allows players, selectors and coaches a number of benefits as shown with the Under 16's winning the Australian Championships and the Under 17's reversing the previous years result against their country cousins.

The State Championships although not getting off to the smoothest of starts with some late withdrawals, progressed well with only a few minor hiccups. To all Branch Unions who held the Championships I commend you on an overall excellent effort. To Jarrod Bryant, Steve Waugh and the many helpers my sincere thanks.

The Regional Under 15's Championships again proved a winner and this is fast becoming a talking point throughout the state and 1997 will hopefully see the Championship develop an interstate flavor with South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia expressing their interest in competing.

Kevin McCarthy and his team of volunteers from Western Zone did a great job and I extend my thanks and congratulate them on their effort.

NSWJRU nominated Stephen Best for the Australian Under 16's coach. Stephens credentials and the presentation by the NSWJRU and NSWCJRU saw Stephen elected. The Australian Under 16's defeated New Zealand for the first time in 10 years.

There has been much criticism of the AJRU (including the NSWJRU and NSWRU) over the selection process of both coaches and players. I, along with my Executive decided to act and as a result I feel we have taken a giant step in convincing the AJRU that our union not only have quality coaches, we also have an executive team prepared to promote and defend our union.

I believe NSWJRU now enjoy the respect they deserve at Australian level. I have been requested by the Southern States to put together a Mission Statement and a plan to take AJRU into the 21st century.

The relationship we enjoy with CHS and Country schools is excellent and I thank Ewart Robson and Don Wiburd for their support and understanding. I have made contact with the GPS and IAS and a meeting is currently being arranged with convenors Brother Wallace and John Ray.

The Coaching and Development of which I represent NSWJRU is an outstanding success, we are updated on a regular basis and have input into policy. Dick Shaw has been a great supporter of NSWJRU. The NSW C & D team have been active in the development of Junior Rugby and I believe it could be much more effective if they would open the lines of communication and allow both schools and junior organisations to benefit from the initial work by the paid staff. There will never be the funds to have enough development officers to coach, administer or promote Junior Rugby therefore the attitude towards the organisations promoting and fostering Juniors should be of an assisting nature not that of opposition.

1996 has been a year of change, it has been a year where the criticism has been minimal and that which has been constructive has been taken on board and in some cases been the basis of organisational changes. I feel it would be beneficial for the executive to attend meetings of village clubs as well as zone meetings to open the lines of communication and to allow more input from the grassroots level.

I have enjoyed my term as President, the support I have received from Sydney and Country Representatives has been exceptional and due to this support my job has been made all the more pleasant and rewarding. I believe that Steve Waugh will not be contesting the position of Vice President for 1997 due to work commitments. I would like it known that Steve has been a vital part of the success of our Union in 1996 and his experience and stability will surely be missed. Steve has been a tireless worker for Junior Rugby in NSW for many years and I sincerely thank him on behalf of the Union.

NSWCJRU President Phil Eather will also stand down from his position in 1997. Phil has been the foundation for which NSWCJRU has been built. He has devoted countless hours to this sport and commitment like this cannot pass by without being recognised. Phil has taken NSWCJRU from a deficit of \$8000.00 to one of the most viable and progressive Junior Unions in Australia. Phil is not only a colleague but over the past years has become a close friend and I will always be indebted to Phil for the knowledge he has passed onto myself and many other colleagues. Phil was instrumental in gaining the Development Officers for country NSW and was a member of the inaugural Coaching and Development Committee.

1996 has been a highly successful year for NSWJRU. To all players, parents, coaches and supporters I commend you on the way you have represented our Union. To my Executive I sincerely thank you for your support.

Wayne Brown
President NSWJRU

NSWCJRU PRESIDENTS REPORT

A successful year in Country has again unfolded both on and off the football field and we continue to work to our Business Plan adopted in February of this year.

Whilst with great expectation we endeavour to secure sponsorship dollars a windfall came by way of CRU and President Chris Anderson with \$18,000 for four years from Hargraves Resources NL: a central west gold mining company. This along with the CRU grant has helped to fund the union activities particularly for our high cost year with the U16's travelling to the Australian Championships this year in Perth. We thank both CRU and Hargraves Resources for their support. New South Wales Juniors also contributed \$9,000 to our revenue as mentioned later in this report. This has also allowed us to take on other programmes such as the U18's to the Griff Hunt Tournament in Melbourne. The U14's to Perth which was further helped by WAJRU offering \$4,000 to bring our team across to help with their development.

The growth in player numbers continues to climb with some 3,000 registrations. The combined total with Sydney is 8,000 registered players under NSWJRU. With the likes of Mid North Coast and Far North Coast who we hope will be soon in a position to affiliate with NSWCJRU and a bigger effort in South West our player base could improve considerably.

Our 1996 season got away with two two-day camps. One pre Christmas in Bathurst, the other at Lake Burrendong pre season, in February, with most of the previous years age teams in attendance. D.O. Warwick Moppett ran a level 1 course at Burrendong in conjunction with 25 participants. This was a great camp with our 1996 coaches available to crank up the season and with the assistance of D.O. 's John Searle, Brad Royall and Anthony Eddy.

In May the Country Championship began with the 16's and 17's at Maitland and the 14's and 15's at Wagga Wagga. We had our best roll up in the U17's with Far North Coast in attendance. This age group had 9 zones and included Mid North Coast and Riverina. The 17's are our strongest age group in terms of numbers but we are finding increased difficulty providing Rep Rugby at country level with declining numbers in the other unions and a reluctance to promote this age group. The U17's carnival was won by Central West over Hunter. Thanks to Hunter for a well run carnival.

The 14's and 15's Country Championships were played at Wagga. This was Riverina's first carnival and the venue, hospitality, and conduct of the carnival was excellent. Riverina is a frontier competing with strong AFL and League, so I hope the carnival lifted the profile of Rugby in the area. The 'crack' Hunter outfit in the 15's defeated Illawarra soundly whilst in the 14's Central North had a form reversal to defeat Hunter and win that division. As a former Central North President it was hard to conceal my jubilations! Seven zones in each age group was again the best ever attendance.

At Country level age groups (detailed reports are attached to this Annual Report for your perusal) I would like to thank each of the team officials, coaches, managers, trainers and selectors for their input and the excellent preparation of our representative teams.

The U16's finished an unlucky fourth in the Australian Championships in Perth. A win on the last day against ACT would have put us in second place. We had some talented players in the side with four being selected in the Australian U16's to play N.Z. U16's in Sydney, October 12th. Arron Middlesdorf, Josh Darby, Robbie Miller and Michael Jones were selected in the Australian U16's - congratulations! Michael Jones is specially mentioned as he is only 15. The Country President XV will play NZ U16's at Muswellbrook and contain many of the U16's squad and further games against the Australian 16's and Sydney. Thanks also to the NSWRU for the use of D.O. Murray Archibald accompanying the team to Perth as technical adviser.

