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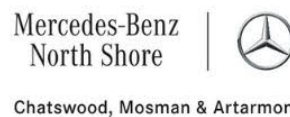
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Club Board: 2024

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Matthew Glascott

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Anthony Dempsey, Sven Graham, Tim Wedlock, Ben Slocombe, Meredith Holt, Andrew Hutton, William Cheadle, Grant Pisani, Andrew Heaven & Jeremy Betts

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Jeremy Betts

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BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE

During the Financial Year 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024 there were 11 Directors' Meetings held. The following lists each Director's Attendance:

DIRECTOR	ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND	ATTENDED
Matthew Glascott	11	10
William Cheadle	11	8
Ben Slocombe	11	10
Andrew Heaven	11	11
Tim Wedlock	11	9
Meredith Holt	11	9
Grant Pisani	6	0
Andrew Hutton	11	11
Jeremy Betts	11	11
Anthony Dempsey	5	5
Sven Graham	5	4

General Manager Fudge Atshan attended 10 Directors' Meetings.





Gordon Honour Board

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

1949, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1993, 1998, 2020

1ST GRADE PREMIERS

1949, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1976, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2020

Trevor Allan Cup Winner, 2020, 9 times runner-up

2ND GRADE PREMIERS

1961, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1981, 10 times runner-up

3RD GRADE PREMIERS

1959, 1967, 1970, 1972, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1993, 2008, 2009, 2019, 2020, 14 times runner-up

4TH GRADE PREMIERS

1949, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1958, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1999, 2000, 2007, 10 times runner-up

1ST GRADE COLTS

5 times runner-up

2ND GRADE COLTS PREMIERS

1974, 1981, 1995, 1998, 2020, 9 times runner-up

3RD GRADE COLTS PREMIERS

1986, 1987, 1988, 1996, 2009, 6 times runner-up

4TH GRADE COLTS PREMIERS

1985, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1996, 2009, 2 times runner-up

UNDER 19s

1995, 2 times runner-up

WOMEN'S 1ST GRADE PREMIERS

2022

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

In the 88-year period 1936 to 2024 the Highlanders have produced 36 Australian Internationals, 4 of whom were Australian Captains. The Honour Board reads: F. O'Brien, D. Carrick, T. Allan (c), B. Piper, A. Tonkin, B. Wilson, R. Davidson (c), B. Johnson, J. Phipps, P. Phipps, A. Summons, E. Purkiss, R. Meadows, K. Yanz, D. Logan, N. Latimer, D. Shepherd, R. Batterham, B. Taafe, P. Sullivan (c), D. Burnett, L. Monaghan, J. Ryan, S. Cutler, M. Hartill, A. Daly, A. Blades, A. Ekert, A. Murdoch, A. Dempsey, C. Blades, M. Hardy, J. Langford, T. Wallace, S. Mortlock (c), J. Dempsey, Ash Hewson (c)

REPRESENTATIVES IN 2024

Australia: None Scotland: Jack Dempsey

Australian Under 20s: Aden Ekanayake

Australian Men's 7's: Aden Ekanayake

Australian Women's 7's: Ruby Nicholas, Piper Simons

NSW Waratahs (Super Rugby): Joey Walton, Mahe Vailanu, Jay Fonokalafi

ACT Brumbies (Super Rugby): Harrison Goddard

Mona Pacifica (Super Rugby): Ola Tauelangi, Thomas Maka

NSW Waratahs U19's: Nick Lamming, Will Mckinnon, Tunui Jorgensen, Archie McGurk, Angus Paterson, Aden Ekanayake

ACT Brumbies U19's: Jono Ryan, Malayke Enasio, Oliver Aylmer

QLD Reds U19's: Isaiah Kolopeaua

WA Force U19's: Isaiah Kolopeaua

Melbourne Rebels U19's: Finn Graham, Ben Playford

Australia A 7's (Womens): Ruby Nicholas, Piper Simons, Edie Burke, Anaia Cruickshank, Milla Elaro, Damita Betham





President's Report

MATTHEW GLASCOTT – PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

2024 has been a remarkable year for the Gordon Rugby Club. While we don't have any Premierships to celebrate, the season has been filled with promise and achievement. All our Grade, Colts, and Women's XV teams reached the finals, and our Women's 7s program claimed the Club Championship—a fantastic result that reflects the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.

The depth across our Club is something we can be incredibly proud of. Our First Colts, who fought valiantly for that elusive first Premiership, were defeated by a very strong Easts team. Despite the absence of Premierships this year, having all seven of our Men's XV's teams reach the finals, our Women's 7s team winning their division, and the Women's XV making it to the Div Two Grand Final, speaks volumes about the strength and depth within the Club.

Our First Grade team fought fiercely in the semi-final against Randwick, and it was a game that, to this day, I believe we should have won. We had the team to win, but unfortunately, we fell short when it mattered most. It was a tough outcome for the lads, who gave everything throughout the season, particularly given the unfortunate two-point penalty for a registration breach, which I felt cost us a place in the Grand Final. But the good news is, this team returns next year, determined to make amends and push for glory.

I'd like to take a moment to celebrate a significant achievement by three of our players—Aden Ekanayake, Ruby Nicholas, and Piper Simons—who have been awarded full-time contracts with the Australian Rugby 7's program. This is a testament to their exceptional talent, hard work, and dedication, and it is an achievement the entire Gordon community can be proud of.





President's Report (cont)

Overall, 2024 was a rewarding year—an achievement we can all be proud of as a Club. Congratulations and thanks to every player, coach, and manager for your commitment and sacrifices throughout the season. Finishing second in the Club Championship is an achievement we should all take pride in, and it's a recognition of the dedication of all those involved in making the season a success. But we know we can do even better. At the presentation night, I told the players that we need to find that extra 10% in 2025 if we want to win Premierships. That means making more sacrifices, training smarter, and raising our standards both on and off the field. Judging by the enthusiasm and numbers at preseason training, I am confident that 2025 will bring great rewards.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Board. I am fortunate to have such a supportive, active, and committed group of individuals on the Board. I deeply appreciate the contributions of Meredith Holt, Ben Slocombe, Andrew Hutton, Andrew Heaven, Jeremy Betts, William Cheadle, Tony Dempsey, Tim Wedlock, and Sven Graham. Despite the challenges of weather disruptions this year, your efforts to support the Club have been invaluable. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Tim Wedlock, who will step down as Director at the end of this year. Tim has been a dedicated Board member since 2019, and his tireless work for the Club over the past six years has been outstanding. On behalf of all of us, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Tim for his generous contributions. We'll certainly miss you, Tim!

I would also like to thank Fudge Atshan, who took on the challenging role of GM at the start of 2024. Navigating this position in your first year is never easy, but Fudge did an excellent job in managing the Club and ensuring its smooth operation.





President's Report (cont)

A special thank you to the Foundation of the Friends of Gordon, especially Gus Hearl and Peter Sherwood, for their ongoing support and efforts in managing the FOGS. As a Club, we must continue to support the Foundation financially, as their contribution is vital for the Club's long-term sustainability. I also want to express my appreciation to the many FOGS members who contribute financially and generously with their time every year. I urge more of our Old Boys to consider supporting the Foundation and the Club that brought them so much joy during their playing days.

Of course, a huge thank you goes to our sponsors. We hope you are proud of your association with the Highlanders, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you again in 2025.

I also want to extend heartfelt thanks to our volunteers. Your contribution is absolutely essential to the success of our Club, and we simply could not operate without your help. Your commitment is deeply appreciated.

To our Members, thank you for your unwavering loyalty to the Club. We hope we continue to make you proud to be a Highlander and that you enjoy being a part of this wonderful community. It would be fantastic to see more of our younger past players support the Club, either through the Foundation or directly with the Club.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to our Head Coach, Harry Fehily, for an exceptional first year as First Grade Head Coach. Harry's hard work and leadership were recognized when he won Coach of the Year at the Ken Catchpole Awards Night—an outstanding achievement in his first year as Head Coach.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. I look forward to seeing you on the sidelines in 2024.





