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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to submit my President's Report on behalf of New South Wales Country Rugby Union for 2013.

Off the field the union is in very good shape financially and our audited results show the union has recorded an operating profit of \$36,297.72, which was slightly down on 2012. Phil Payne is the Director who oversees our financial position, and he along with our Executive Office Terry Woodward has again contributed a solid result. As always we continue to look forward to ensuring the Union stays financially strong and the budgeting for 2014 will be robust as usual.

The Country Championships hosted in Tamworth was again a highlight for everyone involved in Country Rugby. Newcastle Hunter's seniors again took away the Caldwell Cup making it six in a row, and the Colts final was a cracker with Central West and Newcastle Hunter unable to be separated and therefore being crowned joint Rowlands Colts Cup champions. Congratulations to all involved and I know a few zones are looking to break the Newcastle domination in 2014.

On the field in the representative ranks the highlight was definitely the chance for the NSW Country Cockatoos to play in the curtain raiser to the combined NSW & Qld Country team that took on the British & Irish Lions in Newcastle. A strong representative season in 2013 for the Cockatoos, Colts & Corellas has set up the coaching and management teams to dominate in the representative season scheduled for 2014. The Board remains strongly committed to providing pathways for Country Players, Coaches, Management, Referees & Volunteers to achieve the highest levels of performance and representation they wish to seek.

In October 2014 a Country Development Team will be undertaking a tour to the USA. Planning and budgeting for this tour is well advanced with more details to be provided in early 2014, but this opportunity will be a highlight in the careers for some players, and the Board is pleased to be able to provide this opportunity.

To our sponsors and supporters, thank you again for your ongoing and unwavering support and commitment to NSW Country Rugby Union.

To the Board of Directors of NSW Country Rugby Union, thank you for your efforts in 2013. Their time, dedication and commitment given to NSWCRU is very much appreciated. And finally, thank you to our Executive Officer Terry Woodward, who puts in marathon hours, wears many hats and represents us extremely well in Sydney and around the state as required. My appreciation to Terry for a job well done.

Barry Ruddy
President NSWCRU



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

My report last year finished with the following statement “2013 will be an interesting year, but I’m sure the Union as a whole will take the challenges head on in the true Spirit of Country Rugby”. I’m pleased to report this has been the case, which is reflected in the positive NSW Country Rugby Union reports, together with the reports submitted by the Affiliates and Zones.

Before moving onto the operations of the Union, I would like to make mention of the sad passing of three individuals who all contributed in various ways to NSW Country Rugby Union. Former Board members John Hayne and Peter Saunders, together with former player and Life Member John Hipwell sadly passed away in the space of four months. John Hayne and Peter Saunders were outstanding administrators while John Hipwell will be remembered as one of the best half backs ever to play for the Wallabies.

The year commenced with NRMA Motoring & Services being secured as the NSW Country Rugby Union’s Major Sponsor for the 2013 & 2014 seasons. The NRMA has a big footprint across communities in regional and rural NSW, with their values and community involvement fitting in with those of the Union. NRMA has embraced Country Rugby with their support of the Country Championships, Representative Teams and especially the NRMA Volunteer of the Year Award. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NRMA Motoring & Services and their CEO Tony Stuart for the faith they have shown in NSW Country Rugby Union.

Finances continued to be a major challenge, but I’m pleased to report the Union has registered a \$36K plus surplus for the year, which in these current times is an outstanding result. As in previous years the Union continued to provide substantial grants in various forms to the four Affiliates, which is an undertaking the Union will continue to maintain in the future. The Board again implemented a sound but fair budget which was closely monitored throughout the year, and I would like to thank and congratulate our Director of Finance Phil Payne.

The surplus couldn’t have been achieved without the ongoing support of our “Family of Sponsors” namely NRMA Motoring & Services, GrainCorp Operations Ltd, Classic Sportswear P/L, QantasLink, Best Western Australasia, Beiersdorf Ltd, Gilbert Footballs, Westpac Bank, Body Science, International Sports Tours P/L and Balanced Image Studio. These companies continue to provide cash and kind in various sponsorship arrangements, and I would like to thank them for their support, which is the lifeblood of the Union.

New South Wales Rugby Union and Waratahs Rugby continue to be major supporters of the Union, with the Grant and Super Rugby benefits providing opportunities for the Union to maintain our programs and service sponsors. Both Unions have experienced difficult financial times, and I would like to thank their respective Boards and in particular their CEO’s Bruce Worboys and Jason Allen for their ongoing and generous support of the Union.

This year the long awaited British & Irish Lions Tour took place, and after initially being omitted from the itinerary, NSW Country Rugby Union via a merged team with Qld Country Rugby Union played the Lions in Newcastle. May I state the Combined Country Team was an Australian Rugby Union team, with the ARU being responsible for all aspects of the team including the selection of the players, coaches, management and support staff. NSW Country Rugby Union came under a lot of criticism from a wide range of misinformed “Rugby Experts” who expressed their views over the team selection policy. The gap between amateur weekend players and fully professional players is immense, and it totally amazed me how out of touch these “Rugby Experts” were to seriously expect a team of amateur players to be selected to play the Lions.

The new tiered styled Country Championships were staged in Tamworth, and the Tamworth Regional Council, Central North Rugby Union and Tamworth Pirates Rugby Club are to be congratulated on the hosting of the event. Whilst the gap between the zones has closed, Newcastle Hunter extended their winning run to claim their sixth consecutive Caldwell Cup. Central West and Newcastle Hunter shared the spoils of the Rowlands Colts Cup, while Central West and Central Coast respectively claimed the Richardson Shield and NRMA Colts Shield. Later in the year Hunter had to overcome some stiff opposition to takeout the Women’s Country Championship. The promotion and relegation system next year will see Central Coast drop out of Tier 1 and be replaced by Central West in the Seniors, while Central North will be replaced by Central Coast in the Colts Tier 1.

Each of the Union’s representative teams put in solid performances, which endorsed the decision by the Board to ensure the respective programs provided matches which fully tested the players. The GrainCorp NSW Country Cockatoos initially retained the Battle of the Borders Cup, but then relinquished the trophy to Qld Country on the result of the second match. They also suffered a heartbreaking after the bell loss to the ACT, but claimed the Maher/Ross Cup with a strong win over NSW Suburban. The NRMA NSW Country Cockatoo Colts sweep all before them on their tour to Melbourne, but came up short in a very close match against the ACT. The Westpac NSW Country Corellas achieved their best ever result at the Women’s National Championships by claiming the Plate Final over Victoria.