The U17's had a disjointed programme with Sydney changing the date for the annual clash. Country appears to be the only strong union in this age group. Country schools put pressure on us to move our June long weekend spot and there were players in both competitions that weekend. Whilst it is Country's endeavour to look for co-operation we will not disadvantage our own programmes. This age group requires extra attention in 1997 to provide better fixturing. However seven players were selected in NSW U17's to play ACT and CHS 2nds which were both victories. The Country U17's went down narrowly to Sydney 15 to 14 which was disappointing after very good form in lead up games, notably a win over the Wildfires U19's.

The U15's programme was very strong. Northern Province won the State Championships in fine style and the Southern Province was impressive. Both teams competed in the NSW Regionals against the three Sydney Zones finishing third and fourth. The country side was selected for the annual Gala day clash and scored a 12-10 win over Sydney. This was a superb effort and looks well for our 1997 U16's for the Australian U16's Championships to be held in Sydney 1997, there are some very talented players in this age group including Michael Jones (Hunter) and Damien Kelly (Central West) both were selected in the Country 16's as well.

The new programme for the year was the Country U18's. This was created after an invitation from Victoria to compete in the Griff Hunt Tournament in Melbourne with ACT, Victoria and South Australia. As we have a number of players who have left school and not taken up by the U19's, there was an opportunity to provide a pathway for this group, and in conjunction with CRU and their support, we took up the offer.

The U18's won the tournament in Melbourne and we had excellent feedback from this age group that it will be continued in 1997.

The U14's which is our introduction to the Representative Rugby year started with a camp at Narrabeen Sports Academy with specialist coaching support from the NSWRU

Coaching and Development Department. They then played ACT and Sydney but were not successful in the scoreline.

Whilst the programme was to be small and development, Western Australian JRU offered a \$4,000 deal to take the team to WA in the September school holidays. CJRU considered the opportunity to be too good to miss so at the time of writing this report the team will travel to WA.

Further to the U14's and U18's at the last AJRU meeting Matt Carroll the ARFU Football Manager suggested that existing carnivals such as the U15's NSW Regionals and the Griff Hunt Shield should be used to expand the development of the game. This is consistent with CJRU and NSWJRU thinking and a proposal is being put together to cater for these initiatives. Most states except Queensland are interested in the concepts and a business plan is being investigated to look at the viability for implementation.

Our association with NSWJRU is working well, with a new President in Wayne Brown and new Sydney Directors. Getting to know the new group has been a learning curve. Wayne has handled the job in an outstanding manner: not easy when you come from the bush! Our only concern is Sydney's commitment to the U17's age group.

NSWJRU have assisted us in financing our Perth trip, airfares for the U16's with \$5,000 and \$4,000 for our two development camps this season, which is much appreciated!

CRU is going through structural change and a new constitution and management plan is about to be implemented. CJRU has been accepted as an equal whilst only an affiliate. President Chris Anderson and Chairman Laurie Maher have been always accessible. Bruce Worboys was appointed as the Executive Officer and has been of great assistance. Our sponsorship from Hargrave Resources NL and our annual grant are much appreciated. I expect closer ties to continue.

The TIP programme comes on line in the NSW Country Regional Sports Academies. Hunter and Illawarra have been in place for some time, now the other areas can obtain benefits from the off season programmes. Only time will tell!

The NSWRU Coaching and Development Committee relationship has been strained with the departure of Warren Robillard. Not with the elected members of the committee but with John Searle the new departmental manager. As I mentioned in the 1995 Annual Report, the 9-3.30 institutions are the pre occupation of resources and attention. This creates constant tension when we stand up for our Union. Our programmes, they are structured and user driven. We have a Business Plan and we are successful. Surely enough for recognition and better support.

Our association with CHS through Ewart Robson has become closer and an amicable working relationship has developed, as has consultation with Country Schools convenor Don Wyburd.

Jarrold Bryant has replaced Rob McQuade as Junior Administrator. Jarrold being new to rugby has been on a learning curve and although this has been a bit frustrating at times he is beginning to relieve some of the work load from secretary Ron Wessel and myself and to that end I thank him.

To the executive of CJRU -Thank You - for your tireless efforts carrying out the running of the Union. The amount of hours involved and the travelling is a work load in itself. The affairs of the Union are on a strong financial base and we have taken on other programmes to provide higher levels of rugby for our players.

To the Zones, we appreciate your support and recognise the effort you have achieved in your various areas. Once again thanks to the team management of the different age groups. The support from the players, parents, and supporter NSWJRU, CRU, NSWRU and our sponsor Hargrave Resources NL.

Let us hope that 1997 will produce the very best from Country with our U16's looking like a 'good thing' for the Australian Championships.

Finally I will not be standing for the position of President in 1997. I have been involved in Rugby administration since 1964 at Club, Zone, CJRU, NSWJRU, NSWRU and AJRU in some form from Publicity Officer to President. I need a break from administration, and devote some time to my three sons, my business 'and other interests' as well as coaching rugby.

This Union is on a very sound footing, financially from \$6,000 in the red to near \$40,000 in the black. We have a great sponsor in Hargrave Resources on a four year plan. Closer ties with CRU, NSWJRU and CHS. The outstanding Development programme and results of CJRU, the respective pathways from U14's to U18's started in 1991. The development officer programme extension to all country areas ahead of schedule. The development and adoption of CJRU Business Plan and increased funding from CRU. Plus a commitment to the Southern States to involve them in higher level Rugby competitions and development.

These are excellent results and I am pleased to be part of a team that has lifted CJRU to a new plateau. There is, of course, the next level and that, for my part, is for someone else to lead.

I have had some very close friends and advisers namely David Paul, Wayne Brown, John Spinks and Paul Brial who have given more than could be asked, in time, commitment and out of their own pocket. Thanks for that effort! It was greatly appreciated.

I wish the CJRU 'good luck' and am proud to have been part of the action.

Paul Eather - CJRU President.

METROPOLITAN SJRU - PRESIDENTS REPORT

In an endeavour to keep as many young people running around rugby fields during 1996 and beyond as possible, the Sydney sub-committee went about some adventurous new ideas which did not please some critics, of which there were many. The Zone committees deserve a vote of thanks for a job well done, with Northern Zone taking a strong and committed line on players qualification and with the core and non-core draws ensuring as many teams as possible staying involved with junior rugby. With penalties for team management attempting to win competitions by moving players around between teams, and other controls, which need fine tuning for next season, we appear to be on track to attract school players back to enjoy playing the game they love, and meeting more friends, which is what it's all about.