Treasurer's Report

WILLIAM CHEADLE - TREASURER

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd for the fiscal year 2024. This report outlines the financial performance, key revenue sources, and notable events of the Club during the past year.

The Club's trading revenue for 2024 reached \$1,241,749 showing a 4% decrease compared to the prior year. The operating loss for 2024FY was \$14,717. The current year experienced a decrease in bar & gate takings due to bad weather conditions affecting three of our home games. I also note that there was a unbudgeted \$14,720 expense associated with the termination of contractual gym & physiotherapy services.

I note that merchandise sales increased by 46% from the prior year to \$40,567 as a result of improved stock management & product design.

Our sincere appreciation to our sponsors for contributing over \$552,458 for the year. Sponsorship remains the Club's primary source of income. The Friends of Gordon Foundation provided \$67,447 in financial support, an increase of \$12,007 from the prior year. We value their continued support and adherence to the Australian Sports Foundation charter.

The Club experienced growth in player registrations, particularly in the Colts and Women's programs, with a large growth in women player registration payments.

Membership revenue increased by 12% from the prior year. The club is intent on further growing membership revenue in the forthcoming year with a campaign set to kick off in the new calendar year.





Treasurer's Report (cont)

The 2024FY Financial Statements have been prepared and audited by Mark Arthur of Crispin & Jeffery, and his team. These statements will be lodged with ASIC.

The continued success of this great club relies on the hard work of our dedicated volunteers, who continue to support the Club. We express our heartfelt thanks to all supporters, sponsors, stakeholders, volunteers, and players for their staunch support throughout the 2024 season.

In conclusion, the board has agreed on a budget for the forthcoming 2025 financial year, with the clear intention to obtain profitability. We look forward to a successful 2025 season with the continued support of our rugby community.

William Cheadle
Director
Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd.





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GRADE REPORT





1st Grade Report

HARRY FEHILY - 1ST GRADE HEAD COACH

I feel that 2024 was an opportunity missed in 1st Grade and across the whole club but then again, the group had to deal with an extraordinary amount of change and adversity. I have personally coined the season gone as the “Year of Change”.

The year started off with attempting to address the clubs lack of playing numbers across lower grades. From a high of 120 or so players in 2020, player depth had dropped as low as 82 players. This was compounded with the high turnover of 1st grade players, with 10 starting players leaving for professional contracts or retiring. Coupled with this were several off-field issues that required to be addressed and navigated. The pre-season saw a new General Manager join, a new physiotherapy provider start five days before round one, a new gymnasium facility, a new Head Coach, an entire new coaching staff across Grade, an administrative issue which meant the club only had one trial instead of three and to top it all off, the club would be handed a points deduction mid-season for yet another administrative issue.

When you take all of this into account it is extraordinary what this playing group across all our programs managed to achieve this year. The Club finished 2nd in the Club Championships, every team across Grade, Colts and Women’s made the finals, 1st Grade finished tied 1st in the regular season (if you had taken away our points deduction), everyone baring 1st Grade made week two of finals, 1st Grade Colts made the grand final, the women’s team made the grand final and Grade managed to lift its playing pool to 124 by the end of the year.





1st Grade Report (cont)

It would have been easy for the group to say it was a re-build year but that is a cop out. There are no such things as “re-build years” at successful clubs.

As mentioned previously, I feel like 1st Grade missed an opportunity this year. The year started with dealing with the high turnover and embedding in a new coaching staff as well as a change of system and philosophy. To add to the complexity, we would hand out eighteen 1st Grade debuts in 2024. This was always going to lead to few teething issues. The season started with two losses away at Two Blues and Easts. I can't but not feel like it was the by-product of not having our trials. However, you could see the progress in the group across those two games. We would get our first win in Round 3 versus Newcastle and go on to win the next 6 games in a row. This would parachute us to a top of the table clash in round nine against Warringah, where we would lose narrowly in very wet conditions. The team bounced back the following week against West Harbour to close out the first half of the year.

Round 11 (Norths AWAY), Round 12 (Manly HOME), Round 13 (Randwick AWAY) and Round 14 (East HOME) was going to test the team and likely determine where we would finish the regular season. We started off with a strong away win in the wet against Norths and had one of our best performances of the year at home vs Manly in a big win. The next two games would probably highlight where this group was at. Randwick away saw us lose narrowly and again the following week we would lose narrowly to Easts at home. Both games were there to be won. We lacked a bit of composure when it mattered, and this is often the difference between a settled team who have been together for a while and a group that were still maybe feeling each other out under pressure.





1st Grade Report (cont)

The group bounced back strongly and won the last four games of the season at home, with the Norths game being a highlight.

With our points deduction we would finish the season 4th instead of tied first. This would see us to travel away to Coogee for the third year in a row in the finals.

The team was as well prepared for a game as I have seen in my time at Gordon, and we were confident we could get the job done. Some of the confidence came from finishing the regular season with the best defence. A special mention must go to my Assistant Coach, Liam Winton. I am very lucky to have one of the best coaches in the competition by my side. As with all finals game there were a few momentum swings in the first half, but I felt we were always on top and took a slender lead into half time. The boys came out the blocks with a bang in the second half and pushed out to a 29-14 lead. At this point I made a tactical substitution which would change the flow of the game against us. I must take responsibility for this. The pace of the game slowed as a consequence which left them into it. They got a lucky bounce of a ball for their first try and then Andrew Deegan managed to wrestle control of the territory battle. They were an experienced side who knew how to win, and we struggled to control momentum like we did in those games vs Randwick and Easts earlier in the year.

This group will have learned a lot from that game against Randwick and so has their coaching staff.





1st Grade Report (cont)

We are lucky that the vast majority of the playing group and the entire coaching staff are back for year two of this project. We will get the job done next year.

I want to say thank you to all the staff that worked across the Grade program this year. A huge thank you to our medical and strength & conditioning team - Gabi Jackson, Lachie Mackinnon, and Nic O'Donohue. To our 1st Grade Manager, Greg Easy, who I would be well and truly lost without. Michael Spalding and Chris Cooper who operated in club mentors' roles for the year and who helped me navigate some tricky situations. Andrew Quinn, who doubles as our 2nd Grade Manager and club photographer. Craig Smith, who built the club a brand-new website this year and helped the coaching staff develop their use of technology. Toby Parr, Brendan Mitchell and Thomas Ragell, who went agonisingly close to a 4th Grade premiership this year. Ryan Oakes, who headed up our Development Squad this year. Ryan will step up to 2nd grade for the upcoming year. Jordan Goddard in his role as 2nd assistant coach. Jordan will also make the step up to 1st Grade for this coming year. Mick Adams in his role as Head Coach of 2nd Grade and 1st Grade backs Coach. I was truly lucky to have such a close-knit staff and it was a pleasure to work with them.

I would finally like to say a short goodbye to Brendan Mitchell and Mick Adams. Brendan takes a step back from coaching this year, but I truly hope he returns to it in time. He was an exceptional player and highly intelligent coach/lineout operator. He will be missed.





1st Grade Report (cont)

Mick Adams will leave a huge hole in this club. In the immediate term, 2nd Grade won't realise at how lucky they were to have him, but they will in time.

He is an outstanding coach and even better person. I personally would not have got through this season without him always being available to hash out ideas no matter the day or time. Fortright with his opinion and consistently the first person to put his hand up to do the jobs that nobody else wants. If he stays in coaching, he will have a big future. In the meantime I am sure Jess and his two boys, Archie and Hudson, will enjoy having him at home a bit more. I wish them the best of luck in their move to the Gold Coast.

As we close out 2024 and look ahead to 2025, I am very excited about what is to come. I urge you all to get down to Chatswood Oval next year to watch this group do something special. It is coming

Harry Fehily (1st Grade Head Coach)





2nd Grade Report

MICK ADAMS – 2nd GRADE COACH

Ah, second grade. The noble, long-suffering middle child of the rugby world. It's the place where you look at the team sheet on a Monday thinking "how could we lose this week", only to be cruelly dashed as players are plucked away for first grade like grapes from a vine through injury, talent or just plain and simple hard work.

