



# Woy Woy Rugby Club

Junior Yearbook 2020



**Woy Woy Lions U13s**

**2020 Minor Premiers**

## Under 6s



Back row: Colby Markey, Jai Salkeld, Scotty Salkeld (Coach), Sam Salkeld, Lennox Hartney

Front row: Charlie Stafford, Matthew Court, Otis Garnett. Absent: Stanley Moss

## Report from coach Scott Salkeld

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This year we overcame some massive obstacles and to the credit of Gary and Kathleen we came through to get the kids out and to the park.

This year was all about building a team environment and getting the boys together to forge life long relationships.

The U6's adapted well to all skills of the mini game and will prove a great bunch moving forward.

A few stand outs this year were young Colby, Charlie, Jai & Otis, the four mentioned boys were exceptional at training and on game day and along with the rest of the boys made for an exceptional year.

Can't wait for 2021 and a full season with the little legends.

## Under 7s



Back row: Noah Plunkett, Eli Hopping, Brock De Silva, Tayana Muldrock, Shane Garnett (Coach), Wilbur Plunkett  
Front row: Banjo Garnett, Vilitati Leo, Nick Hopley, Toa-Maaka King, Joshua Ramsey-Yates, Kyan Persiani, Jake Berrigan

## Report from coach Shane Garnett

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This great bunch of junior lions and lioness had a fantastic season in the U7s competition. They were very happy to be on the field despite all the interruptions.

I was very proud of their skills and determination each week and their sportsmanship on the field. They did well learning the new rule of 'Tag and Drop'.

Special thanks goes to all the Mums and Dads for helping me out especially Luisa and to all the families and kids.

Looking forward to seeing you tackle next year.

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## Under 8s



Back row: Greg Smith (Coach), Emma Jordan (Manager)  
Middle row: Harrison Smith, Charlie Porter, Jeremy Valenti, Quinn Tod, Jack Jordan, Marlon Maclure  
Front row: Kai Garnett, Vinnie Porter, Peyton Minett, Luke Blacker, Connor Rae, Lucah Birch

## Report from coach Greg Smith

Season 2020, a roller coaster year in every aspect. A delayed start to the season meant we had little time to prepare for our first game tackling, rucking and mauling. This awesome team exceeded all expectations and looked like they had been tackling for years. They turned up every week and played great rugby getting better every week, they all showed exceptional sportsmanship even during the odd game where it would have been easy not to. The teamwork and support these kids show for each other on the field makes me very proud of them all.

**Thank you to “Coach Matt” Matt Porter and Trent “Couch” Minett for helping throughout the season.** Also, thank you to all the families for your wonderful support of the kids and ferrying them to all corners of the coast every Saturday. Lastly, and most importantly, Emma Jordan for once again being our wash lady, I mean our team manager. I have no idea what needs to be done with the rugby app, but you make it look effortless and the kids love knowing the score immediately after full time.

Have a great off season, see you all in 2021.

## Under 9s



Back row: Warrick Yates (Assistant Coach), Reuben Muldrock (Coach)  
 Middle row: Ambrose Plunkett, Lachlan Hillard, Alex Winner, Harry Gordon, Charlize Finn, Max Bailey, Oliver Johnson  
 Front row: Manoa Ofahengaue, Benji Ramsay-Yates, Max Robertson, Lokimi Leo, Lilliana Carpenter, Sam Wetti, Cooper Muldrock, Charlie Jordon

## Report from coach Reuben Muldrock

This year has been great for our little lions, we concentrated on particular skills and made sure the execution of these skills were used to expand their rugby knowledge. Despite the challenges put up by COVID Kathleen Cullen and Gary Morrison were so important behind the scenes and I would like to extend a sincere thank you to them for all their efforts, it hasn't been easy.

As you know rugby is more than a game of brute force it requires lots of lateral thinking and big picture concepts. This year my focus was on the structure of the ruck breakdown and how to maintain possession at the tackle and ruck as well as regaining the ball from an opposition tackled player. This involved lots of drills focused on these aspects of the game. The kids were great and took on board the new skills. This was reflected in our game results 9 wins 1 draw and 1 loss. It has been a very rewarding year watching these players develop so well. We had a few new welcome additions to the team most of which had never played before, it was a welcome sight seeing the new kids discover rugby.