The weight-for-age dispensation trailed by Southern Zone, with its strict guide lines, formed the basis of a working paper on this difficult area, which is now with the ARU, and we await their clear direction.

Another hurdle confronting Sydney was in the older age groups, particularly the Under 17's. The scrapping of the State Championships and the introduction of the Sydney-wide competition, again meant a minimal loss of players during the season. The demand on these young men's time with studies, and after a busy under 16's year, and with school commitments is considerable. The Sydney-wide competition allowed for an introduction into Colts.

The conducting of the Under 15 Regional Championships by Western Zone was another well organised effort. This, with the Under 16 and Under 17 City vs Country Challenge at Pittwater Rugby Park in the middle of the June long weekend, and the hosting of all the age groups throughout Sydney was a credit to all those involved.

Our Congratulations to the selectors and management of our victorious Under 16 squad. The effort of David Hundt in returning with two consecutive undefeated Championships is a testament to David's commitment to the game and the boys, to those players who went on to play a vital role in the victorious test match against New Zealand in October - congratulations - it is a credit to them and the administration which assisted them to this level. This campaign undertaken by Sydney was justly rewarded by Steve Best's success in selecting and coaching the Australian Under 16's. The style of rugby displayed by these young men is a credit to the absolute dedication and commitment by Steve, a job very well done.

I would like to thank Brian Francis for his years of work. We will miss his professional approach, and he is a great example of what our game needs more of. Another well respected administrator we will miss in 1997 is Ian Cohen. Ian also took a very professional approach and will be missed by us all.

1997 presents many challenges, including the staging of the Australian Under 16 Carnival. This is a major event and with the State Championships, the Under 15 Regionals, plus the Sydney-wide Under 17's, this sub-committee will need a band of committed workers. We are indebted to New South Wales Rugby Union for their support, particularly for Jarrod Bryant's involvement. Whilst it was a steep learning curve, our future is guaranteed while this professional approach continues. We must widen our player base, and an open approach to administration and a close relationship with all aspects of the game, particularly schools, will ensure a high standard of players. There is only one way forward and that must be a united effort by all involved at all levels of what is a great, enjoyable game.

Steve C Waugh
SJRU President

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY UNION JUNIORS RUGBY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Introduction

The position of NSWRU Juniors Rugby Administrator has now been existence for approximately one year and nine months, with my predecessor Mr. Rob McQuade holding the position for over half of this period. I was fortunate effort to be appointed as NSWRU Juniors Rugby Administrator in early February of this year. While having moved into an area where very little had been developed from a professional administrative standpoint I find myself in great debut to Rob McQuade and the previous NSWJRU Committee members for establishing a sound and workable structure from which to begin.

Having been in the position for approximately eight months now I feel that it would be remiss of me not to begin without thanking those people whom have helped me to grow in the position over the season. Those who have been of great support throughout the year include Rob McQuade, Steve Waugh, Wayne Brown, Brian Francis, Phil Eather, the three Sydney Zone Chairman, and the NSWJRU Country Delegates, all of whom I owe a great debut

My main objective now, as it was when I started, is to continue on developing the administrative procedures and channels already put in place before me and to continually and accurately keep member unions informed of what is happening, thus further improving the channels of communication. These two objectives, along with many others, have been convincingly achieved this year, and while there is still room for improvement I am sure that all patrons of junior rugby union would agree that we are establishing a very strong foundation on which to build.

1996 in Review

1996 has seen the introduction of a number of new initiatives and resources. The introduction of compulsory Registration of all juniors throughout NSW was initially met with great skepticism by all sections of the rugby community, however the greatest majority of unions deserve a great deal of praise for the manner in which they conducted their registrations and returned them to NSWRU. This effort has allowed NSWRU to construct an (almost) complete database of junior rugby union players across NSW, enabling for the first time an accurate count of junior participation numbers across NSW. The final tally of registrations would suggest that NSWJRU Registrations total approximately 8000 players, this is certainly an encouraging statistic, one which we will be endeavoring to increase in the next few years. In 1997 NSWRU will be endeavoring to further the success rate of Registration form distribution by sending them directly to all listed clubs, thus preventing the failure of senior clubs getting forms to the juniors as seemed to be the case for some unions this year.

Another new initiative which has been implemented this year has been the five dollar per player insurance scheme, like the compulsory Registrations this new initiative was not well received originally. Nevertheless this is one area in which rugby union needed to bring itself up-to-date in. While receiving a mixed reception this year NSWRU will now look towards making the scheme more "user friendly" for 1997. New and more detailed information will be distributed for next season, thus enabling clubs, players and parents to obtain necessary information and claim quicker and easier.

This year saw the first time a complete NSWJRU Contact Handbook has been produced and distributed to all clubs, enabling easier communication between unions and individuals. In 1997 NSWRU will ensure that this resource will be constructed and distributed earlier in the season. One thing which held up the completion of the Contact Handbook this year was waiting for some clubs to hold their AGM's or simply return details, in 1997 I hope this will not be the case and that we can distribute a more accurate, informative and timely resource.

Finally, on a representative note, all events run by both NSW Country Junior Rugby Union, and Metropolitan Sydney Junior Rugby Union have been administered and organised very professionally. I have been very pleased to observe the level of enthusiasm and exemplary administration displayed by all involved in these events and I know that given greater support from NSWRU and more volunteers these events can be run even better.

Volunteer situation.

As is so often the case it appears that this year, as in previous years a lot of the work has been done by a select few people. This is one area which concerns me, as does it concern all sports administrators in all sports. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have contributed and given up their time to make sure that rugby union is made accessible to as many children as possible, without their efforts junior rugby union simply would not exist.

Obviously this situation is one which needs to be addressed, in 1997 NSWRU intend to complete and release a number of resources which will hopefully make the administration of a junior rugby union club far less daunting, especially for the newcomer. I hope that by making the whole process of administering a junior club clearer and easier to follow that it will enable current administrators to recruit and secure the services of new members more readily.

Conclusion

While 1996 has been a year of change, the majority of that change has been for the better. It would appear that the juniors are quickly approaching a position where we will be able to fully utilise the enormous potential which exists. As long as the focus of all those involved

remains on doing what is best for the kids whom we represent then I am sure that progress will be made.

In order to keep advancing there needs to be continual constructive input from all sections of the rugby community in the juniors. Everyone, myself included needs to keep an open mind to new ideas and new ways of doing things, both on and off the field. the level of success and of professionalism we reach is only limited by the boundaries of our current way of thinking. It is this continuous turn over of ideas which I like to encourage, and for those who are involve to develop a level of independence and a self help mentality, not a "its too hard", hand-out mentality.