It's the place where all the boys are 'happy' yet somewhat disappointed to be as the team lists are read out for another week as they all aspire to be running out as the whistle blows at 3.00pm with First Grade. But, despite the near-misses and the heartbreaks along the way, we show up week after week, ready to give it everything we've got. Why? Because every time one of our own earns the call-up to First Grade, it's proof of the dedication, grit, and talent we've built together as a top squad. And besides, any moment in a Gordon jersey is a moment worth playing for.

In 2024, we set out to change the culture of Second Grade as a coaching group, creating a "Top Squad" that included around 40 players each week. The goal was to elevate the program by introducing a level of professionalism mirroring what players experience in First Grade. This meant a deeper focus on game tactics, pre- and post-game analysis, and setting higher standards across the board. The demands on both players and coaching staff increased, but the results showed it was worth the effort. We hit the ground running, and after the first six rounds, we sat near the top of the ladder with a solid 4 wins, 1 loss (to eventual Grand Finalists Eastern Suburbs), and 1 draw after Randwick snuck in a penalty at the buzzer—a tough lesson for the group but a valuable one.





2nd Grade Report (cont)

As the season progressed, competition within the squad heated up, with genuine First Grade talent regularly stepping up and leading from the front. Our forward pack became known for its size, aggression, and hard edge, thanks to players like Will Bremner, Hugh Margin, Cameron Wood, Alex Humfrey, and Harry Holland. The return of Nathaniel Pannozzo from a broken leg added some real finesse to our set piece, particularly at lineout time, while skipper Cass Clinton proved to be a club star in the making—tenacious in defence, silky in attack, and a leader who'd run through walls for the tartan jersey. In the backs, Sam Babb and Tom Price orchestrated the team beautifully, setting the platform for attacking firepower from the likes of Dom Easy, Faiva Faiva, Ben Fitzgerald, and Mike Pavlakis. These guys had a knack for stealing the glory, scoring off the hard graft of forwards who spent 15 brutal phases earning the space.

The second half of the season saw us truly establish ourselves as contenders, winning 6 of our final 9 games. We took some big scalps, including Manly, Randwick, and Norths, while narrowly missing out against Easts and letting a couple of games slip that we probably should've closed out. The tightness of the competition meant every result mattered, and we ultimately finished 4th—just one win away from 2nd and one loss away from 6th.

With our finals spot secured, we kicked off against Sydney University in the Semi-Finals. The boys brought an intensity that should set the standard moving forward, bullying the Uni pack on our way to a dominant 20-8 victory. Next, we faced Manly in the Elimination Final.





2nd Grade Report (cont)

We came out firing, playing some of our best rugby of the season to lead 31-12 with 30 minutes to play. But rugby can be cruel, and in an unbelievable turn of events, Manly found another gear, putting on 42 unanswered points to knock us out 54-31. It was a tough pill to swallow, but if that loss doesn't light a fire in the belly for 2025, I'm not sure what will.

Reflecting on the season, it's clear that while we didn't achieve our ultimate goal of lifting the Colin Caird Cup, we've built something special. The growth, resilience, and camaraderie this team displayed are successes in their own right. With young talent like Oli Hannan, Ben Holman, Zac Davidson, Luke Tucker, and players from our Colts program coming through in 2025, the future of the club looks incredibly bright.

None of this would've been possible without the incredible support behind the scenes. Huge thanks to our medical and strength & conditioning team—Gabi Jackson, Lachie Mackinnon, and Nic O'Donohue keeping the boys in top shape. A special mention goes to Andrew Quinn ("Quinny"), the busiest man in a Gordon jersey every Saturday. Whether it's running water, filming highlights, or ensuring the boys have fresh content for Instagram, Quinny does it all. Thanks to him, the lads can keep impressing their "fans" online while reminding everyone just how elite they are. Lastly, to my partner-in-crime, Jordy Goddard—an outstanding coach and an even better bloke. It's been a privilege working alongside you, and your passion for the club and its players is unmatched.





2nd Grade Report (cont)

As I prepare to step away from the club and begin a new chapter up north with my young family, I can't help but reflect on how grateful I am for the opportunities I've had at Gordon over the past two seasons. Coaching Second Grade and First Grade has been an absolute privilege, and the experiences I've shared with this incredible group of players, staff, and supporters will stay with me forever. Although I may be leaving Sydney, I'll always have a soft spot in my heart for this club. I'll be singing "A Gordon for Me" proudly from my living room or, when the chance arises, from the sidelines of Chatswood Oval.

Thank you all for the memories, the friendships, and the journey. Up the Stags!

Mick Adams (2nd Grade Coach)





3rd Grade Report

RYAN OAKS – 3rd GRADE HEAD COACH

The 2024 season for Gordon 3rd Grade was a memorable journey filled with highs, lows, and immense growth. The team not only adhered to its ethos of emulating the attitude and playing style of higher grades but also cultivated an inclusive and social environment that strengthened bonds on and off the field. From the very beginning, the group demonstrated resilience and camaraderie that would define their season.

The season began with an emphatic 38-0 win over the Two Blues away from home, a near-perfect start that showcased the team's fitness, flair, and discipline. However, the following week brought a tough 47-24 loss to a well-drilled Easts side. Despite the setback, the team took valuable lessons in defensive structure and game management. An early bye allowed time to regroup and refocus, and they returned with a stunning 46-12 victory at home against Sydney Uni, a match that would stand out as one of the season's best performances.

A narrow 17-10 loss to Manly away in Round 5 highlighted the team's fighting spirit but underscored areas for improvement in converting opportunities. The response was impressive, with back-to-back wins over Randwick (31-26 away) and Eastwood (28-15 away), showing the group's ability to bounce back and adapt to challenges. The attacking flair of the team was on full display in a dominant 61-21 win at home against Souths, a game that celebrated their cohesion and expansive playing style.

As the season progressed, the team's grit and determination shone through.





3rd Grade Report (cont)

A gritty 16-6 win over Warringah away epitomised their defensive resolve, while two narrow losses to West Harbour (13-10) and Norths (25-19) tested their resilience. These tough outings only strengthened the group's focus and commitment. In Round 12, the team delivered a thrilling 31-24 win over Manly at home, demonstrating their ability to learn from earlier losses. Although the following matches against Randwick (39-15) and Easts (52-0) reminded the team of the importance of consistency, they finished the regular season strongly with four consecutive wins. Victories over Souths (35-10 away), West Harbour (31-22 away), Norths (22-17 home), and the Two Blues (43-10 home) capped off the campaign, with the Norths game showcasing their defensive effort and desire. This run of games cemented a strong 4th place position and a place in the finals.

Despite finishing the regular season on a high, the finals campaign proved challenging. A hard-fought 20-12 loss to Manly in the semi-final paved a challenging road to the Grand Final which showed in the 50-12 defeat in the elimination final to a strong East's side which marked the end of the season. While these results were disappointing, the experience gained was invaluable for the young squad, which showed immense potential and growth throughout the year.

The season's highlights included key victories against Sydney Uni at home, Randwick away, Warringah away, and Norths at home, showcasing the team's ability to rise to the occasion and deliver under pressure.





3rd Grade Report (cont)

The players also navigated consistent disruptions caused by poor weather with remarkable adaptability, maintaining productive training sessions despite frequent changes to venues. The ability to win several return fixtures against teams that had previously beaten them underscored the group's resilience and hunger for improvement. Above all, the team's commitment to an ethos of professionalism and inclusivity forged strong bonds that translated into trust and cohesion on the field.

The success of the season was made possible by the tireless contributions of many. Thanks go to the medical and S&C staff for preparing and rehabilitating players throughout a demanding campaign. Thanks to Harry Fehily, Mick Adams and all of the Top Squad coaching group for their support and care which caused great connection throughout the senior section of the club and gave the players a clear pathway and inspiration to progress as players. The coaching team, including 4th Grade coaches Toby Parr, Brendan Mitchell, and Tom Ragell, provided invaluable guidance, while Chris Cooper, 3rd Grade coach and "father figure" of the group, created a positive and competitive environment. Thanks to Craig Smith for his dedication to his role as Team Manager and all of the time spent ensuring players had access to game footage. Special recognition also goes to captain Nick Tracey, who led with determination and consistency, setting the standard for effort and leadership.