The dread of a long term serious injury very nearly became a reality for the Union when long time Cockatoos player Jeff Wilson suffered a spinal injury during the match against Qld Country in Newcastle. Jeff chipped vertebra and severely tore neck ligaments, which resulted in a stay in hospital and a considerable period of time in a neck brace, but thankfully he doesn’t require any corrective surgery.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the three representative teams for the time and effort they put into the respective teams during the season. I would also like to specially acknowledge and thank long term Cockatoos Coach Col Jeffs and Manager David Holt who are both standing down from their positions.

The Affiliate and Zone reports again show Rugby in the regional and rural areas of the state continues to be a very important aspect of local communities. Participation numbers again showed a slight increase across the board, while each of the ten competitions were well run and strongly contested, with record crowds attending the respective final series. Some competitions are reporting of disparities developing

between clubs in player numbers and strengthens, which could have ramifications in the future. Several zones are looking at restructuring their competitions to implement changes to ensure every club is given the opportunity to participate in competitive Rugby. We are unable to change the demographics of Country Rugby, and we all need to start looking outside the square and embrace change.

The Affiliate, Zone and Club administrators need to be again acknowledged, as without their commitment, Country Rugby as we know it wouldn't exist, and it's important this band of individuals are recognised and thanked.

I would like to thank the members of the Board for their advice, guidance and friendship throughout the year, and acknowledge the continued efforts they collectively put into the running of the Union.

2014 looms as an exciting year, which will see the ARU implementing several National Age Competitions which will involve participation by Country regions and teams. There will also be several changes within the administration of some Affiliates and Zones, while the Country Development Tour to the United States will be an attraction to players and supporters alike.

Terry Woodward
Executive Officer NSWCRU



NSWCJRU has enjoyed a successful 2013 both on and off the field due to the dedication of its volunteers. The backbone behind NSWCJRU is our Secretary Brad King, who does an enormous amount of work behind the scenes that usually goes unnoticed, but without Brad and his workload NSWCJRU would not be the successful organisation that it is today.

To all the other executive members a huge thankyou from me for all your hard work in your various roles, 2013 has been another demanding year, and the executive have dealt with this in a professional fashion. Thank you to Julie King who took on the task of gear manager, which is a huge job and Julie is excellent in this role, well done.

To the wonderful support of our sponsors, NRMA as our Major Sponsor in NSW Country Rugby Union that appeared on our Jerseys, thank you for your support of Country Rugby. Real Sports Tours have organised our NZ and UK tours and have done so with a great level of professionalism, thank you David and Paul for all your hard work. Classic Sportswear (On & Off Field Apparel), Spartan Sports (Balls & Training Equipment), Sapphire One Software (Computer Software Suppliers), Commsys (IT Support & Website), Central Coast Photographics, Cliff Dykes Photography and the many other smaller contributions from businesses like our own employers who have contributed to the financial success of NSWCJRU.

I must also express my thanks and gratitude to NSW Country Rugby Union (Board & EO Terry Woodward), NSW Rugby Union (Board, CEO Bruce Worboys & Staff),

NSW Junior Rugby Union (Committee & Administrator Kerry Brady) and ARU High Performance Unit for all your continued support for Country Junior talent.

The Country Championships were all a major success, thank you to our three hosts and their respective Zones for all their hard work. Moree JRU and Central North JRU, Central Coast JRU and Coffs Harbour JRU and Mid North Coast JRU. All three championships were run at the highest standard and you are all to be congratulated. I would also like to thank the Country Referees for their respective contributions at the championships.

Congratulations to all the players selected for NSWCJRU in 2013, you showed the true Country Spirit and Pride in wearing the Country Jersey. It is a true honour to be known as a Junior Cockatoo and your level of commitment, skill, attitude and behaviour is a credit to you and your families.

To all the coaches, managers, trainers, physios and water runners from all age groups, thank you for your time and dedication to your teams and especially to Country Junior Rugby in general. Your commitment is greatly appreciated.

2014 stands as another very exciting year for NSWCJRU. We will once again be travelling the length and breadth of our beautiful countryside to watch our country boys play hard for the opportunity to be named the best in Country NSW. From these championships we will launch into our Country programs which will culminate in our annual City v Country clash. NSW U15 and U17 squads will be selected and the U16's will put the finishing touches to their preparations for the Australian National Championships where they will take on the best of the best. 2014 will see Country Juniors improve our results in all these areas.

I am very proud to be President of such an amazing organisation as NSWCJRU. When you take into consideration the logistics of having such an organisation, it is a big pat on the back to all involved. We have the issues of long travel, finances, long programs, etc to contend with and even though I am grateful to my executive and coaching staff, all our wonderful selectors, the players and referees, one group of people step up and amaze me with their commitment to Country Juniors each year.

The Parents, Relatives and Friends need to receive our greatest accolades. Your dedication to NSWCJRU is fantastic and we thank you on behalf of everyone involved at Country Juniors and look forward to sharing your Rugby holidays next year.

Until 2014, enjoy the break and I look forward to renewing friendships next year when we all have the privilege of being involved "In the Game they Play in Heaven".

Steve Watson
President NSWCJRU



The 2013 season has been one of change for the NSW Country Referees Association.

The AGM in November saw three changes on the executive with Tony Furey as Vice President, Andrew Birch as Secretary and myself taking on the President's role and a new chairman of the CGB appointed in Ian Richardson. My thanks go to them and the other committee members for their work and input throughout the year.

Our focus for the season was on Referee Coach Development, and NSWRU Referees ran a successful Referee Coach Workshop in Singleton during February which was well attended. A similar workshop will be held in February 2014 at a venue and date to be decided.

Our referees accredited themselves both on and off the field at the Country Championships, the TAS Primary School Carnival at Armidale, the various Country Junior Carnivals, Country Women's Championships and the Country Schools Carnivals. Unfortunately the UNE Vice Chancellors Cup did not eventuate this year and is most probably not going to occur again. The Central Coast 7s has also changed with ARU now appointing and hence we had only two representatives there in 2013.

On a more positive note however Country Referees were invited to officiate at the NSW U13 State Championships at which we had six young referees and three coaches attend on what was a successful weekend for Country referees, and we expect to be invited back again next year.

The Country representative program was curtailed in NSW this year with only one match in each of the Seniors, Colts and Women played in this state. We had three different referees officiate at these representative matches as well as one at a visiting Tongan School v Country Schools match. The highlight of course was the curtain raiser match to the British and Irish Lions v Combined NSW and Queensland Country match where we provided all match officials to the curtain raiser and the No 6 Referee for the main match.

As an attempt to get more coaching to the junior referees in Country, two coaches attended the Coffs Coast Challenge 10 aside Schools Carnival in July. This was a low key carnival run by the ARU to which we can contribute more in the future and work with some of the younger referees who have very little coaching in their local Associations.