In closing, I would like to thank all those who have helped me in my first season as Juniors Administrator, and have assisted in guiding me through the many areas of involvement within both Metropolitan and Country. This input has been greatly appreciated, and invaluable in establishing me in such a multi-faceted area.

I look forward to season 1997 and continuing to work with the many Committees to help the Juniors advance in the still new professional rugby environment, the challenge of fully realising the level of potential in this area is one which I take very seriously and with a great deal of enthusiasm. My aim for 1997 and beyond will be for Junior Rugby Union in NSW to become the number one kids sport, on and off the field. This goal, through the help of all involved, can and will be achieved.

Jarrold Bryant
NSWRU Juniors Rugby Administrator

N.S.W.J.R.U. 1996 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The State Championships continued on in the same format as 1995 with the Under 16's being held over an extended period (April 28th to May 26th), and the Under 10's through to Under 15's being held on the Queens Birthday long weekend in June (8th, 9th and 10th). The State Championships in all age groups progressed on a reasonably sound basis with players and spectators alike being treated to some marvelous rugby. While there were still some areas within the Competition rules and general procedures for administering the event which needed improvement or adjustment it is foreseen that 1997 will be an even better year for the State Championships.

One of the areas of concern in 1996 was the quality of venues used for the State Championships. While the majority of venues used were of a high standard, unfortunately some venues did not make the grade. This caused some concern amongst players, spectators and officials alike. In future Branch Unions who apply to host the State Championships must have suitable facilities available otherwise NSWJRU will have no other choice but to refuse their application. The professional approach taken towards organising and administering this event must be reflected in the quality of the locations at which they are held.

While the majority of those who took part in the State Championships did so in the spirit of the game, there were those who did not do their Unions any favours by pushing their own agenda upon the Organising Committee. Unfortunately there is always going to be some problems and/or unforeseen circumstances with an event of this size, nevertheless NSWJRU will continue to endeavour to administer it in the best interests of all participants involved. While the State Championships does represent the height of the representative season for the majority of those involved, players, spectators and administrators alike, must remember that it is just a game, and that participation is the most important part of the Championships.

Congratulations to all those teams who took part, their participation was appreciated and the Championships could not have happened without them. To all the players, their management teams and administrators, thank you for your involvement in 1996 and NSWJRU trusts that you will look forward to an even more successful 1997.

The results of the Finals in all age groups are as follows:

<u>Under 10's</u>	Randwick	10	Southern Districts	0
<u>Under 11's</u>	Randwick	15	Eastwood	5
<u>Under 12's</u>	Eastwood	20	Illawarra	0
<u>Under 13's</u>	Warringah	10	Eastwood	10
<u>Under 14's</u>	Eastwood	8	ACT	0
<u>Under 15's</u>	Northern Province	21	Southern Districts	0
<u>Under 16's</u>	Eastwood	15	Gordon	3

SYDNEY UNDER 16'S - 1996 MANAGERS REPORT

After an extensive selection process throughout the Under 16's State Championships (April and May) the Sydney Under 16's Training squad was announced, consisting of 35 young men from all over the Sydney Metropolitan Branch Unions. A great deal of thanks should be forwarded to those involved in the selection process, as it involved the sacrifice of an immense amount of time.

The squad then met at the NSW Academy of Sport at Narrabeen for the training camp, held on May 31st, June 1st, and 2nd. The camp was conducted superbly with all participants performing admirably and representing their respective Branch Unions well. On the weekend after the camp the Sydney Under 16's training squad played the Country Under 16's training squad in the trial match. The trial match held on June 9th at Pittwater Rugby Park was played in 4 quarters so as to allow all players the opportunity to play and been seen in order for the final squad of 22 to be determined. On the Tuesday after the trial game the squad of 22 players to go to Perth was published in the Sydney Morning Herald, plus some train on players as well.

After three weeks of intense preparation under the expert hand of Coach David Hundt and Assistant Coach Dennis Kelliher the team departed Sydney airport for Perth. On Tuesday July 2nd they arriving in Perth at 10:00pm, four days prior to their first match in the Australian Championships. This early arrival in Perth was no doubt one of the secrets to the teams success as it allowed them to familiarize themselves with the surroundings, and spent a great deal of time together, thus allowing them to bond strongly.

The team was billeted by St. Stephen's College for the first three days of their stay and leading up to their trial game against the WA Open Schools Squad. St. Stephen's College were most gracious hosts and treated the boys to all the comforts one would expect. After a tough yet triumphant game against WA Open Schools the players moved to their next billets, Wanneroo Rugby Club, who would take them until the duration of their tour. Like St. Stephen's College, the patrons of the Wanneroo Rugby Club proved to be exceptional hosts and cannot be thanked enough.

The 1996 AJRFU Under 16's Australian Championship began on Saturday July 6th, however the Sydney Under 16's had a bye on this, the first day so the time was used for a light training run and rest. A number of boys had worrying injuries after the trial game on Friday, and treatment for these players was intense so as to have a full strength outfit ready for the first game.

On Sunday July 7th Sydney played their first match of the Australian Championships, a full run down of competitors and results is attached to this report.

Due to the draw which we received our schedule consisted of 4 matches in as many days, a task which saw the resources and capability of the team pushed to the limit. At the completion of the carnival we had suffered a high toll with regard to injuries, both serve

and minor, nevertheless all the boys pulled together and needless to say came through victorious. The resolve of the team to win the 1996 Australian Championships and remain undefeated throughout was truly inspirational, as all members of the team remained committed to both their Coach and to each other. It was an absolute pleasure to witness such a fine group of young men perform so admirably and overcome their adversaries with such determination and relentlessness.

Western Australian Junior Rugby deserve a huge vote of confidence for the job which they did in hosting the 1996 Under 16's Australian Championships, for only a small union they did a tremendous job. All facets of the carnival were handled with expertise and confidence, making our stay in Perth an extremely enjoyable and memorable one.

Upon final analysis all aspects of the tour were handled without any problems and in no uncertain terms the entire campaign was a complete success. All of the touring squad acted in a manner that Sydney Junior Rugby Union can be proud of, and were perfect ambassadors for their sport and their union.

The assistance of Metropolitan Sydney Junior Rugby Union President Steve Waugh was invaluable, his support and non-stop commitment to the team was greatly appreciated, as was the support given by NSWRU Development Officer Todd Cole, who relieved a great deal of the work load from David and Dennis at times. Another person whom contributed selflessly was one the parents, Mr John Van Dyck, he drove one of the team buses for the entire stay and helped with any other job that needed to be done, junior rugby union could certainly benefit by having more men like this involved. The management team worked as a very cohesive unit and handled all situations which arose with professionalism and poise, a very respectable effort considering the overall task. Many thanks to these and the many other people who made a valuable contribution to the team and its success.