Although the season ended in disappointment, the foundations laid in 2024 are cause for excitement.





3rd Grade Report (cont)

This young squad gained invaluable experience and demonstrated immense potential, leaving Gordon 3rd Grade well-positioned for an even stronger campaign in 2025. Here's to the team's achievements in 2024 and the bright future that lies ahead. Up the Highlanders!

Ryan Oaks (3rd Grade Head Coach)





4th Grade Report

TOBY PARR – 4th GRADE HEAD COACH

Three things in life are certain. Death, taxes and to make it through a fourth-grade season you're going to need a lot of players. I can't be more thankful to all the guys that put their hand up this year when needed. Between injuries, travellers, a few ring ins and relying on the old faithful, 70 odd players took the field for Gordon fourth grade in 2024. At times the recruitment drive took more effort than coaching, but not once during the season did I feel we were heading into a match we could not win.

In 2023, Cha and AJ had managed to regroup the fourth grade side into a group who could be competitive each and every week. In 2024, Brendan, Tom and I went in with the ambition and drive that we could take it to another level and win week in week out. Whilst still maintaining the enjoyment and camaraderie that creates such good memories in the Gordon jersey.

Although we rotated through a huge number of players, there was such a great balance between the old heads of the club mixed with the up and coming generation. To give our promising young players like Ethan Holt, Matt Noble and Watson Koroï an opportunity to play with some legends of the club is something we hope they loved. To gain experience off guys like Brendan Mitchell, Erik Moss, Ben Wilkinson and even James Lough is something that we hope they remember, and I know they appreciate.





4th Grade Report (cont)

In terms of results, we had a mixed bag. Highlighted by the two absolute nail biters with Northern suburbs which resulted in two single point victories. One on a Wednesday night at Bon Andrew's and the other being at the great Chatswood oval, somewhere, we wished we got to play at more. With just one home game in the first 11 rounds, we certainly made the most of it. Giving Sydney Uni a genuine flogging is something we took great joy out of and really embodied the type of performance we were capable of. It's something that gave us great inspiration of what we knew we could achieve.

Not being able to get one over eastern suburbs really stung, finishing fourth on the ladder, we knew we had to get through them to make it to the big dance. They were a team that hadn't been tested by anyone else, if someone was going to get them, we knew it had to be us. I had absolute confidence in the team we selected for the semi final but didn't quite live up to the game plan we had set. A few people were underutilised and unfortunately, we were left leaving it as another "what if" season bowing out to them in the semi final by a single point. They went on to finish the season undefeated, deservedly so.

Nevertheless, we can't knock our efforts, we took this season a step further than last and we plan on taking it even further next year. We will say goodbye to a few, but we will welcome even more young talent with open arms. If they can bring the energy like our up and comers did this year, the future of Gordon is in great hands.





4th Grade Report (cont)

It was an absolute pleasure to be a part of this group. It's unfortunate that we didn't get the chance to lift a trophy but it's something to aspire towards.

Special thanks to Brendan Mitchell, Tom Ragell and Stephen Maffey for all their efforts as coaching staff. A congratulations to team award winners Ethan Holt and Matt Noble; and a quick shout out to Will Glascott who captained the side and finished the season with a total of 99 club games. I guess he'll have to come back for one more!

Thanks for the season, see you for the next.

Toby Parr (4th Grade Head Coach)





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COLTS REPORT





Colts Report

JOSH MITCHELL – PATHWAYS & COLTS DIRECTOR

Season Overview

The Gordon Colts Program continues to demonstrate excellence in player development, fostering a competitive and supportive environment for emerging rugby talent. In 2024, the program had over 100 players involved, showcasing remarkable achievements across various competitions and age groups. With a dedicated team of 14 coaches and support staff, the program has made significant strides, especially in 7s rugby, while also delivering strong performances in the 15-a-side format.

Program Leadership and Staff

- **Director of Colts:** Joel Rivers
- **Head Coach:** Joel Rivers
- **Head of Mentoring:** Chris Noble
- **Head Manager:** Alan Jenkins
- **Coaches:** Hunter Nicholas, George Fifita, Steve Turner, Darren Beasley, Sam Macdonald, Chris Keyes, Pete Slaven, Matt Dainton, Brandon Egan-Walters (Physiotherapist), Sam Richardson (Strength & Conditioning), Beth Carey (Strength & Conditioning).





Colts Report (cont)

Key Achievements

The Gordon Colts Program had an outstanding year, marked by significant achievements in both the 7s and 15-a-side rugby formats.

Top 3 Finishes Across All Colts Teams

Across the various Colts age groups, all teams achieved remarkable success, finishing in the Top 3 in their respective competitions. This speaks to the depth of talent within the program and the commitment of players and coaches alike. The emphasis on skill development, game understanding, and team cohesion has been key to the program's continued success.

Semi-Finalists in All Colts Teams

Every Colts team in the program made it to the semi-finals of their respective competitions, highlighting the program's consistency and the high level of preparation each team undergoes. The dedication to individual growth, coupled with the tactical insight provided by the coaching staff, allowed each team to perform at an elite level throughout the season.

1st Colts Grand Finalists

The 1st Colts team had an exceptional season, reaching the Grand Final of their competition. This was a testament to the hard work and determination shown by the players, led by Head Coach Joel Rivers and the coaching staff. Their run to the final included several dominant performances, and although they fell short in the grand final, their efforts throughout the season established them as one of the premier Colts teams in the region.





Colts Report (cont)

7s Rugby Success

The Gordon Colts Program also excelled in 7s rugby, with the Under-20s 7s team claiming victories in two major tournaments:

- **Hamilton Under-20s 7s**
- **Warringah 7s**

These victories solidified Gordon's reputation as a strong contender in the fast-paced, dynamic format of 7s rugby. The team's success was built on effective teamwork, individual skill, and tactical versatility—key elements that continue to be emphasized in the program.

End-of-Season Tour: Chiang Mai Tournament

As the season drew to a close, the program took a significant step in its development by sending 52 players and staff to compete in the prestigious Chiang Mai Tournament in Thailand. This international exposure provided valuable experience in a competitive environment and fostered further growth and camaraderie among players and staff alike. The tournament also presented an opportunity for the players to test their skills against a variety of international teams, gaining invaluable insights into the global rugby landscape.

Player Development and Support Staff

The Gordon Colts Program places a strong emphasis on holistic player development, ensuring that players are supported not only in their rugby skills but also in their physical and mental well-being.





Colts Report (cont)

The inclusion of specialists like physiotherapist Brandon Egan-Walters and strength & conditioning coaches Sam Richardson and Beth Carey has been integral in ensuring players perform at their best while maintaining health and injury prevention throughout the season.

The mentoring system, led by Chris Noble, has also played a key role in developing well-rounded individuals who excel both on and off the field. This mentorship framework has been essential in guiding young players through the challenges of elite sport, offering them the tools to succeed in rugby and beyond.

Conclusion

The Gordon Colts Program has had an outstanding year in 2024, marked by excellent performances across all teams and formats. From top 3 finishes across age groups to success in the 7s tournaments, the program has set a high standard for player development and competitive achievement. With a strong coaching team and a focus on comprehensive player development, Gordon Colts continues to be a leader in nurturing rugby talent.

Looking ahead, the program remains committed to fostering the next generation of rugby players, providing them with the skills, knowledge, and experiences necessary to succeed at the highest levels of the sport. The upcoming Chiang Mai Tournament will serve as another important milestone in this journey, reinforcing Gordon Colts' position as a premier rugby program both locally and internationally.

Josh Mitchell (Pathways & Colts Director)





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PATHWAY & ACADEMY REPORT





Pathway & Academy Report

JOSH MITCHELL - PATHWAYS & COLTS DIRECTOR

Academy:

The Academy conducted a comprehensive 4-week program aimed at developing young rugby talent. The program successfully engaged a total of 325 players, supported by 35 coaches, 2 medics, and 6 volunteers. The total cost for the program was \$33,000.