One of our coaches, Greg O'Donnell, was invited to coach at the National U16 National Championships and Kath Little was appointed an Assistant Referee at the National Women's Championships. I have recently attended the National Referee Conference on which I will report elsewhere.

Our Registrar, Mike Lyons was nominated as the NRMA Volunteer of the Year for his tireless work over many years in managing gear and accommodation for our referees and coaches as well as coaching both at Country and in Central North.

I must acknowledge the support of Terry Woodward of NSW Country, Brad King of NSW Country Juniors and Jim Pennington of NSW Country Schools in promoting and requesting that Country Referees be appointed to their matches wherever possible. There is a possibility that a referee will be invited to tour overseas with the NSW Country side in 2014, and also Country Juniors have proposed that a referee and coach tour interstate with their squads in 2014.

We are in a sound financial position with the accounts being finalised at the moment.

My special thanks go to our sponsors in Orica and Protective Fencing who have both renewed for another three years, and of course University of New England who have two years left to run of their current agreement. We are still actively seeking further sponsorship, with discussions being held between Country Rugby and one of their sponsors as a potential sponsor for the Country Referees.

I wish to thank all referees and coaches along with the committee and executive for helping to make 2013 a successful season for the Country Referees.

Des George
President CRRA

CRRA COACHING & GRADING BOARD

The 2013 season has been one of gained opportunities for our Referees and Coaches.

The on-field season commenced with the Country Championships at Tamworth for the two days. Ron Mancell from ARU provided some referee and referee coach assistance over the two days, and his discussions were both well received and acted upon. Nathan Pearce controlled the Caldwell Cup Final, with Jarryd Logan controlling the Rowlands Colts Cup final.

The various Country Junior carnivals and Women's Championships were held during April and May, as well as the TAS carnival at Armidale. Special congratulation must go to Steve Miller for being the referee co-ordinator for this carnival, and being able to juggle a huge number of appointments over the two days. Whilst on the subject of carnival Referee Co-ordinators, I would also like to thank Greg O'Donnell, Des George, Tony Furey, and Peter Whalan for their contributions at the Country Junior, Country Schools and Country Women's carnivals.

A lost opportunity for the association was the cancellation of the UNE Vice Chancellor Carnival at Armidale. I believe this carnival did not occur due to lack of teams, and was rated as our number two carnival for the year, so the loss of games was disappointing.

At the same time as these carnivals were occurring, CRU asked us to appoint to Country Cockatoo Colts v ACT at Wollongong (Jarryd Logan), and later in the

season, Matt McGuire was appointed to the CRU v Sydney Women's fixture at Bathurst.

CRURA earned the right to appoint referees and referee coaches to the NSWJRU 13's carnival at Blacktown over the June long week-end. There was some trepidation from Sydney Junior referees as to how this carnival would be managed by CRURA; this was unfounded, and Kerry Brady (NSWJRU President) was very happy with the overall management. Congratulations to all the referees and coaches who made the trip to Sydney for the three days to show what we can offer.

Our Association was involved in the fixtures that were arranged around the combined NSW and Qld Country versus the British & Irish Lions in Newcastle. We were asked to appoint to the Cockatoos v Blue Heelers game (refereed by Nathan Pearce and played as the curtain raiser to the main game), while Will Finley was selected as the No 6 for the main game.

One opportunity for CRRA that was lost was the Country Schools v Fiji Schools fixture at Armidale. We had been invited to appoint by Country Schools, and having made the appointments, ARU stepped in and appointed referees from one of their Panels. We did however appoint to a Country Schools v Tonga Schools match at Maitland later in the year.

I would like to thank all the referees and coaches who attended the various carnivals and individual appointments during the year, who ensured that these games went ahead. A very big thanks goes to Mike Lyons (Registrar) for his assistance in sending out appointments and chasing up the loose ends that always occur. Peter Whalan, Ian Hooper and Greg O'Donnell made up the selection committee for 2013; their assistance and input throughout the season has been fantastic; thanks for your assistance. Congratulations should also be given to Greg O'Donnell for his selection to attend the National U16 Championships.

Ian Richardson
Chairman CRRA



COUNTRY SCHOOLS RUGBY UNION

2013 proved another fruitful year for the NSW Country School Rugby Union.

A Development tour of Western Samoa and Fiji began the year in the Easter school holidays. This was another successful tour for the players and staff alike with the quality of Rugby high, the development of player's skills outstanding and the cultural experience a unique opportunity. The annual championships followed at The Armidale School on the June long weekend where around 200 students attended in an effort to win selection in the NSWCSRU representative teams to contest the NSW Schools Selection Trials in each of the Under 16 and Open age divisions.

Armidale turned on great weather again this year with some even disappointed they didn't get the opportunity to play on frost! New England proved the dominant region in the Open Division taking out the Bernie McGrane Shield, with Mid North Coast the big improvers, while Far North Coast went through the U16 age division undefeated holding off spirited challenges from Mid North Coast, Central North and Southern Schools, to take out the Donald Wiburd Cup.

Our carnival again had wonderful support from the NSW Country Rugby Union Referees and the Australian Rugby Union with each providing a number of staff to assist the carnival over the weekend. Good representation in the Country Schools sides from all regions showed the depth and competition that currently exists within the Country Schools network of schools.

A development squad was announced to tour the West Coast of the US in 2014 while the 1st XV and U16 sides selected went on to perform admirably at the annual NSWSRU Selection Trials.

We are looking forward to developing more regional NSW Schoolboy Rugby players in 2014.

Matt de Dassel
President NSWCSRU



It has been a year of continuing development for NSW Country Women's Rugby and it gives me great pleasure to present this NSW Country Women's Rugby Report for 2013.

This year the representative team played six matches, all against different teams and NSW Country has again proved to be one of the main forces in Women's Rugby in Australia. There are many issues already on the horizon for Women's Rugby, where 15's Rugby stands in relation to 7's Rugby, the role of the Board of NSW Women's Rugby, and the strength of rugby competitions across NSW Country.

The year began with the NSW Country Rugby Championships which were held at Gosford on the 27th July. This was a very successful day, which Hunter won and were deserved Champions for this year. The other most pleasing aspect of the day was the continued involvement and performance of the North West team, as they were well organised and certainly give an extra impetus for NSW Country Women's Rugby. Many thanks to all the delegates from each of the Zones, your commitment is not easy as you are all so busy trying to ensure Women's Rugby continues in your own area as well as the representative level.

The selected representative squad then participated at a training camp from which teams were selected to play games during August and September, which led into the Nationals in Sydney in what developed into a good program.

The representative team had a very successful ARU Nationals at Riverview College from the 25th-28th September. The team won the Plate Final against Victoria, and they are the first medals the girls have won for many years. This year we had many changes in the playing roster and coaches Steve Hamson, Dave Cleal and Terry Woodward did a wonderful job in moulding this young squad into an improving and successful team. Thanks also to Pam Thomson and Amanda Ferguson who are the best when it comes to Team Management, their work has again been exceptional.