Match Results Undefeated Champions - 1996

BYE					Saturday, July 6th
Sydney	9	v	ACT	0	Sunday, July 7th 3:20pm
Sydney	9	v	NSW Country	3	Monday, July 8th 11:00am
Sydney	13	v	Brisbane	5	Tuesday, July 9th 12:20pm
Sydney	19	v	Qld Country	0	Wednesday, July 10th 2:00pm
BYE					Thursday, July 11th
Points: For 40				Against 8	

Players selected for the Australian Under 16's

Tim Donnelly	Fua Filipino
Paul Dineen	Tui Tailia
Steven Selui	George Smith

David Hundt	Dennis Kelliher	Jim Larkin	Warren Colliss
Coach	Assistant Coach	Manager	Trainer

NSW CJRU UNDER 16's - 1996 MANAGERS REPORT

Team Selection

The 1996 Selection process commenced with the Under 16/17 Carnival, which was held at Maitland on the weekend of 4th/5th May 1996. The weekend of Rugby was a success, with the selectors Peter Alcock, Bruce Dimmock and coaches John Haddin and Wayne Baggs selecting a squad of 36 players.

The squad then assembled for a programme of 2 camps prior to the final selections. The first weekend was held at Camden on 18/19 May. A match was played against a composite Under 17/19 team from Campbelltown Harlequin Junior Rugby Club. On the long weekend in June, the players assembled at the NSW Institute of Sport at Narrabeen for a 3 day camp. The players trained on Saturday afternoon. A match was played against the Sydney Under 16 Selection Squad on Sunday at Warringah Rugby Park. The final squad for Perth was announced later that evening back at the Institute of Sport.

The final squad of 22 players for Perth Australian Championships was made up of 6 Central West, 5 Illawarra, 6 Hunter, 1 Central Coast, 1 Mid North Coast, 2 Central North and 1 Riverina.

The final squad, then had a training camp on the Central Coast at Terrigal on 22/23 June. The players were billeted by parents of Terrigal Junior Rugby Club and this is much appreciated. The team trained on Saturday afternoon and had the benefit of a NSW Development Officer to assist with Skills sessions. A match was played against a combined Central Coast Representative Under 16/17 team on Sunday at Central Coast Grammar School.

Carnival Itinerary

Due to the success in 1995 of travelling to Canberra several days prior to the Carnival commencing, the 1996 team again went to Perth a few days earlier. The team left Sydney at 6.30am on Thursday 4th July, arriving in Perth at 9.15am, after a 3 and a half hour flight.

The team then transferred to the University of Western Australia; Thomas More Hostel until Saturday morning of the Carnival. Training was held on Thursday afternoon and on Friday at Nedlands Rugby Club grounds.

The Carnival commenced on Saturday 6th July with an Opening Ceremony at 9.30am. The first matches were played at 10.30am. Country's first match was against South Australia at 2.30pm. A copy of the Carnival timetable is attached.

The Carnival was very well run with neither the Country team or management experiencing any difficulties. The Rugby side of the organisation was first class and all accommodation arrangements went over well. The players were billeted with Cottesloe Rugby Club and although the players were well spread over Perth's suburbs the billets were satisfactory. All the billets were very impressed with the behaviour and attitude of all Country players.

On the team "Rest Day" a bus was hired and we had a day at Fremantle and surrounding areas and finished with a swim at the Claremont Swimming Complex. Again the behaviour of the players on this day was excellent.

The Championship concluded on Thursday 11th July with matches in the morning and a luncheon at the Western Australia Cricket Ground (WACA) where the Australian U16 team was announced. NSW Country were fortunate to have 4 players selected in the Australian Team to play New Zealand in Sydney on 12th October. There are: Aaron Middendorf (2nd row - Central West); Michael Jones (Flanker - Hunter); Joshua Darby (Half Back - Illawarra); Robert Miller (5/8 - Central Coast). The team flew back to Sydney at 12.05am (red-eye special) on Friday 12th July, arriving in Sydney at 6.00am.

Conclusion

The 1996 NSW Country U16 team was very successful. The players were very well behaved throughout the preparation weekends and the Australian Championships. No problems were experienced of any nature with any of the players.

Again, the team management of the U16's in 1996 were a very harmonious group. The Coaches, Manager and Trainer all worked well together and this contributed greatly to the overall team harmony. The team management also had a great understanding and rapport with the players.

While in Perth, the U16's had the assistance of Murray Archibald, NSW Development Officer for the North Coast. His knowledge and experience were of great help to the Coaches and he fitted in very well with the Coaches and related to the coaching style and took the pressure off in times of stress. Many thanks to Murray for being available.

Tony Cartwright
Manager

Wayne Baggs/John Haddin
Coaches 1996

Ron Wessel
Trainer

Match Results

Played: 5	Won: 2	Lost: 3
Point For: 74	Points Against: 44	
9 Tries For	4 Tries Against	

Versus - South Australia - Won 45-7

Tries - Middendorf, Walsh, Kidd, Coleman 2, Suffell, Curran
Miller - 5 goals

Versus - Brisbane - Lost 3-8

Miller - Penalty Goal

Versus - Sydney - Lost 3-9

Miller - Penalty Goal

Versus - Queensland Country - Won - 23-5

Tries - Amidy, Miller
Miller - 3 Penalty Goals, 2 goals

Versus - Australian Capital Territory - Lost 0-15

Players Selected for Australia - (Versus New Zealand - 12th October 1996)

Josh Darby	- Illawarra	- Half back
Michael Jones	- Hunter	- Flanker
Aaron Middendorf	- Central West	- Second Row
Robert Miller	- Central Coast	- Five Eight

1996 NSWJRU UNDER 17's REPORT

With 1996 player selections stemming from the traditional Sydney v Country encounter the squad was chosen and announced at the completion of this match on Sunday June 9th at Pittwater Rugby Park. Players and parents alike were grateful for the team being announced straight after the game and congratulations must be pasted on to the selectors (Wayne Brown, Steve Best, and Mike Gambrill (Coach)) for doing such a fine and expedient job with constructing the final squad of 20 players.

After three training sessions on Sunday June 30th, 10am and Sunday July 14th, 10am, both at T. G. Millner Field, Eastwood and a final session on Friday July 19th before the game against ACT Under 18's on Sunday July 21st, the team was ready and confident to take the paddock.