I look forward to next season and I thank the parents for being a great supportive bunch.

## Under 11s



Back row: Shane Muldowney (Manager), Phillip Tod (Assistant Coach),  
 Middle row: Finn Hopping, Leo Pinaud-Ritchard, Jack Bailey, Leilani Carpenter, Matilda Le-May, Sebastian Dawes, Beau Muldowney  
 Front row: Samuel Devilliers-Townsend, Jack Johnson, Arlo Tod, Jake Young, Lachlan Muldrock, Kaiyan Sinclair  
 Insert: Noah Hartney & Chad Hartney (Coach)

## Report from coach Chad Hartney

Another great year for the Woy Woy Lions U/11 has come to an end. This year results wise, it was the year that could have been. The kids played so well in stages of games and we really did give the top sides a shake, but unfortunately we just fell short of the finals.

**Having said that we all know that playing junior rugby is not all about the results, it's about fun and I really feel that the kids achieved this throughout this short season.**

I would like to thank all the parents for getting the kids to training and the games each week.

I would also like to thank Shane and Phillip for all their hard work throughout the season,

Thank you to Gary, Kathleen and Jacqui for the tireless work you guys put in.

Also thank you to the CCJRU for actually getting a competition up and running in these challenging times.

The biggest thankyou goes out to the kids. You truly are a great bunch of kids and it has been a pleasure to hang out with you over the last few seasons, I wish each and everyone of you the best of luck in whatever you put your minds to in the future and see you next year.

### Awards

Best & Fairest: Arlo Tod  
 Best Forward: Lachlan Muldrock  
 Best Back: Noah Hartney

**Player's player:** Kaiyan Sinclair  
 Most improved: Matilda Le-May  
 Coaches award: Beau Muldowney



## Under 12s



Back row: Reggie Gooley, Ezekiel Inia, Noah Inia, Jack Robins, Harry Rutherford, Jacob Birch  
 Middle row: Tim Leggett (Manager), Anwar El-Kurdi, William Dabin, Lachlan Gerrard, Caleb De Vino, Tahli Fulton, **Kai'zen Leggett, Aidan Simpson, David Gooley (Trainer)**  
 Front row: Neil Gilsenan (Coach), Max Atkinson, Nate Saley, Ben Geddes-Brown, Manix Riddell-Gilsenan, Sascha Ryall, Riley Mclver, Sam Inia (Trainer)

## Report from coach Neil Gilsenan

Due to COVID restrictions it was obvious that the rugby season was always going to be a little different to what we were used to. A late start to the season and training restrictions made things difficult but not impossible.

Each week the boys trained hard, showed commitment and demonstrated that they were willing to improve the skills they had, try new skills, be flexible in positions and adapt when necessary. **As a result, we were witness to some amazing rugby and although the score board didn't reflect this, the boys should be proud of themselves and each other.**

On behalf of Tim, Jab, Sam and myself I would also like to thank our parents and families for the support you have shown the boys throughout the season.

To our boys, remember to continue to develop the fundamentals. Master the basics of passing. Make a plan for themselves. Stepping stones and goals to achieve. Write it down and tell everyone you know. Hold yourself accountable to reach these goals and have an uncompromising belief that you will achieve them.

Take care and God bless.

### Awards

Best & Fairest: Talhi Fulton  
 Best Forward: Harry Rutherford  
 Best Back: Benjamin Geddes-Brown

Player's player: **Kai'zen Leggett**  
 Most improved: Sascha Ryall  
 Coaches award: Caleb De Vino

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Back row: Ben Austine (coach), Eoin Cullen, Oscar Broadhead, Jette Gooley, Nicholas Kearney, Luca Quitadamo, Thomas Hammond, Euan Murray, Jake Cucek (Trainer)  
 Middle row: Cohen Hopping, Lola Cooper-Girard, Beth Rodham, Torah McGuigan, Grace Dabin, Bill Scott, Sarah Dawes (Manager)  
 Front row: Nate Wilkes, Morgan Dawes, Dylan Ala'alatoa, Josh Brown, Tyson Finn, Alex McCoombe-Lopez  
 Insert: Riley Ilham, Dayne Jennings