7's Rugby also became a potent force in Women's Rugby this year. Its importance has been increasing in recent years but this year it definitely made its mark, and will become increasingly important because of the role 7's Rugby will play in the future Olympic Games.

Special mention must be made of Rebecca Smyth and Margaret Watson who were selected in the Wallaroo Training Squad for the Rugby World Cup in France next year. NSW Country also dominate the Coaching Staff, as Country devotees Paul Verrell (Head Coach), Jay Tregonning (Assistant Coach) and Steve Hamson (Manager) are also part of this Australian team.

Many thanks to the Board of NSW Country Rugby Union for your moral and financial support. I would like to thank the Executive Officer, Terry Woodward, for his continued support of Women's Rugby, and for the help and advice during the year. Terry this year came on board as a Coach when Dave Cleal was unavailable for the Nationals due to work commitments; I think he enjoyed the experience. Thanks also to the NSW Country sponsors as your support is gratefully accepted and appreciated.

It has been a good year, and already planning has commenced for 2014.

Larry Thomson
Chairperson NSWCWRU



Central Coast Rugby Union has enjoyed a very pleasing 2013 rugby season. All competition grades have been closely fought this year with First Grade in particular being the most open in many years. Even late in the season the majority of teams still had a chance of reaching the Final Four. Avoca Beach retained the First Grade Premiership, with the club having established a great record in recent years, having won nine First Grade Premierships in the last 12 years.

The Central Coast Zone competed in the NSW Country Championship in the Caldwell Cup and finished fourth. A successful trial was held with Gordon but unfortunately the early season wet affected the annual match against Parramatta. Congratulations especially to the Colts team who won the NRMA Colts Shield and

move to the top division in 2014. Thanks to all the team members and coaching staff of both the 1st XV and Colts teams for their efforts on the field.

Many thanks to Richard Gillings for his efforts as the Administration Officer and to Kate Thomson as the Registrar this year. Both do a wonderful job and work together with great consistency and fairness. Thanks also to Garry Smith who continues to do a sterling job as Chairman of the Judiciary. Thanks also to the Zone Affiliates for their efforts, also the Juniors, Schools and to the Referees Association whose task is always thankless. They each have a difficult role but have progressed through the season with great success. Personal thanks to my fellow CCRU Board members who have toiled tirelessly as volunteers this year. There are a huge number of volunteers involved in Central Coast Rugby, and their efforts, whether for clubs, affiliates or at zone level, can never be underestimated.

A very successful evening was held on the 11th September when players and officials received major awards at the annual Presentation Dinner at The Bay Sports Club. It was a very pleasant evening where the success of clubs and of individuals was recognised. This Club has become a wonderful sponsor of Central Coast Rugby Union in recent years and we all greatly appreciate this support and hopefully it can continue to grow in the next few years.

At the end of the year BAR TV came on board and they filmed our Finals matches. This created a huge amount of interest among the players and clubs and hopefully this connection can be maintained next year. Planning for next year has already commenced with a successful Club Forum being held, competition Draw completed, representative teams being prepared and sponsorship organised; there is basically no off season in Rugby these days, even in amateur Rugby.

In conclusion, it has been a busy but very pleasing year for Central Coast Rugby Union. It is hoped that the Zone can continue to grow and that both Administrators, at club and zone level, and the players can continue to enjoy this great game of Rugby. There are always things that can be improved on but the major thing is to maintain our current nine clubs, and to ensure they all continue to grow. See you next year.

Larry Thomson
CCRU President



Central North Rugby Union

It gives me great pleasure to present my report for the 2013 Central North Rugby Union Season.

I can report that this season was most successful both on and off the field, with congratulations going go to the premiership winning clubs Moree and Tamworth Pirates. Tamworth Pirates must also be congratulated on winning the club championship, while a thank you must go to the clubs that hosted finals matches on

behalf of the zone. All days were held in great Rugby Spirit and the zone's thanks goes out to all the committees and volunteers for hosting these successful events.

The zone once again has had a good year fiscally and this couldn't be possible if not for the wonderful support of all sponsors of Central North Rugby, in particular the strong support we receive from our major sponsor Davidson Cameron and Co. Without their support we would find it difficult to run a successful competition.

Our representative sides battled well this year and competed at a high level at the Country Championships, that were hosted by our zone this year. Many thanks must go out to all the volunteers, referees, Tamworth Regional Council, Tamworth Pirates and all that made these Championships so successful. We did not manage to win the respective competitions, but had many players selected to play for NSW Country. A special congratulation goes out to Jack Barker from the Tamworth Magpies, for being named as the best NSW Country Rugby Union Colts Payer of the Year.

Many thanks go out to the referees and the referees association, as without your assistance we could not play the game we all love. The high level of understanding and professionalism you bring to the game in our area lends to the high standard of play we see week to week.

Rugby, as we have known for many years, is changing quickly and so is society. I feel it is time for us to look at restructuring our competition to enable clubs that are finding things difficult, to compete as much as possible on and off the paddock. We need to research and implement an environment that allows the strong clubs to have good competition, as well as creating an environment that allows clubs to recover from difficult times, and to know they can be competitive week to week. We will look at competition structures that move away from the typical home and away fixtures we have been playing under for years. I trust we as a group, will make the right decisions in the end.

I have enjoyed the last twelve months as Central North President. I would like to thank my hard working executive, and hope you have enjoyed the journey as well.

Peter Burke
CNRU President



In the 2013 season, our zone again generally maintained participation rates in terms of player and club numbers spread across our competition.

Taking into account the natural population growth in our region and the competing attractions for young people's leisure time presented by other sports activities and other forms of recreation, the real challenge for CWRU is to constantly seek to increase participation rates in Rugby, rather than just maintain present numbers.

The age limit for Colts was raised at the start of the season. There has been a noticeable improvement in the numbers and standard within this competition during 2013, but the real test will be next year when the temporary effect of retaining existing Colts players for an additional year will have gone.

The other noticeable change was to our 3rd Grade competition within the Blowes Clothing Cup, with team and player numbers still down when compared to the situation some years ago.

CWRU considers that success and continued popularity of Community Level Rugby across our nation is essential to the health of our game at the national level. It is of some real concern that the importance and needs of Country Rugby apparently continues to be given the lowest priority by our national and state bodies, which is reflected by the reality of another year without any financial assistance. Within the bounds of our existing budget, we will attempt to provide incentives to attract young people and their families to our game.