On Sunday July 21st at Waratah Rugby Stadium the NSWJRU Under 17's v ACT Under 18's commenced at 10:00am before the West Harbour v Canberra AAMI Cup matches for that Round (after initially experiencing great difficulty in organising a suitable date and location for this match). The boys played a strong brand of football and never looked in danger of losing control of the game. Unfortunately, however we sustained a terrible injury to one of our star players; Nick Fordham who had to be taken from the field with a broken Humerus which later required surgery and a pin to be inserted. Nevertheless this loss did not stop the team from dominating the ACT who simply lacked the speed, talent, and forward and back line combinations of the NSWJRU Under 17's.

Next game on the agenda was the NSWJRU Under 17's v Combined High Schools Second's held at Granville Park in conjunction with the NSWJRU Gala Day on August 4th. After such an excellent result against the ACT Under 18's we were keen for a repeat success against what would be a tough CHS Second's outfit. This estimation proved to be extremely correct as this game provided a highly entertaining, physical and high paced match between two very determined opponents. In a game that saw a great contest between two powerful forward packs and some very dynamic back line combinations the NSW Junior Rugby Union U17's managed to break through the tight CHS defense and take advantage of what rare opportunities were presented to them, capitalising through a full team commitment.

This match proved to be a thrilling spectacle as both teams were determined not to concede any ground as the two forward packs clashed in some superb rucks and mauls. With minutes to go before the end of the game the NSWJRU U17's reversed the scoreline to take the advantage and managed to hold it until the final bell. At the end of the game both teams were deserving of a victory but the NSW Junior Rugby Union Under 17's proved to be the more consistent team on the day and thus coming away with the win.

NSWJRU U17's	12
CHS Seconds	6



In the teams final encounter we played the Australian Under 16's on Wednesday, October 9th at T.G. Millner Field as a lead up match to their Test against the New Zealand Under 16's to be held on Saturday October 12th. This match, like the one against the CHS Seconds proved to be a very physical and testing encounter. Unfortunately this time around we did not finish the match with a victory. After having trouble with preparing the team with regard to training and because the majority of the boys had not been playing football for some weeks (in cases a month or more) match fitness and skills were lacking just a little. Nevertheless the boys looked to have the game in their control after the first half when finishing ahead of the Australian Under 16's in this period. Unfortunately we were not able to hold this position going into the second half of the match and the Australian Under 16's managed to respond to our physical brand of football. This combined with the above mentioned lack of match fitness resulted in the turn around and the Australian Under 16's taking the game in what was a hard fought battle right to the end.

Australian Under 16's	16
NSWJRU Under 17's	6

Summary

While our results represent a mixed bag, all told it was a successful year for the NSWJRU Under 17's with some high quality matches against opponents of considerable strength. One of the major problems encountered was the schools situation with a number of players being unavailable for training, games, or selection generally due to this factor. Also the travel and time commitments needed for players from the Country was another aspect which had to be dealt with.

All the young men involved with the squad were of a extremely high calibre and represented themselves and NSWJRU wonderfully. A point worthy of particular mention was the support given by the parents of the players. All parents were highly motivated and supportive of their sons, which was a great spectacle to observe at all matches. Finally many thanks to all the people who helped out in any way with the team, your contributions were greatly appreciated, and to the Coach and Assistant Coach, Mike Gambrill and Brad Selby respectively, both of whom did a tremendous job.

Coach:	Mike Gambrill
Assistant Coach:	Brad Selby
Manager:	Peter Truscott

SYDNEY METROPOLITAN NORTHERN ZONE CHAIRMANS REPORT 1996

The 1996 season brought with it a number of changes to the competition structure, offering both a challenge and opportunity to the Zone and competing clubs. Among many, four issues were prominent

1. In the main, the 1996 competition changes made a difference. And with some fine tuning, will continue and hopefully assist to develop more rugby clubs, teams and players in the four branches involved (Gordon, Warringah, Norths, Manly). The concept of core and non-core playing times will continue, although the Zone will maintain a traditional Saturday playing time, the face of rugby in the Zone will see regular Sunday and Friday night fixtures (to lessen the conflict with private schools and competing sports).

The Zone has taken the first step towards building a better relationship between private and village rugby.

On a very positive note, the Season saw a great improvement to rugby generally in the Zone over Season 1996, with some of the following KPI's being achieved by the Executive:

- more games played and less forfeits and team withdrawals
- one draw issued and maintained
- relationship with and between Branch Unions improved
- co-operation with Branch Unions and delegates was great
- competition run in more professional manner
- season finished in a positive manner

2. The '**Weight / Age Dispensation**' issue received debate this year, and the Zone was instrumental in supporting NSWJRU demands on the ARU, to address the issue and make a ruling for all Australia to follow.

3. Whilst some participating **Referee Associations** are well organised, others are not. The Zone cannot continue to run a competition that is characterised by 'no show' or 'low standard' refereeing. We all hear the annual call for more referees. However, it is time that Branch Referee Associations became involved with mainstream administration, and not be a body only to their own. They are a vital part of the success of the competition. This process commenced in 1996 at Zone level, but needs to gather momentum in 1997 at both Branch and Zone level.

A meeting is to be convened to discuss our problems and implement a strategy for 1997. This meeting is to include the four Referee Associations, four Branch Union presidents, Zone executive and the NSW Referees Association.

4. One area of debate that did leave the camp divided, was the selection process for the **Zone Under 15's team**. The successful 1996 team was in fact formulated in late 1995 as a train on squad and added to up to and including the State Championships. Differing opinions related to: too much rugby, too early selection, no train on squad at all, selection from the State Championships only, and the actual selection criteria.

Perhaps this issue goes more to the core of the big picture of representative rugby from Under 10's to Under 16's, with regards to formats of competition and the necessity to have them at all.

FUTURE ISSUES:

Areas that still need to be addressed for the betterment of the competition, at Branch, Zone and State level, include:

- Sideline, off field behaviour and control
- Pathway it will be back
- Development Plan for juniors there is not one.
- Private schools v village rugby continue the debate.

Perhaps responsibility for action on the above points does not rest with the Zone. However, debate on the issue needs a forum and an opportunity to make a difference to both our competition and junior Rugby in NSW generally.

Zone Statistics for Season 1996

1. There were 29 clubs that entered teams in the competition
2. Providing 93 teams registered in age groups U10's to U16's (Mini's not included) with representation from Branch Unions as follows:

Gordon	33
Warringah	27
Manly	13
Norths	12
Other Unions	8 (combined competition in 15's and 16's)

3. Age Group premiers
 - 10A Newport
 - 10B St. Ives
 - 11 Narrabeen
 - 12 Newport
 - 13 Newport
 - 14 Wahroonga
 - 15 Randwick
 - 16 Randwick

Barry Killham
Chairman

SYDNEY METROPOLITAN WESTERN ZONE CHAIRMANS REPORT 1996

At the end of another successful season in Western Zone it is very pleasing to see the level of talent which has been developed throughout the Zone; both at Village Club and representative level - hopefully, this will continue through 1997.