### Report from coaches Ben Austine & Jake Cucek

We were very excited to be asked to coach the U13s this year, we had heard good things about the determination of the original squad of kids who had been with the team for many years. These kids were even more excited when they saw the large intake of players who came from other clubs and other codes. To have a squad of 24 players in February was fantastic and to see their combined skill set in action showed us that this was going to be a great year the u13 Lions. Then COVID hit.

**When we finally got back on the field, we lost that initial 'gelling as a team' phase but it only took a few games to see that this was the team to beat in 2020.**

We would like to thank the kids and their parents/carers for giving us a chance this year, also many thanks to Liam and Craig for stepping in to help train many times during the season when work commitments kept us away. Thanks also to Sarah for keeping us informed and having the team ready and waiting to warm up at every game this season – an exceptional manager.

**We'll be back next year with big plans for this team, in fact planning has already started and we look forward to some early training in February next year so we can put those plans in place. We hope you all sign up on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. Enjoy the summer, keep training!**

#### Awards

Best & Fairest: Bill Scott  
 Best Forward: Dylan Ala'alatoa  
 Best Back: Riley Ilham

Player's player: Dylan Ala'alatoa  
 Most improved: Grace Dabin  
 Coaches award: Beth Rodham



## Under 14s



Back row: Craig Follett (Assistant Coach), Oliver Tucker, Jack Morrison, Ben Willoughby, Riley Gardner, Kaelan Markey  
 Middle row: Phil Burgess (Manager), Brody Stevenson, Max Leaitua, Wiremu Moodie, Liam Orłowski, Nigel Mainland (Coach)  
 Front row: Harry Burgess, Fred Rutherford, Taj Oehm, Riki Smith, Teariki Breedon

## Report from coach Nigel Mainland

Eleven players from last year's team returned this season and another four players joined to give us 15 and without any reserves there was plenty of game time for everyone, which helped improve our player's fitness. With only 4 teams in this year's competition we have yet to play the finals, but the team is keen to play more rugby. Our effort at training has increased with more attention to fitness and towards playing a more structured game. I've been impressed by the ongoing development of all our players who are making good decisions, playing with more confidence and are playing better with each game. The team scored 55 tries and despite winning 3 out of 11 games, the score very rarely tells the true story.

There was plenty of determination shown during all of our games in attack and in defence and the boys played right to the final whistle. We had big wins over Warnervale (80-10 & 79-12) but our last two games against Terrigal were our best games all season and they were full of rugby from start to finish, with Terrigal just edging us out 33-31 and 21-19.

Thanks to all the boys for continuing with their rugby, I have enjoyed coaching you all and I hope you continue to turn out for the mighty Lions. Congratulations to our trophy winners, Harry, Olly, Max and Riley who all had a terrific season. Thanks to Craig Follett who assisted me with coaching, Phil Burgess for managing the team and our club volunteers Kathleen Cullen, Gary and Jacqui Morrison. Thanks also to all the parents for getting the boys to training and to games. Stay safe everyone and enjoy the summer.

Woy Woy 43 Warnervale 17; Woy Woy 14 Terrigal 31; Woy Woy 14 Ourimbah 40; Woy Woy 80 Warnervale 10; Woy Woy 12 Terrigal 32; Woy Woy 17 Ourimbah 45; Woy Woy 21 Warnervale 29; Woy Woy 31 Terrigal 33; Woy Woy 7 Ourimbah 21; Woy Woy 19 Terrigal 21; Woy Woy 79 Warnervale 12; semi final Woy Woy v Ourimbah (to be played).