During this past season, we have again received the benefit of a well organised and proactive Referees Association, and the participation of a good number of talented and hard working referees. We did experience an uninvited direct approach by our Referees Association to our clubs seeking their adherence to a set of demands which was supported by NSW RURA; thankfully, commonsense prevailed and this attempt was discontinued. On an individual level, we remain grateful for all of our match officials who have generously contributed their time and skills for our benefit. CWRU has received a lot of positive feedback about our referees during the 2013 season.

CWRU noticed during 2013 that the request to clubs to improve adherence to the ground marshal requirements which we introduced some years ago was generally complied with, and this resulted in increased enjoyment of Rugby for all concerned.

It was pleasing to see the Central West Blue Bulls teams compete well at the 2013 NSW Country Championships. The teams have shown the benefit of a consistent, motivated and talented coaching and management group. CWRU wishes to record its gratitude to Central North for the work and effort which was put into this successful carnival. We hope to be able to again provide a rewarding experience in 2014 for our representative players.

In the Blowes Clothing Cup Competitions, the Orange City Lions again were 1st Grade Premiers and repeated their achievement of the 2012 season, as well as remaining undefeated. In what was a very strong club result, Orange City were also premiers in 2nd Grade and Colts after close Grand Final matches. The 3rd Grade title was taken by Orange Emus, to complete a very successful year for the town of Orange. The grand final matches were all great contests and played in good spirit.

The 2013 Australian National Field Days Cup competitions were again divided into two separate zones to accommodate the number of clubs involved. These competitions were again well supported in terms of player and spectator numbers, and represent everything great about Country Rugby. The Northern Zone premiership

was won by Mudgee in a tight grand final against Coolah, while Molong took out the Southern Zone grand final in another tight thriller against Blayney.

The 2013 Women's premiership was won by Cowra who took out the grand final against the Orange Emu Chicks. The thanks of CWRU again go to the organisers and players within this unique competition.

Blowes Clothing and the Australian National Field Days have continued to provide their strong support as major sponsors of Central West Rugby, and it is important that we again record our sincere gratitude to these organisations; without them, we simply could not achieve what we do. During 2013, we also welcomed the D'Aquino's Group as new sponsors and we hope to see this relationship continue in future years.

We also wish to thank the members of our Judiciary Panel for the time and expert assistance which they continue to selflessly provide. The behaviour and discipline shown by players in our competitions has again been exceptional in 2013, with the number of required Judiciary Panel hearings again continuing to radically decrease. The players, club officials and match officials within our zone should be congratulated for this continuing achievement.

Finally, I again wish to express the gratitude of our Union for the hard work and expert skill provided by our CEO Peter Veenstra. He provides the foundation to all that we achieve.

In summary, the prominence of our game within the Central West region has continued through 2013; this has occurred in the face of countervailing financial and social forces, which is an encouraging sign.

I do hope that 2014 may reveal signs of a return to direct and substantive support and assistance for Country Rugby from the national level, and I also wish all involved with Rugby in Rural NSW a year of great experiences.

Kim Rickards
President CWRU



The 2013 season for the Far North Coast Rugby Union has been one of highlights, disappointments and challenges.

In seniors it was very rewarding to see new clubs in First grade. Our thanks must go to Bangalow and Byron Bay for their courage in stepping up and the additional interest this caused in the competition. In Second grade we had additional teams from Bangalow, Kyogle, Murwillumbah and Yamba. It was great to hear club players and supporters enthusiastic about the changes to the draw and how great it was to be playing new teams and playing at different venues. The Presidents Cup was a very

even competition with some fantastic Rugby played before very vocal home town crowds.

It was extremely disappointing to see the Colts competition fold due to lack of player numbers. We have struggled to generate interest in this competition for a number of years and hopefully the discussion at the general meeting will allow us to move forward with a meaningful and vibrant alternative.

Juniors were a mixed bag with new junior clubs and teams whilst some existing clubs struggled with numbers particularly in the older age groups. We again performed well at junior representative carnivals with numerous players obtaining further representative honours. At board level we have already discussed possible changes to the junior competition, with a subsequent meeting being held with representatives of junior clubs. Further meetings will need to be held during the off season so that we all understand what junior players want and how this will be delivered.

Far North Coast Referees have continued to provide an invaluable service to our association. It is a thankless job which as usual has been fulfilled with much praise, criticism and jest. It was good to note that we had less reported instances of referee abuse than the 2012 season. We still have work to do to ensure that the referees association, clubs and the judiciary understand and appreciate each others' roles and work together to provide an enjoyable and rewarding environment for our players.

NSWCRU are planning to have a meeting with the chairman of zone judiciary's to clarify judicial roles and responsibilities, and we trust this will facilitate a better working relationship between all parties.

It would be remiss of me not to thank my fellow FNCRU Board members. At various times during the season we have all been uplifted when things have gone well, devastated when very difficult situations have occurred and frustrated that we have not been able to work together to appease all parties involved. To work effectively in the 2014 season we need all elected board members to be active. Unfortunately in the 2013 season we had some board members who worked very hard and others, who perhaps on reflection, could have had a greater input into the running of the FNCRU.

Whilst preparing this report I reviewed the Aims of the President Statement I presented to the 2012 AGM. I found that there is so much more to be done, with improvements in some areas and virtually no change in others. The 2013 season has been a huge learning curve for me, and I look forward to being part of a 2014 Board which helps foster and grow Rugby on the Far North Coast.

Graham Cook
President FNCRU



The position of Rugby in the Illawarra is always a series of highs and then low blows.

The finals produced tremendous football of a very high standard, with the premierships being shared by Camden, Avondale, Tech Waratahs and Shamrocks clubs, while Shamrocks claimed the Club Championship. Avondale contested the top three grand finals, which was an outstanding achievement. However, grand final day was marred by two minutes of crowd/player confrontation, hence the 'lows' mentioned earlier.

Camden was participating in their First Grade grand finals in seventeen years and well done on becoming premiers, while their Second Grade also played in the grand final.

The standard of the competition for 2013 was very good, but numbers in some clubs were down, hence we had a number of byes in First Grade. This is a position we cannot continue and we are now looking at revamping our competition to provide a premier competition and then a Division One competition for lower grades.

We also introduced a Colts competition this year and are hopeful of growing it moving forward, however, at the present time some clubs want an U20 based Colts whilst others want an U19 based Colts to fall in line with our Junior program. A number of clubs indicated they wanted to play in the Colts, but then did not put a team on the field; hence another “low”.

We were finalists in the Country Seniors where Newcastle Hunter again proved dominant, and we and other Unions in Country must rise to the standard shown by Newcastle Hunter. This will be a large task and we are looking at our administrators to raise their contribution to meet the challenge.