The involvement of Branch Unions and Village Clubs have also made the 1996 season very successful, with their input into carnivals that have been held.

The season has had its ups and downs, with a lack of player numbers in some village clubs being a major concern. I would hope that in 1997 we will see new developments in the recruitment of additional players for these struggling clubs to help strengthen the game and rectify the situation.

With the continuing input from NSW Junior Rugby Union, and the prospect of continued developments in the area of sponsorship, it is certainly shaping up to be an eventful 1997 season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people who without their support in the past year Western Zone would not have had such a prosperous season. To Jarrod Bryant, NSWRU Juniors Rugby Administrator; and the NSWRU Referees Association my sincere thanks for doing a remarkable and helpful job throughout the year. To the Executive of the Western Zone, in particular Joe Elias, as Secretary, for his work and input into the Club Draw, and regular Points Table. And to all those involved in the Under 15's Regional Championships and the Western Zone Grand Final, my thanks and congratulations to you all, these along with the many other successfully administered events held in Western Zone in 1996 have helped cement our reputation as one of the great hosts in Metropolitan Rugby.

Kevin McCarthy
Chairman

SYDNEY METROPOLITAN SOUTHERN ZONE CHAIRMANS REPORT 1996

Season 1996 was a landmark year for Southern Zone with a record 116 teams competing across all age groups, and for the first time in 38 years, Eastern Suburbs and Randwick entering as separate Branch Unions. As in past years, the Mini clubs from these two Branch Unions continued to play combined competitions. Canterbury continued the affiliation with Southern Districts begun in 1995.

A breakdown of the Southern Zone Branch Unions and their respective village clubs is as follows:

	Mini & Walla	Southern Zone Comp	Northern Zone Comp	Sydney- Wide Comp	Total Comp
Eastern Suburbs					
Bays	8	1	-	-	9
Easts	-	7	1	-	8
Kincoppal	2	-	-	-	2
McAuley	4	-	-	-	4
Vaucluse	3	-	-	-	3
Randwick					
Clovelly	5	4	-	-	9
Coogee	4	4	-	-	8
Randwick	-	-	2	1	3
Saints	4	5	-	-	9
South Coogee	3	3	-	-	6
Southern Districts					
Blakehurst	4	1	-	-	5
Burraneer	4	5	1	-	10
Canterbury	-	4	1	-	5
Engadine/Menai	6	-	-	-	6
Oatley	6	3	-	-	9
Rockdale	3	-	-	-	3
South Hurstville	3	2	-	-	5
Sylvania	4	5	3	-	12
Total 1996	66	44	8	1	116
Total (1995)	(56)	(40)	(15)	N/A	111

Special highlights of the year were:

- The re-commencement, after a number of years of teams competing within Northern Zone, of a viable and competitive Southern Zone Under 14 competition. Branch Unions and Village clubs are to be congratulated on this. The competition was played mostly on Friday nights under lights, as was the Under 13 competition. The standard of play shown during the year indicates that Southern Zone should have a competitive under 15 team in the Regional Championships in 1997.
- The buildup of Mini & Walla teams in Southern Districts Branch Union. Team numbers increased from 21 in 1995 to 30 in 1996. These players will start flowing through to the junior ranks in the next few years and will only improve the standard of junior rugby in the area.
- The Zone under 15 team performed strongly in the regional Championships and were just piped at the post for first place. Pleasingly a number of players in a train-on squad for the 1997 Sydney Under 16's. Southern Zone teams successfully competing in the Under 15 and Under 16 Northern Zone competitions by winning premierships in those age groups.
- A Randwick team competing in the inaugural Sydney-wide Under 17 competition. It is to be hoped that there are further teams from the Zone entered for this excellent competition in the 1997 season.

Unfortunately, the season was marred by a number of send-offs and spectator behavior at times left a lot to be desired. Spectators must be as aware of their responsibilities towards encouraging proper behavior on the football field as much as players, coaches and referees.

Ian Cohen
Chairman

New South Wales Junior Rugby Union

Incorporated

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 1996

(\$) 1995		(\$) 1996
	Current Assets	
	Cash	
16,033	Commonwealth Bank	35,392
	Receivables	
720	Sundry Debtors	15,763
	Deposits	
50	Department of Sport & Rec.	50
6,300	Stock on Hand (at Cost)	6,300
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23,103		57,505
	Current Liabilities	
0	Sundry Creditors	5,090
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23,103	Total Assets	52,415
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Represented By

(\$) 1995		(\$) 1996
	Accumulated Funds	
15,149	Balance Brought Forward	23,103
7,954	Plus Excess/(deficit)	29,312
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23,103	Total Accumulated Funds	52,415
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New South Wales Junior Rugby Union

Incorporated

Income and Expenditure Account for the 12 Months Ended 30 September 1996

(\$) 1995		(\$) 1996
Income		
20,000	Waratah Grant	30,000
151	Bank Interest	270
1,540	Gear Sales	0
	NSW State Championships	
7,300	Entry Fees	8,100
1,784	Gate Takings	0
	Under 17s - Player Levies	
9,489	Representative XV	2,000
0	Insurance/admin Levies	46,630
0	Write Backs	1,226
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40,264	Total Income	88,226
Expenditure		
2,097	AJRU Affiliation/champ fees	4,396
	Under 17s Rep team	
14,614	Team Expenses	10,151
	State Championships	
4,859	Pennants/Trophies	4,849
0	Development Grants	8,000
1,420	Gear Uniforms	0
	Administration	
0	Insurance Premium	27,065
65	Bank Charges	84
710	Postage/ Telephones	0
615	Printing/ Stationery	1,841
2,472	Travel Expenses	2,478
4,883	Sundries	50
575	Bad Debts (Write Offs)	0
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32,310	Total Expenditure	58,914
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7,954	Surplus/(Deficit) transferred to Accumulated Funds	29,312
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New South Wales Junior Rugby Union

Incorporated

Stock On Hand as at 30 September 1995

6,300.60

Badges	504	@	1.70	=	856.80
Plaques	13	@	34.20	=	444.60
Life Badges	6	@	1.70	=	10.20
Carry Bags	2	@	13.50	=	27.00
NSW Ties	7	@	15.50	=	108.50
Pres Ties	6	@	18.50	=	111.00
Dress Jumpers	27	@	47.00	=	1,269.00
Jerseys (NSW)	19	@	45.00	=	855.00
Jerseys (Pres)	21	@	55.00	=	1,155.00
Jerseys (Trial)	25	@	45.00	=	1,125.00
Shorts (Various)	16	@	13.00	=	208.00
Socks (Various)	29	@	4.50	=	130.50