### Awards

Best & Fairest: Harry Burgess  
 Best Forward: Oliver Tucker  
 Best Back: Max Leaitua

Player's player: Harry Burgess  
 Most improved: Riley Gardner  
 Coaches Award: Oliver Tucker

## Under 15s



Back row: Preston Coleman, Elijah Smith, Superna Prasni, Roy Morriss, Angus Lowrie, Luka Bafoil  
 Middle row: Wayne Dicker (Coach), Lachlan Middlemis, Riki Smith, Dylan Taylor, Angus Hamilton, Aaron Reen, John Lowrie (Assistant Coach), Brad Richmond (Manager)  
 Front row: Daniel Vakadudukoro, Jack Morrison, Charlie Court, Theo Bafoil, Izaac Richmond-Yunn, Austin Minett

## Report from coaches Wayne Dicker & John Lowrie

The end of another eventful rugby year and a year like no other. Once again great to see the development of the individual players and the team as the year progressed to conclusion. We were very pleased to welcome many new players this year to the team. Some experienced rugby players and some not but all new players rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in.

All new players were immediately welcomed and accepted into the squad. One of the commendable characteristics of a talented and humble group of young men that it has been our pleasure to coach this year. Throughout the season we have experienced some highs and some lows, all accepted by the team with grace and humility. The coaches would also like to thank all the support staff including Brad, Jeremy, Jean-Claude and Sione for their help during the season. And not forgetting the Club officials including Gary and Kathleen.

After (too) many years coaching the team through the age groups, Wayne and I have made the decision to hang up our coaches whistles at the end of this season. We now pass the coaching baton on and look forward to watching from the side lines as the boys go from strength the strength in the years to come.

### Awards

Best & Fairest: Angus Lowrie  
 Best Forward: Luca Bafoil  
 Best Back: Izaac Richmond-Yunn

Player's player: Angus Hamilton  
 Most improved: Theo Bafoil  
 Coaches Award: Austin Minett



## Under 14 Girls



Back Row: Tina Leaitua (Coach), Maddison Clark, Elizabeth Rodham, Tayla MacLeod, Zoe Ward, Lola –Rose Cooper-Girard, Max Leaitua (Team Mascot & Trainer)  
 Front Row: Lily Wainiqolo, Grace Dabin, Torah McGuigan, Alysse Fernandez, Dani Leaitua (Manager)

## Report from coaches Tina & Danika Leaitua

**Tina:** We started with 4 then 5 by the time our first game came around. By mid season we had 12 but unfortunately we lost players due to injury. We struggled for most of the season with no subs and at times running on with only 6 players. Through it all, these girls never gave up, they kept fighting. We had players that had never played rugby before but you would never have known it. Torah and Grace showed great leadership as Captains, thank you girls for stepping up and for treating your role seriously. I have enjoyed the challenge, all the girls were unique and that's what made them amazing. To say I'm proud of them is an understatement.

Thank you... To Gary our wonderful president who has helped our team out so many times and with a lot of patience, thank you so much. To our team Manager Dani, I could not have done this without you, you are the real coach, I loved seeing you shine in this role. To our team waterboy/trainer/motivator Max. A big brother to the girls who was also very caring during their emotional moments. To the parents, families and friends, your support through out the season has been amazing, thank you all so much.

**Dani:** Couldn't be more happier with the girls we've had on our team this year, and although its been a roller coaster of emotions, injuries, drama, laughs, it's been so much fun coaching the girls along side main coach Mama Tina. Shoutout to our Captain Torah and Vice Captain Grace for being strong and always keeping our teams head in the game, extremely proud of both of you. Every week I watched the girls get more confident and stronger and it made me proud every time they went out on the field and showed it. Thank you Woy Woy Lions, thank you U14s Girls, thank you to all the parents who came and supported, and thank you Mum for a great season ❤️

### Awards

Best & Fairest: Madison Clark  
 Best Forward: Torah McGuigan  
 Best Back: Grace Dabin

Player's player: Grace Dabin  
 Most improved: Lily Wainiqolo  
 Coaches Award: Torah McGuigan

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### 2020 Committee Members

Gary Morrison: President, Grounds Person      Kathleen Cullen: Secretary  
Jacqui Morrison: Canteen Manager, Clothing Coordinator

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See you in 2021!