Junior Rugby is growing and we note we are Country Champions at U13's, U15's and U17's, together with NSW State Champions in U13's. The program for the Juniors for 2014 is already in motion. However, at club level we had some ridiculous crowd behavior by parents this year and again, that was a low point.

Next year we are introducing to the Illawarra the ARU Gold Program for U15's and U17's and this will be a great boost to Rugby, as it follows on from our successful Illawarra Rugby Academy Program.

Our coaching standards are rising, with Paul Verrell and Jay Tregonning appointed as the coaches of the National Women's Team for the 2014 World Cup, while Phil Green was appointed as assistant coach for the NSW Country Colts in 2014. Tony Leeder-Smith, who is running the Illawarra Academy Program, has just recently returned from the U16 National Championships, and Ian Westwood has been involved in Sydney and NSWJRU U15 and representative teams.

All in all the plus side of the ledger outweighs the negative side, but there is still a great deal of work to be done and it is up to all in Illawarra Rugby to show the way.

On a sad note, the death of John Hayne, a longtime serving past president, referee and Country director, has left a large hole in our Rugby fabric. John epitomized all that is good in Rugby; hard-work, supportiveness, giving of his time and always being a thorough gentlemen. We all need people like John in our game.

We thank the Country Board and Terry Woodward for their hard work and for their support, for which we are always grateful.

We wish all in Country Rugby the best for the festive season and look forward to advancing Rugby in the Country, and raising the standard of play and administration in 2014.

Peter Woods
President IDRU



I would like to congratulate each of the teams and clubs for participating in the 2013 UMNC and LMNC Competitions. Both competitions were very competitive with the level of Rugby a very good standard and played in true Rugby tradition.

Congratulations to the 2013 Premiers; Port Macquarie (1st Grade, 2nd Grade, U18's and Club Champions), Southern Cross University (U16's) and Forster-Tuncurry (LMNC).

It has been a somewhat challenging year for the MNCRU Board. The year started with the withdrawal from the competitions of two long term clubs, being South West Rocks in the Northern Zone and Old Bar Beach in the Southern Zone.

The Board made the decision to re-enter the Country Championships, and to say it was a successful re-entry is somewhat of an understatement. Sam McNeil and Adam McCormack were selected to play for the Country Cockatoos, with Adam going on to be selected to play in Combined Country which played the British & Irish Lions. To hear Adam talk of his experiences is truly inspiring and confirmation that we have the talent on the Mid North Coast to compete at the higher levels.

As a zone we are facing further challenges and external influences to keep building Rugby participation on the Mid North Coast. The board is holding a forum with the purpose of the forum to determine the best path forward for our juniors. It's anticipated that a number of positive outcomes will result and the juniors will continue to become stronger, as without our juniors, we will not have future seniors.

I would like to thank our major sponsors, Tallwoods & Harrington Waters Golf Courses. Tallwoods was the scene of a very successful and enjoyable luncheon which

saw Tim Gavin as the guest speaker. In a show of faith in the Mid North Coast Rugby Union, Tallwoods & Harrington Waters Golf Courses have confirmed their continuing sponsorship of the Mid North Coast Rugby. Without their assistance participation at events like the Country Championships would not be possible.

In closing I would extend my thanks to the executives of the clubs in the zone, the board of the zone and especially to Bob Wilson our Executive Officer. Bob has done an absolutely fantastic job as the Executive Officer, and I look forward to working with him next season.

Matt Shannon
President MNCRU



New England Rugby has experienced a successful year in 2013, bouncing back after a difficult 2012 to have an enjoyable year for all those involved.

The season commenced as usual with the New England Lions representative sides taking part in the Country Championships. The results may not have been as desired but the effort and dedication shown by our players needs to be commended making the most of a limited and disruptive preparation. A positive of the program was the opportunity for the players from Gwydir River getting an exposure to the next level which will no doubt help in their player and club development. Thanks to the people who helped to get the teams on the field namely Sam Piddington, Jarrod Carter and Don Carruthers. Special mention must go to life member Jim Bannigan for once again helping us out despite not residing in the New England

The 2013 APJ Law New England Rugby competition with the reintroduction of Guyra into first grade and the addition of a third grade side from Gwydir saw some great Rugby being played throughout the season on a week by week basis. I would like to make particular reference to the Guyra first grade team, whom despite not being as successful as hoped continued to put a first grade side on the field every week, even if it meant players had to play two games. This effort by the players ensured the continuing rebuilding of the zone and I thank them for the contribution they made to the year. Thanks again to the referees who officiate every week and make the games happen.

With two glorious days weather wise we had a great final series, which was well attended throughout, with a large crowd at Bellevue oval for the Grand Final. A highlight of the final series was being able to have a fourth grade grand final. This was the first time New England Rugby has had a fourth grade since 1987, which was before nearly all of the players contesting the game were born. Although only Armidale and St Alberts College were represented on grand final day the standard of play was exceptional and both clubs need to be congratulated. The

first grade grand final will be remembered as one of the better grand finals played in the area in a long time.

Another highlight of the year was the 120 Year Rugby Reunion held over the long weekend. To have over 600 former players of New England relive past rivalries on and off the field was a great experience and I hope that we can stage further reunions in the future. A huge thank you to Scott Williams who put in a mountain of work to ensure what has been described as an event for the ages that went off without a hitch.

Sadly the zone was hit with the sad news of the sudden passing of former Armidale City and New England player John Hipwell, news which rocked the New England Rugby community, and he will be missed. New England Rugby has renamed the Representative Player of the Year Award as the “John Hipwell Memorial Trophy” as a tribute.

I would like to thank the club executives for their help in ensuring that the administration of the zone runs as smoothly as possible. I would also like to thank the New England Executive for their help in overseeing our zone; their skills and advice as always are much appreciated. Special mention must go to Glenda Wright, who took over the registrar’s position at a late request and proceeded to do the job with a level of professionalism that was appreciated. To have the zone website updated on a week by week basis with up to date information helps in growing the game locally and Glenda thoroughly deserved her nomination as NRMA Volunteer of the Year.

New England Rugby Union could not operate without the generous support of our sponsors. APJ Law, Tooheys, the St Kilda Hotel, Roberts & Morrow Accountants, Jacksons Quality Meat, MacDougal Rural Property & Armidale Sportspower we valued their support for 2013 season, and hope that they continue to support New England Rugby.

Luke Stephen
President NERU



Season 2013 saw Rugby in the Newcastle & Hunter Region treated to the spectacle of the British & Irish Lions Tour of Australia, and where fortunate the Lions played here in Newcastle against the Combined Country Team.

The game was a great show case for Rugby, with the local community of nearly 20,000 truly embracing the opportunity with which we were presented. To the local tourism operators, NSW State Government and Local Newcastle Council we thank them for the faith in Newcastle as a sporting city capable of handling an event of this magnitude.