Representative Selections: XV's

Trial Participation

The following numbers reflect participation in trials across various age groups:

- 10s: 63 players - 11s: 61 players - 12s: 56 players
- 13s: 57 players - 14s: 39 players - 15s: 53 players
- 16s: 52 players - 18s: 29 players - 14s Girls: 22 players
- 16s Girls: 32 players - 18s Girls: 24 players

Coaching and Selection Staff

- **Coaches:** 28 coaches, with at least 2 assigned per team.
- **Selectors:** 49 independent selectors, with a minimum of 4 per trial group.
- **Medical Staff:** Medics present at all trials and a physiotherapist available at all games.





Pathway & Academy Report (cont)

Performance Results

- 10s Highlanders: 4 wins, 1 draw. - 10s Tartan: 5 wins.
- 11s Highlanders: 2 wins. - 11s Tartan: 4 wins. - 12s girls: no placings.
- 12s Highlanders: 5th place. - 12s Development: No placings.
- 13s Highlanders: 13th place. - 14s Highlanders: 3rd place.
- 15s Highlanders: 6th place. - 16s Highlanders: 5th place.
- 18s Highlanders: 6th place. - 14s Girls Highlanders: 6th place.
- 16s Girls Highlanders: 6th place. - 18s Girls Highlanders: 5th place.

Representative Selections: 7s

Trial Participation

The following numbers reflect participation in trials across various age groups:

- 11s Boys: 20 players - 11s Girls: 9 players
- 13s Boys: 28 players - 13s Girls: 16 players
- 15s Boys: 32 players - 15s Girls: 20 players
- 17s Boys: 49 players - 17s Girls: 19 players





Pathway & Academy Report (cont)

Coaching and Selection Staff

- Coaches: 18 coaches, with at least 2 assigned per team.
- Selectors: 34 independent selectors, with a minimum of 4 per age group.
- Medical Staff: Medics present at all trials and a physiotherapist available at all games.

Performance Results

- 11s Boys: 7th place. - 11s Girls: Did not compete.
- 13s Boys: 7th place. - 13s Girls: 8th place.
- 15s Boys: 1st place. - 15s Girls: 5th place.
- 17s Boys: 1st place. - 17s Girls: 2nd place.

School Interactions

The Academy successfully implemented the Tartan Tag program in 17 schools, promoting rugby participation through a free "Get into Rugby" initiative. Additionally, the Academy maintained senior club interactions at every Try Rugby day in 2024, a unique achievement within the district.

Conclusion

The Academy's efforts have resulted in a strong foundation for future rugby talent development. The participation numbers and competitive results demonstrate significant engagement and success across age groups, while school interactions highlight the commitment to growing the sport at the grassroots level. Continued investment and support will be essential for sustaining and enhancing these programs.





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WOMEN'S XV's REPORT





Women's XVs Report

IVAN CHAN - COACH and SHAUNA CONNOLLY - PLAYER

The 2024 season got underway with a long preseason under the guidance of coach Evelyn Horomia and assistant coach Rob Baumann starting in November 2023. Solid recruiting over the offseason saw a mix of experienced, young, and cross code athletes join our ranks. In the beginning of 2024 incoming player Sarah Riordan, whose experience includes QLD Reds and Wallaroos caps was named as captain and came in ready and raring to lead the team. She brought a calm head and excellent communication to gamedays and trainings.

It was an ideal start to the 2024 where we won our season opener against last year's champs Eastern Suburbs 22-19. More impressive was the Gordon Women's XV team sheet which boasted 11 club or XV's debutants and 5 Juniors.

The season was front loaded with the top 4 teams which saw the team hitting a cold streak losing the next 5 games. These losses took its toll impacting team moral and the team started to lack confidence as player participation started to dwindle.

Coaching changes in round 8 saw Ivan Chan take the reins with the help and support of the 7's coaches Charlie, Wais and Jordan.

As the second half of the season started the competition split into two divisions and Gordon was at the bottom of the ladder in Division 2.





Women's XVs Report (cont)

With renewed attitude and determination, the ship steadied as the team started to post some dominant results. Four from four guaranteed Gordon a spot in the Division 2 finals with games to spare. The final 2 rounds were a loss to Campbelltown and a draw with Raptors which set the scene for a semi-final against Two Blues. Gordon overcame Two Blues in a 41-14 win with an impressive display of grit from the forward and speed in the backs.

The Division 2 Grand Final was against Campbelltown. Although the effort was there unfortunately Gordon went down to a more experienced team.

The staff consist of Jade Perrett (S&C) and Paul Lee (Physio) who did an outstanding job keeping the players fit and on the field. The managers, Kim Taufua and Angela Flannery were attentive and kept everything flowing smoothly.

It was a difficult 2024 season which presented some opportunities to develop some new players creating depth for the future.

Gordon Women's XV had 43 Players, 23 Club/XV Debuts, 14 Juniors with 10 Juniors selected for Junior Waratahs teams.





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WOMEN'S 7s REPORT





Women's 7s Report

CHARLIE AYLNER – HEAD COACH

The 2024 season marked a historic year for the Gordon Rugby Club Women's 7s program. With an unprecedented number of players, significant representative honours, and strong tournament performances across all divisions, the program has demonstrated exceptional growth and success. This report outlines the key achievements, challenges, and outcomes of the season.

Key Achievements

1. Player Participation

- The program recorded its highest participation in history, with over 84 different players taking the field throughout the season. This milestone reflects the program's growth and increasing popularity.

2. Representative Honors

- A total of 11 players earned representative honours, showcasing the talent nurtured within the program:
 - Uni Roos
 - NSW Waratahs
 - Australian A
 - Australian 7s

3. Tournament Success

- The team secured four tournament wins.

4. Division Results

- **Division 1:** Second place (on count back)
- **Division 2:** Fifth place
- **Division 3:** First place





Women's 7s Report (cont)

Coaching Contributions

- The program benefited from the expertise and dedication of several coaches:
 - Waisale Qalulu
 - Jordan Williams
 - Ivan Chan
 - Josh Mitchell
- Their collective efforts were instrumental in developing players and achieving success across all divisions.

Challenges

1. Weather Disruptions

- Constant washouts throughout the season posed significant logistical challenges and disrupted training and match schedules.

2. Administrative Issues

- A lack of timely and accurate information from NSW Rugby and Sydney Women's Rugby created additional obstacles for planning and coordination.

Overall Assessment Despite the challenges, the 2024 season stands as one of the most successful in the program's history:

- The Gordon Women's 7s program fielded the largest playing group in the tournament.





Women's 7s Report (cont)

- Positive feedback from players highlighted improvements in organization and execution compared to previous years.
- Strong results across all divisions and representative honours underscore the program's continued growth and excellence.

Conclusion The Gordon Rugby Club Women's 7s program has solidified its position as a leading force in women's rugby. The record participation, representative success, and tournament results reflect the hard work of players, coaches, and club administrators. Moving forward, addressing logistical challenges and enhancing communication with governing bodies will further strengthen the program's foundation for continued success.

Acknowledgments We extend our gratitude to all players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters who contributed to an outstanding season. Your efforts ensure the ongoing success and growth of the Gordon Rugby Club Women's 7s program.