Stock On Hand as at 30 September 1996

6,300.60

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR RUGBY UNION
INCORPORATED**

Scope

We have audited the accompanying financial statements comprising the Income & Expenditure Account for the eleven months ended 30th September, 1996, Balance Sheet at that date and notes to and forming part, of the financial statements. The Committee of the New South Wales Junior Rugby Union Incorporated is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information contained therein. We have conducted an Independent Audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on it to the Members of the New South Wales Junior Rugby Union Incorporated.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian accounting concepts and standards so as to present a view of the New South Wales Junior Rugby Union Incorporated which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

We are unable to express an opinion in respect of the asset termed Stock on Hand (at Cost) both as to numbers and valuation. A stock take was conducted by a representative of the Committee, but as there were no practical audit procedures available to verify this stock take we are unable to determine whether all income/expenses in respect of stock has been recorded.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, subject to the effect, if any, of the matter referred to in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the New South Wales Junior Rugby Union Incorporated as at 30th September, 1996 and the results of its operations for the eleven months then ended, in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards.



HARVEYS

**WAYNE S. MORTON
PARTNER**

New South Wales Junior Rugby Union

Metropolitan

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 1996

(\$) 1995		(\$) 1996
	Current Assets	
	Cash	
10,790	Commonwealth Bank	10,405
	Receivables	
1,000	Sundry Debtors	11,440
11,790		21,845
	Current Liabilities	
0	Sundry Creditors	14,063
----- 11,790 =====	Total Assets	----- 7,782 =====

Represented By

(\$) 1995		(\$) 1996
	Accumulated Funds	
3,975	Balance Brought Forward	11,790
7,815	Plus Excess/(deficit)	(4,008)
----- 11,790 =====	Total Accumulated Funds	----- 7,782 =====

New South Wales Junior Rugby Union

Metropolitan

Income and Expenditure Account for the 12 Months Ended 30 September 1996

(\$) 1995		(\$) 1996
Income		
5,000	Affiliation Fees	5,500
20,650	Team Rego Fees	21,200
	Representative Teams	
900	Under 15s Levies (Net)	2,050
8,665	Under 16s Levies (Net)	9,486
3,282	Under 17s Levies (Net)	940
190	Bank Interest	293
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38,687	Total Income	39,469
Expenditure		
	Representative Teams	
837	Under 15s	1,733
17,144	Under 16s	30,119
4,340	Under 17s	2,175
	Zone Competitions	
7,875	Trophies	8,188
0	AJRU - U16 Competition Fees	720
500	Printing & Stationery	496
	Administration	
56	Bank Charges	46
120	Other	0
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30,872	Total Expenditure	43,477
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7,815	Surplus/(Deficit) transferred to Accumulated Funds	(4,008)
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR RUGBY UNION
METROPOLITAN**

Scope

We have audited the accompanying financial statements comprising the Income & Expenditure Account for the eleven months ended 30th September, 1996, Balance Sheet at that date and notes to and forming part, of the financial statements. The Committee of the New South Wales Junior Rugby Union Metropolitan is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information contained therein. We have conducted an Independent Audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on it to the Members of the New South Wales Junior Rugby Union Metropolitan.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free to material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian accounting concepts and standards so as to present a view of the New South Wales Rugby Union Metropolitan which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the New South Wales Junior Rugby Union Metropolitan as at 30th September, 1996 and the results of its operations for the eleven months then ended, in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards.



HARVEYS

**WAYNE S. MORTON
PARTNER**

AGENDA FOR 1996 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Registration of Delegates
2. Acceptance of Apologies
3. Declaration of Proxies
4. Welcome to Guests and Visitors
5. Minutes of the Thirty Ninth Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 5th November, 1996.
6. President's address and presentation of the Annual General Report for 1996.
7. Presentation of the Audited Balance Sheet and Financial Statement for 1996.
8. Election of Officers of the Union for 1996 who shall form the Management Committee for 1996.
9. (a) Election of one (1) Delegate to the New South Wales Rugby Union.

(b) Election of Delegates to the Australian Junior Rugby Union Inc. The aforesaid delegates are to be elected from the newly elected Members to the Management Committee.
10. Election of the Honorary Auditor for 1997.

NOTICE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

1. General Business.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR RUGBY UNION
INCORPORATED HELL AT WARATAH RUGBY, CONCORD
ON NOVEMBER 5TH. 1995 AT 10AM

The meeting was opened at 10.15am.

All guests and members were welcomed.

Present: Members and guests signed the Attendance Book.

Guest: Warren Robilliard

Apologies: Patron, D. Shaw, JB. Antees, P. Murphy, P. Slattery,
B. West, D. Paul, P. Brial, J. Brial, P. Walker,
A. Heatlley.

Proxies: Proxies were read.

Minutes: The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read. Moved by J. Larkin and seconded by F. Cavanagh.

President's Report: Thanks went to the committee particularly Country Juniors and K. Campbell and L. Sheehy for their assistance in the State Championships. Congratulations also extended to Phil Eather being re-elected NSW Country Junior Rugby President. Moved by P. Eather, seconded F. Cavanagh.

Country Report: Read by P. Eather. Moved by P. Eather and seconded by J. Larkin.

C & D Report: Presented by guest W. Robilliard. NSWJRU Communication has become stronger with good communication between Sydney and Country. Unfortunately the NSW Representative will be unable to assist Juniors this coming year because of their schedule of 47 games from January 96 to December 96. There are now 12 staff on hand at New South Wales to assist in any junior matter so all concerned need not hesitate to ask for help.

Administrators

Report: Report was read. P. Eather thanked Rob McQuade on behalf of the NSWJRU Committee for assistance throughout the year.

Sydney Reports: Reports were read. elections for the coming year are as follows:
Northern Zone -Barry Killham, Southern Zone - Ian Cohen, Western Zone - Kevin McCarthy. Moved by J. Larkin and seconded by R. Wessel.

Treasurer's Report: Statements were read.
Sydney Report was moved by K. McCarthy and seconded by D. Bavister.
NSWJRU Report was moved by J. Larkin and seconded by R. Wessel after discussion ensued on the break up of 'Other' and 'Sundry' in future

Election of Officers:

All positions were declared vacant. It was moved and seconded that the 1996 positions are elected by ballot. Carried.

PRESIDENT:	Wayne Brown
VICE PRESIDENT:	Steve Waugh
SECRETARY:	Karen Da Silva-Taylor
TREASURER:	Brian Francis
DELEGATES:	
NSWRU	Wayne Brown plus one other
AJRU	Wayne Brown plus one other

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12pm.

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Karen De Silva-Taylor Secretary

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Wayne Brown - President