We must continue to pressure NSW Rugby in pursuit of further top class Rugby for the region, with Hunter Stadium an ideal venue to host the NSW Waratahs. If the

venue is suitable to host fixtures in the upcoming 2015 Asia Games in Football surely we can host The Waratahs.

Our Senior & Colts representative teams competed in Tamworth in early 2013 in pursuit of the Country Championships, with the teams under a new coaching regime in Daniel Beckett in Seniors and Roman Brady Colts.

The seniors were in a unique situation in that they were chasing their 6th title in a row, a feat that has never been achieved before in the history of NSWCRU, and to their credit they achieved their goal, and congratulations go to Dan Beckett and his management team.

The Colts had a draw in the final and were declared joint winners of the trophy so to Roman Brady in his first year of representative coaching also congratulations on your success and we also pass on our thanks. Unfortunately Roman is not coaching in 2014 due to work and family commitments, so we wish Roman the best for the future.

We are fortunate that the NHRU's naming rights sponsor The Greater Building Society has committed for another three years which will underpin the unions financial position. The NHRU appreciates the commitment from The Greater and we look forward to working closely with them in the future.

To the NHRU's other sponsors NIB, Orica, Maxwell Recruitment, Viatek, Panthers Newcastle and Tooheys we appreciate their support. Our Media Partners; NBN Television, Newcastle Herald, 2HD as well as The Hawthorne Club we thank you for your continued support of Rugby.

To the club volunteers we truly appreciate your efforts in keeping both players and clubs afloat, your passion and enthusiasm is the foundation stone of Rugby.

Congratulations to the premiership winning clubs on your achievements, and your respective players and club supporters.

To our General Manager Fenton Coull and staff at NHRU headquarters we once again appreciate your efforts in keeping the Union on a steady foot. Fenton, I know the past few months have been a challenge and thank you for your tireless efforts.

Newcastle Hunter Rugby was saddened in 2013 with the news that long standing Union Life Member, NRURA Life Member Peter "Tank" Saunders passed away. The Union owes a great deal of gratitude for Tanks efforts over many years.

We also lost a great Rugby icon John "Hippy" Hipwell, who commenced his distinguished Rugby career in Newcastle with The Waratahs before going onto play for Newcastle, NSWCRU, NSW and Australia as well as captaining the Wallabies.

Phil Payne
President NHRU



Western Plains Rugby Union

Rugby is alive and well in the west of the Union due to the tireless efforts of key people across our vast Zone.

I would like to thank all Western Plains Clubs and their executive and coaches for their hard work in making the 2013 season a success. The unsung heroes of every club are the backbone of Western plains.

This season there were 430 registered senior players (up from 381 in 2012), while the three junior Clubs are strong with 125 players. A great thank you to those parents who drive their 7 - 11 year olds hundreds of kilometres every weekend.

To Executive Officer Vivien, thank you for your support and hard work. Vivien's job is made harder by the lack of timely information at times, but she handles it with patience and our appreciation goes to her.

To Coonamble Rugby Club congratulations for their unprecedented fifth consecutive premiership. To Allen Deans, Adam Cohen and Mo Jacobs well done in developing a well drilled team that would match any Club side in Country Rugby.

The closeness of the competition was the highlight of the year, with any team being able to win on their day. Walgett's intensity and game plan made the Grand Final a great test of Rugby.

The Zone Representative Team, lead by Adam and Mo, had a challenging year. Representative Rugby is a numbers game and whilst our top 15 are competitive, but when injuries and other commitments occur, our depth is found wanting. The Zone spends a huge amount of money on the Representative Program and it is disturbing that we can't send our best squad away due to unavailability.

The Zone Finance Report shows that we are just treading water. Landmark's generous \$10,000 Sponsorship helped but they haven't committed for 2014. Considerations of ways to balance income and expenditure need to be discussed.

The rebuilding of our referee numbers is steadily happening, as without qualified referees our game cannot continue. To that end their trip to Sydney early in the year was a great success. The reformed Referees Association under the leadership of John Milgate and Anthony Gibson is seeing consistency in our referees. The rapport between our Referees and the clubs is something to be envied across our Union.

The ARU is striving to have consistency in all judicial matters and insisting that sanctions be in line with the IRB guidelines. To this end a seminar will be held at the Country AGM on 24th November where their new policy document will be presented. The Consequences document has worked in our Zone.

Thank you to all clubs for adhering to the strict registration procedures. It is imperative that no one play unless they are registered on My Rugby.

Rugby is an integral part of our community's social structure, which gives an outlet for all ages. The family culture of Rugby in the Zone is second to none. It is great to see our crowds to games increasing and that Rugby in the west is true Community Rugby.

Greg Whiteley
President WPRU



COUNTRY ZONE 1ST GRADE PREMIERS 2013

- **Central Coast Rugby Union:** Avoca Beach Rugby Club
- **Central North Rugby Union:** Moree Rugby Club
- **Central West Rugby Union:** Orange City Rugby Club
- **Far North Coast Rugby Union:** Lismore Rugby Club
- **Illawarra District Rugby Union:** Camden Rugby Club
- **Mid North Coast Rugby Union:** Port Macquarie Rugby Club (North)
Forster Tuncurry Rugby Club (South)
- **New England Rugby Union:** Armidale Rugby Club
- **Newcastle Hunter Rugby Union:** The Waratahs Rugby Club
- **Western Plains Rugby Union:** Coonamble Rugby Club

COUNTRY CHAMPIONS 2013

- **Caldwell Cup:** Newcastle Hunter Rugby Union
- **Richardson Shield** Central West Rugby Union
- **Bill Rowlands Colts Cup:** Central West Rugby Union
Newcastle Hunter Rugby Union
- **NRMA Colts Shield:** Central Coast Rugby Union
- **Women:** Hunter Women's Rugby Union



COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 2013

Caldwell Cup

Illawarra	53	Central Coast	14	
Newcastle Hunter	31	Central North	21	
Central North	41	Central Coast	24	3 rd & 4 th Play Off
Newcastle Hunter	28	Illawarra	18	Final

Richardson Shield

Central West	23	Western Plains	3	
Far North Coast	17	Mid North Coast	14	
New England	17	Mid North Coast	7	
Central West	16	Far North Coast	10	
Mid North Coast	47	Western Plains	24	8 th & 9 th Play Off
Central West	57	New England	7	Final

Rowlands Colts Cup

Central West	54	Central North	0	
Newcastle Hunter	46	Far North Coast	14	
Far North Coast	33	Central North	27	3 rd & 4 th Play Off
Central West	5	Newcastle Hunter	5	Final