2024 Gordon Awards

COLTS AWARDS

- 3rds Colts Best & Fairest – Cormac Kelly
- 3rds Colts Players Player – Jake Bertram
- 2nd Colts Best & Fairest – Noah Holt
- 2nd Colts Players Player – Dan Healy
- 1st Colts Best & Fairest – Della Paita & Will Hopper
- 1st Colts Players Player – Gus Paterson

GRADE AWARDS

- 4th Grade Best & Fairest – Matt Noble
- 4th Grade Players Player – Ethan Holt
- 3rd Grade Best & Fairest – Jacklin Andrews
- 3rd Grade Players Player – Nick Tracy
- 2nd Grade Best & Fairest – Mike Pavlakis
- 2nd Grade Players Player – Cass Clinton
- 1st Grade Best & Fairest – Liam Usher
- 1st Grade Players Player – Tom Horan

WOMEN'S AWARDS XV

- Women's Best & Fairest – Shauna Connolly
- Women's Players Player – Sarah Riordan

WOMEN'S 7s

- 3rd Women's 7s Best & Fairest – Lucy Weber
- 3rd Women's 7s Players Player – Becky Kilmeck
- 2nd Women's 7s Best & Fairest – Minna Annad
- 2nd Women's 7s Players Player – Susie Coady
- 1st Women's 7s Best & Fairest – Edie Burke
- 1st Women's 7s Players Player – Steph Kelleway

HONOUR JERSEY

- 100 1st Grade Games – Jack Margin
- 100 Club Games – Milan Basson
- 100 Club Games – Dom Easy
- 5 Years – Tess Orton
- 5 Years – Prue Smith
- 5 Years – Susie Coady
- 5 Years – Shauna Connolly
- 5 Years – Abby McDonald

PERPETUAL AWARDS

- Pat Serisier Colts Rookie of the Year – Will Mckinnon
- Dave Bezer Most Improved Colts Player – Will Stanley
- Charles Blunt (Snr) Colt of the Year – Gus Paterson & Joe Hutton
- Most Improved Women's Program – Paige Bloch
- Top Try Scorer Women's Program – Steph Kelleway
- Dan Robinson Memorial Award "1st Grade Rookie of the Year" – James Armstrong
- Most Improved Grades Player – Ben Holman
- Rob Allen Sportsman of the Year – Milan Basson
- Coach of the Year – Joel Rivers & Josh Mitchell
- Boyle Family Volunteer of the Year – Craig Smith
- John Fordham (FOGF) Player of the Year – Brandon Quinn
- Team of the Year – 1st Grade Colts





2024 Events

Season Launch – Longueville Sporting Club

The 2024 Gordon Rugby Club Season kicked off with a launch at the Longueville Sporting Club on 24th March. Over 100 players and their guests gathered for an afternoon of bonding ahead of the new season. Matt Glascott delivered an inspiring speech to officially mark the beginning of what would become a highly successful year. Everyone enjoyed a fantastic afternoon, made even better by great weather and an incredible atmosphere.

Sponsors Launch - Greengate Hotel

The Sponsor Launch was held on 12th April 2024 at the Greengate Hotel, providing an engaging start to the season. Sponsors were presented with an overview of the year ahead by our Grade Coach, Pathways Director, and President. The event featured a lively Q&A session with star female player Ruby Nicholas, fresh off her debut with the Australian 7s team, where she shared insights and experiences from her journey. The evening concluded with an informal networking session, allowing sponsors to mingle, connect with one another, and discuss their businesses in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Annual Lunch – Kirribilli Club

Our Annual Lunch took place at the Kirribilli Club on 24th May 2024, bringing together over 200 sponsors, players, volunteers, and guests for a fantastic afternoon. The room was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and plenty of memorable moments. Numerous heartfelt and engaging speeches were delivered, highlighting the club's achievements and future goals, while fostering a strong sense of unity and optimism among all attendees.





2024 Events (cont)

Presentation Night – Aerial UTS Function Centre

On 7th September 2024, Gordon Rugby Club held its highly anticipated Presentation Night, an event that brought together over 200 enthusiastic guests. The evening celebrated the outstanding achievements of the club's players, teams, and staff during a tremendously successful 2024 season. Guests enjoyed the vibrant atmosphere as all the deserving award winners were recognised for their dedication, effort, and contributions to an unforgettable year for the club.

Ladies Day – Chatswood Oval

Gordon Rugby Club hosted our Ladies Day on Saturday, 25th May 2024, during the highly anticipated match against Southern Districts. The event was a resounding success, drawing a lively crowd with 150 tickets sold just for the Ladies Day function. The day featured a vibrant atmosphere, fantastic on-field performances, and a visually stunning setup that delighted attendees. Following the matches, players and supporters came together to celebrate, with festivities at Chatswood Oval continuing into the evening, wrapping up around 8 PM. Ladies Day proved to be a highlight of the season, showcasing the spirit and camaraderie of the Gordon Rugby community.





Volunteers

Clubs are built on their communities, and without the tireless work of volunteers, Gordon Rugby Club simply would not exist. These dedicated individuals are the backbone of our club, showing up every week no matter the conditions. A perfect example is seeing them hard at work setting up Chatswood Oval as early as 6 a.m. on a Saturday.

As General Manager of Gordon Rugby, it has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside our incredible volunteers across various roles, including ground setup, event coordination, and even launching our brand-new website (special thanks to Smithy!). Your outstanding contributions do not go unnoticed, and on behalf of the members and players of Gordon Rugby, I extend my heartfelt thanks for all your effort and dedication.

Volunteers often work behind the scenes, with their efforts going unacknowledged. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight and recognise their invaluable contributions, which make everything we do possible.

- Timothy Carroll - Ground Announcer / Game Day Support
- Dick Huey - Time Keeper
- Craig Smith - Newsletter / Merchandise / Website / Game Day Support
- David Beezer - Assistant Referee / Licensee
- Skye Cooper – Events
- Bec Mitchell - Events
- Peter Sherwood - Friends of Gordon Foundation / Newsletter
- Graeme Hearl - Friends of Gordon Foundation





Volunteers (cont)

- **Tim Wedlock - Insurance**
- **Ben Ledwidge - Bookkeeper**
- **James Bruce - Bagpipes**
- **Andrew Heaven – Women’s Program**
- **Matt Glascott – President**
- **William Cheadle – Treasurer**
- **Meredith Holt – Board Member**
- **Sven Graham – Colts Program / Grants**
- **Andrew Hutton - Sponsorship**
- **Ben Slocombe - Sponsorship**
- **Jeremy Betts – Sponsorship**
- **Tony Dempsey – Legal**
- **Brittany Mitchell – Newsletter**
- **Matt Kelly – Newsletter**
- **Toby Parr – Game Day Support**
- **Michael Spalding – Club Mentor**
- **Chris Cooper – Club Mentor**
- **Andrew Quinn - Photographer / Club Records**
- **Tim Vincent – Video / Archives**
- **Liz Swinburn – Doctor Services**

Club coaches, managers and players volunteer their time as well, I am sorry that I cannot highlight everyone, I do apologise for everyone that I have missed.





Friends of Gordon Foundation Report

GRAEME HEARL –CHAIR “FRIENDS OF GORDON FOUNDATION” ACN 24 652 665 506

Patron

Stephen Cutler

Board Members

Graeme Hearl (Chair), Peter Sherwood (Secretary), Tim Wedlock (GRFC Board Representative), Chris Cooper, Andrew Lennon, Peter Bull (elected 2024)

Honorary Accountant/ Auditor

Peter Bull CPA

The Friends of Gordon Foundation Ltd was formed in October 2021 having amalgamated the Friends of Gordon and the Gordon Rugby Foundation into a separate company operating under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd.

- The assets of the Friends of Gordon Foundation Ltd are kept separate from those of the Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd.
- The decision as to the expenditure of the donations is made independently by the Board of the Friends of Gordon Foundation Ltd
- All Friends of Gordon Foundation donors are welcome to review the financial records, attend any Board meetings or provide any input or suggestions for future projects or fundraising activities.

The Friends of Gordon Foundation Ltd ACN 24 652 665 506 (the “Foundation”) is established as a fundraising partner of the Australian Sports Foundation (“ASF”).





Friends of Gordon Foundation Report

The Foundation is registered with and conducted under the charter of the ASF. The ASF was established by the Australian Government to raise funds through public and corporate donations for the development of sport in Australia. The ASF's listing in the Income Tax Assessment Act (1977) means donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Registration with the ASF allows donations to the ASF in support of the Foundation to attract tax deduction.

Financial Performance

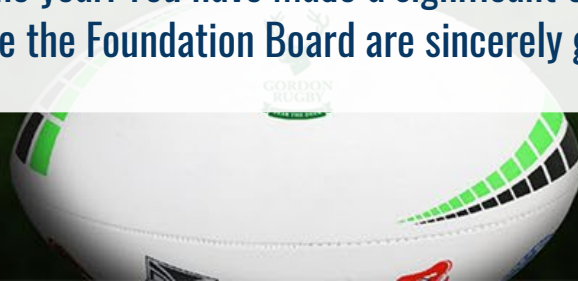
The Foundation raised \$ 134,894 in the financial year 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024.

The Foundation paid Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd Grants totalling \$67,447.47 under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding under the following categories.

- **Sporting Equipment** - \$ 2,260.00
- **Facilities and Ground Upgrade** – \$ 8,442.46
- **Participation and Development Programs** – \$ 4,042.50
- **Athlete and Welfare Support** - \$50,602.51
- **Travel Costs** - \$ 2,100

In addition, the Foundation made an advance payment of \$ 4,500 on behalf of the Gordon Rugby Football Club to the Trumper Pavilion Centenary Celebrations held on 2 November 2024. This payment was funded outside of the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding with Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd.

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges all 110 donors for your generosity and support throughout the year. You have made a significant commitment to Gordon Rugby and for this, we the Foundation Board are sincerely grateful.





Friends of Gordon Foundation Report

As of 31 October 2024, we held \$ 61,410.00 in the Friends of Gordon Foundation current year Bank account of which \$ 53,000 was transferred into our long term future fund account adding to the existing balance of \$147,504.36, for a balance of \$ 200,628.12.

The Friends of Gordon Foundation has a combined total of \$209,038.12 in both accounts

In the period 2012 to 2024, the combined efforts of the old Gordon Rugby Foundation (2016 to 2021), The Friends of Gordon (2012-2021) and the Friends of Gordon Foundation Ltd (2021 to now) have raised \$ 845,459 in support of Gordon rugby, made up as follows.

- Gordon Rugby Club Foundation \$ 142,409
- Friends of Gordon \$ 326,000
- Friends of Gordon Foundation Ltd \$ 377,050

The Friends of Gordon Foundation Ltd has met all its obligations for attesting expenditure to the Australian Sports Foundation in accordance with their guidelines, as well as fulfilling all ASIC regulatory reporting.

2024 John Fordham (FOGF) Player of the Year Award

The John Fordham (FOGF) Player of the Year recognises the Player who best epitomises what John and Gordon stand for, not necessarily the best player. It is about contribution and commitment on and off the field.

This prestigious award is voted on by the members of the Friends of Gordon and recognises the player as an outstanding Gordon person, on and off the field. The award is open to all players, Grade, Colts and Women's.





Friends of Gordon Foundation Report

This year the award went to Brandon Quinn. Brandon was presented with his trophy at the recent Gordon Rugby Presentation Night. In addition to his trophy Brandon will have his 2025 Player registration paid for by the Friends of Gordon.

On behalf of the Foundation and in the true spirit of John's enduring memory, we congratulate Brandon on his recognition.

Previous winners include Jordy Goddard, Erik Moss, Toby Parr, James Lough/ Hugh Cropley, Tom Silk, Will Bremner and Clara Finegan, and Milan Basson

2024 Friends of Gordon Foundation 1st Grade Dinner

Our Annual Friends of Gordon 1st Grade Dinner held at Cromer Golf Club was arguably our most successful since we began them in 2012. We were very honoured to have NRL Great Steve Menzies as our Guest Speaker, and to have a panel of Premiership winning leaders.

Annual Friends of Gordon/ Friends of Warringah Day

The Friends of Gordon enjoyed a terrific afternoon at Pittwater Park as guests of The Friends of Warringah in June. Our annual event has now been a permanent fixture on the season calendar for 11 years.

Friends of Gordon Foundation Match Day Barbeque

A number FOGF's manned the Club Barbeques for the Gordon vs Randwick clash in May and the Gordon Vs Norths local derby clash in August. Firing up at around 9:30am and working through to 4:30pm, the team cooked up a storm of bacon, eggs, sausages and meat patties, along the way providing appropriate commentary and support to any passer by remotely interested in what we might have to say.





Friends of Gordon Foundation Report

Friends of Gordon Foundation Appreciation Day

Our final activity for the year was the Friends of Gordon Foundation Appreciation Day held on 10 August at Chatswood Oval. I am pleased to report we had 19 attend and enjoy a terrific afternoon of club rugby against our long term rivals, Western Sydney Two Blues. The day gave the Board of the Friends of Gordon Foundation and Gordon Rugby President Matt Glascott an opportunity to directly thank donors for their generosity and support of the Friends of Gordon Foundation.

Match Days Under FOGF Marquee

Match days were well attended at our FOGF Marquee throughout the season. Always a constant source of knowledge and good humour on the state of the match. Could not think of a better place spend watching your rugby on a Saturday afternoon.

Graeme Hearl

Chair





Premiership Tables

2024 SEASON / 1ST GRADE - SHUTE SHIELD

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Easts	18	14	0	4	615	444	171	17	68
Warringah	18	13	1	4	561	409	152	13	67
Randwick	18	13	0	5	631	368	263	14	66
Gordon	18	13	0	5	511	367	144	16	66
Norths	18	11	1	6	568	401	167	17	63
Manly	18	12	0	6	482	445	37	14	62
Sydney Uni	18	7	0	11	531	475	56	18	46
Two Blues	18	7	0	11	543	602	-59	14	42
Eastwood	18	6	0	12	411	513	-102	12	36
Wildfires	18	5	0	13	373	643	-270	9	29
Souths	18	3	0	15	363	704	-341	11	23
West Harbour	18	3	0	15	397	615	-218	9	21





Premiership Tables (cont)

2024 SEASON / 2ND GRADE - COLIN CAIRD SHIELD

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Easts	18	15	0	3	630	351	279	16	76
Randwick	18	12	2	4	655	368	287	17	69
Sydney Uni	18	12	1	5	592	427	165	16	66
Gordon	18	12	1	5	576	362	214	13	63
Norths	18	11	1	6	576	408	168	13	59
Manly	18	10	0	8	553	404	149	17	57
Eastwood	18	8	1	9	497	453	44	19	53
Warringah	18	9	0	9	518	449	69	16	52
West Harbour	18	9	0	9	509	476	33	16	52
Wildfires	18	4	1	13	277	714	-437	5	23
Souths	18	2	0	16	375	748	-373	9	17
Two Blues	18	0	1	17	277	875	-598	5	7





Premiership Tables (cont)

2024 SEASON / 3RD GRADE - HENDERSON SHIELD

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Easts	17	16	0	1	750	162	588	16	80
Randwick	17	15	0	2	615	224	391	13	73
Manly	17	11	0	6	517	353	164	16	60
Gordon	17	11	0	6	460	356	104	13	57
Norths	17	10	0	7	454	365	89	12	52
Warringah	17	10	0	7	430	337	93	9	49
Sydney Uni	17	9	0	8	430	333	97	13	49
Eastwood	17	7	0	10	337	450	-113	7	35
West Harbour	17	5	0	12	303	473	-170	10	30
Souths	17	2	0	15	195	645	-450	4	12
Two Blues	17	1	0	16	166	763	-597	2	6





Premiership Tables (cont)

2024 SEASON / 4TH GRADE - HENDERSON SHIELD

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Easts	14	14	0	0	526	86	440	11	67
Norths	14	11	0	3	394	178	216	12	56
Warringah	14	10	0	4	327	182	145	10	50
Gordon	14	10	0	4	360	204	156	6	46
Sydney Uni	14	7	1	6	310	372	-62	8	38
Manly	14	7	0	7	281	234	47	10	38
Randwick	14	7	0	7	322	202	120	8	36
West Harbour	14	2	1	11	152	515	-363	2	12
Eastwood	14	1	0	13	91	398	-307	4	-2





Premiership Tables (cont)