NRMA Colts Shield

Central Coast	45	Mid North Coast	0	
Illawarra	31	New England	0	
Mid North Coast	10	New England	0	7 th & 8 th Play Off
Central Coast	14	Illawarra	6	Final

Women

Central West	34	Central North	0	Match No 1
Central West	14	Hunter	14	Match No 2
Hunter	50	Central North	5	Match No 3

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM MANAGERMENTS 2013



GRAINCORP NSW COUNTRY COCKATOOS

Coach:	Col Jeffs
Assistant Coach:	Mark Giacheri
Team Manager:	Dave Holt
Assistant Team Manager	George Connaughton
Doctors:	David Cannon/Brian Witt
Physiotherapist:	Nathan Renwick
Selectors:	George Connaughton Mark Giacheri John Haddin Col Jeffs Paul Verrell



NRMA NSW COUNTRY COCKATOO COLTS

Coach:	Mat Thomas
Assistant Coach:	Phil Green
Team Manager:	Scott McKellar
Assistant Team Manager:	Warren Badger
Doctors:	David Cannon/Brian Witt
Physiotherapist:	Jason Clarke
Selectors:	Warren Badger Phil Green Warren Petty Mat Thomas Dale Winslow



WESTPAC NSW COUNTRY CORELLAS

Coach:	Steve Hamson
Assistant Coach:	Dave Cleal/Terry Woodward
Team Managers:	Larry & Pam Thomson
Physiotherapist:	Melannie Pentecost/Gemma Vale
Trainer:	Amanda Ferguson
Selectors:	Dave Cleal Steve Hamson Larry Thomson



NEW SOUTH WALES COUNTRY COCKATOOS RESULTS & SQUAD 2013

Representative Match Results

• Melbourne Rebels	Lost	20 – 42
• ACT	Lost	31 – 38
• Qld Country	Draw	24 - 24
• NSW Suburban	Won	26 - 20
• Qld Country	Lost	20 - 21

NSW Country Cockatoos Players – 2013

John Adams	Central North	Peter Altona	Central North
Alex Burnheim	Western Plains	Lewie Catt	Newcastle Hunter
Paul Dan	Newcastle Hunter	Joel Diggins	Illawarra
Dylan Evans	Newcastle Hunter	Jade Gardiner	Illawarra
Ben Greentree	Illawarra	Ben Harriss	Newcastle Hunter
Gavin Holder	Illawarra	Hori Leef	Illawarra
Matt Maloney	Central Coast	Adam McCormack	Mid North Coast
Sam McNeill	Mid North Coast	Kevin McNamara	Central Coast
Peter Nau	Central West	Don Nepia	Illawarra
Dudley Parsons	Far North Coast	Filisone Pauta	Central West
Chris Plunkett	Central West	Lee Russell	Illawarra
Dan Ryan	Central West	Bradd Sheridan	Central Coast
Luke Sherwood	Newcastle Hunter	Eli Sinoti	Illawarra
James Smith	Illawarra	Paul Tuala	Illawarra
Va Talaileva	Newcastle Hunter	Jeff Wilson	Far North Coast

Will Tanner Senior Player of the Year

Paul Tuala	Wollongong University Rugby Club	Illawarra
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Highest Points Scorer

Dudley Parsons	Lismore Rugby Club	Far North Coast
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Leading Try Scorers

Alex Burnheim	Coonamble Rugby Club	Western Plains
Don Nepia	Wollongong University Rugby Club	Illawarra
Eli Sinoti	Avondale Rugby Club	Illawarra
Paul Tuala	Wollongong University Rugby Club	Illawarra



NEW SOUTH WALES COUNTRY COCKATOO COLTS RESULTS & SQUAD 2013

Representative Matches Results

- VRU Development Colts Won 29 - 10
- VRU Colts Won 28 - 19
- ACT Colts Lost 7 - 17

NSW Country Cockatoo Colts Players – 2013

Pratik Ahuja	Newcastle Hunter	Jack Barker	Central North
Andrew Boyce	Newcastle Hunter	Nick Cook	Newcastle Hunter
Daniel Damen	Far North Coast	Matt Fairburn	Newcastle Hunter
Sam Gemmell	Central West	Brenton Gibson	Central West
Mark Glover	Mid North Coast	Tom Green	Central West
Daniel Grenham	Illawarra	Jake Hartmann	Central North
Vilai Kelemete	Newcastle Hunter	Sam Kenny	Central Coast
Grant Knight	Far North Coast	Matthew Lee	Illawarra
Stuart McVicar	Mid North Coast	Chris Nagi	Newcastle Hunter
Rhys Peters	Illawarra	Justin Picker	Central West
Vincent Quigley	Far North Coast	Tarpaki Rahui	Newcastle Hunter
Blair Rush	Newcastle Hunter	Jackson Walsh	Newcastle Hunter
Blake Walsh	Newcastle Hunter		

Player of the Year

Jack Barker Tamworth Rugby Club Central North

Highest Points Scorer

Daniel Damen Wollongbar Alstonville Rugby Club Far North Coast
Rhys Peters Woonona Shamrocks Rugby Club Illawarra

Leading Try Scorers

Rhys Peters Woonona Shamrocks Rugby Club Illawarra



NEW SOUTH WALES COUNTRY CORELLAS RESULTS & SQUAD 2013

Representative Matches

• ACT	Lost	12 - 15
• Sydney	Lost	12 - 71
• ASRU	Won	22 - 11
• Queensland	Lost	0 - 51
• Western Australia	Lost	15 - 31
• Victoria	Won	26 - 10 (National Plate Final)

NSW Country Corella Players – 2013

Ashley Adams	Central West	Amy Broadhead	Hunter
Tammy Clay	Hunter	Alesha Clinghan	Central West
Renee Cross	Hunter	Lauren Denniss	Hunter
Jacqui Dudgeon	Hunter	Britney Duff	Hunter
Vanessa Foliaki	Central West	Kate Gilbert	Hunter
Tahlia Goldsmith	Hunter	Melanie Howard	Hunter
Annika Jamieson	Hunter	Dana Lautaimi	Hunter
Molly Lebrocq	Central North	Syke Lovett	Hunter
Adelaide Monika	Central North	Toyah Nicholas	Hunter
Toni Payne	Hunter	Sarah Ross	Hunter Jessica
Scadding	Central West	Megan Shanahan	Central West
Jaimie Simon	Hunter	Miranda Smith	Hunter
Rebecca Smyth	Central West	Merrin Starr	Hunter
Margaret Watson	Hunter	Liberty Watters	Hunter

Player of the Year

Rebecca Smyth	Orange Emus Rugby Club	Central West
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Highest Points Scorer

Rebecca Smyth	Orange Emus Rugby Club	Central West
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Leading Try Scorer

Rebecca Smyth	Orange Emus Rugby Club	Central West
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