2024 Season / 1ST COLTS - W. MCMAHON SHIELD

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Easts	18	17	0	1	758	245	513	16	84
Sydney Uni	18	14	0	4	830	371	459	18	74
Gordon	18	14	0	4	566	274	292	17	73
Randwick	18	12	0	6	631	452	179	15	63
Warringah	18	11	0	7	548	360	188	14	58
Manly	18	11	0	7	486	369	117	11	55
Souths	18	10	0	8	452	378	74	10	50
Norths	18	7	0	11	445	541	-96	12	40
Eastwood	18	7	0	11	438	566	-128	12	40
West Harbour	18	3	0	15	348	711	-363	9	21
Wildfires	18	2	0	16	209	940	-731	2	10
Two Blues	18	0	0	18	0	504	-504	1	0





Premiership Tables (cont)

2024 SEASON / 2ND COLTS - SHELL TROPHY

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Sydney Uni	18	16	0	2	663	269	394	16	80
Gordon	18	15	0	3	648	249	399	14	74
Randwick	18	14	0	4	596	362	234	15	71
Easts	18	12	0	6	539	322	217	14	62
Eastwood	18	10	1	7	571	364	207	16	58
Warringah	18	11	1	6	441	246	195	11	57
Manly	18	10	0	8	467	316	151	13	53
Souths	18	7	0	11	283	437	-154	3	31
Wildfires	18	5	0	13	312	454	-142	6	26
Norths	18	5	0	13	250	729	-479	5	25
West Harbour	18	2	0	16	255	633	-378	10	18
Two Blues	18	0	0	18	137	781	-644	2	2





Premiership Tables (cont)

2024 SEASON / 3RD COLTS - BILL SIMPSON SHIELD

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Easts	15	13	0	2	447	181	266	13	65
Sydney Uni	15	11	2	2	392	196	196	10	58
Gordon	15	10	2	3	332	172	160	8	52
Souths	15	10	1	4	256	141	115	8	50
Warringah	15	8	2	5	348	236	112	7	43
Manly	15	8	1	6	334	216	118	9	43
Eastwood	15	6	0	9	292	302	-10	7	31
Randwick	15	5	0	10	208	266	-58	7	27
Norths	15	2	1	12	184	572	-388	4	14
West Harbour	15	2	1	12	142	373	-231	3	13





Premiership Tables (cont)

2024 SEASON / WOMEN'S XV – DIVISION 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Campbelltown Harlequins	14	7	0	7	305	254	51	8	36
Gordon	14	5	1	8	192	425	-233	5	27
Two Blues	14	3	0	11	218	418	-200	6	18
West's	14	2	1	11	160	375	-215	4	14
Raptors	14	2	2	10	116	350	-234	4	12





Premiership Tables (cont)

2024 SEASON

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – GREGOR GEORGE CUP

Club	Points
Eastern Suburbs	3111
Gordon Rugby Football Club	2755
Randwick Rugby Union Football Club	2731
Warringah Rugby Union Football Club	2478
Sydney University Rugby Union Football Club	2457
Manly Rugby Union Football Club	2428
Northern Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club	2213
Eastwood District Rugby Union Football Club	1667
West Harbour Rugby Union Football Club	1141
Southern Districts Rugby Union Football Club	1065
Hunter Wildfires	783
Western Sydney Two Blues Rugby Union Football Club	730





2024 1ST GRADE TEAM PHOTO



Back Row (Left to Right) - Jay Fonokalafi, Sosaia Moala, Ben Pollack, Presley Tufuga, Tom Horan, Joey Walton, Oliver Arcus, Joe Snow

2nd Row (Left to Right) - Liam Winton (Coach), Gabi Jackson (Physio) Lachlan MacKinnon (S&C), Ben Kafer, Oliver Hannan, Will Kaye, Tristan Fuli, Hugh Margin, Jack Margin, John Akau'ola-Laula, Nathaniel Panozzo, Harry Emery, Patrick Pellegrini, Reg Jager (Coach), Greg Easy (Manager)

Front Row (Left to Right) - Thomas Maka, Liam Usher, Milan Basson, Harry Fehily (Coach), Conrad Cade, Brandon Quinn, James Armstrong





2024 2ND GRADE TEAM PHOTO



Back Row (Left to Right) - Ben Holman, Cameron Wood, Alex Humfrey, Siketi Tevao

2nd Row (Left to Right) - Jordan Goddard (Coach), Alex Nettleton, Cam Lewis, Dom Easy, Barrie Karea, Tom Price, Harry Holland, Andrew Quinn (Manager), Mick Adams (Coach)

Front Row (Left to Right) - Ben Fitzgerald, Oscar Moran, Cass Clinton, Will Bremner, Sam Babb, Mike Pavlakis





2024 3RD GRADE TEAM PHOTO



Back Row (Left to Right) - Charlie Beckett, Lachlan Liney, Max Heathman, Sam Tapner, Angus Strong, Rob Lacinski, Nathan Kelly, Finn Spalding, Gus Spence, Zac Davidson, Will Maffey, Spencer Spalding, Craig Smith (Manager)

Front Row (Left to Right) - Chris Cooper (Coach), Gregor Dingley, Fredrick Ralulu, Harrison Ferry, Charlie Weber, Nick Tracy (c), Tom Glascott, Will McLennan, Hunta Campbell, Will Kablau, Ethan Olling, Jacklin Andrews, Rocky Naati, Ryan Oakes (Coach)





2024 4TH GRADE TEAM PHOTO



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Front Row (Left to Right) - Toby Parr (coach), Angus Busted, Matt Noble, Harrison Ferry, Oliver Iles Mann, Will Glascott (c), Thomas Arrand, Angus Margin, Will Kablau, Ethan Olling, Gregor Dingley, Aidan McDonagh, Stephen Maffey (manager)





2024 1ST COLTS TEAM PHOTO



Back Row (Left to Right) - Chris Noble (Head of Mentoring), Hunter Nicholas (Assistant Coach), Nick Lamming, Ben Playford, Angus Gill, Will Turner, Archie McGurk, Tunui Jorgensen, Henry Basten

2nd Row (Left to Right) - Brandon Egan-Walters (Physiotherapist), Josh Mitchell (Colts Director), Jay Ingleton, Will McKinnon, Harry Darling, Will Stanley, Aden Ekanayake, Charlie Foster, Oli Aylmer, Bailey Perkins, Will Hopper, Joel Rivers (Head Coach), Gabe Read, Sam Richardson (Strength and Conditioning), Alan Jenkins (Manager)

Front Row (Left to Right) - Dan Healy, Oli Burton, Oscar Macdonald, Della Paita, Angus Paterson, Joe Hutton, Declan Mackey, Joe Yoshida, Finn Graham, Manus Bailey





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2nd Row (Left to Right) - George Fifita (Co-Head Coach), Brandon Egan-Walters (Physiotherapist), Mitch Hyslop, Cormac Kelly, Cole Van De Water, Atticus Heaven, Harrison Hill, Joff Burney, Joe Yoshida, Steve Turner (Co-Head Coach), Josh Mitchell (Colts Director), Sam Richardson (Strength and Conditioning)

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2024 3RD COLTS TEAM PHOTO



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2nd Row (Left to Right) - Josh Mitchell (Colts Director), Llewyn Bourke, Zac McNeil, Cormac Kelly, Hugo Brown, Johnny Fourie, Jake Fulton, Angus McConnell, Kurtis Pux, Curtis Mcleod, Jake Bertram, James Bathgate, Sam Macdonald (Co-Head Coach) Paddy Lennon, Sam Richardson (Strength and Conditioning), Darren Beasley (Co-Head Coach)

Front Row (Left to Right) - Chris Noble (Head of Mentoring), Oscar Cresswell, Charlie Bennett, Jeremy Siow, Lachlan Murray, Charlie Burt, Will Pavely, Andrew Lai, Will Douglas, Max Wood, Robbie Hunt





2024 WOMENS 7s DIV 1 TEAM PHOTO



Back Row (Left to Right) - Jade Perret (S&C), James Tucker(Coach), Edie Burke, Annabel Macdonald, Damita Betham, Jesse Southwell, Tess Orton, Annie Craig, Charlie Aylmer (Coach) Emma Vandervelde

Front Row (Left to Right) - Ruby Nicholas, Caitlin Stanley, Sammi McCormick, Steph Kelleway, Piper Simons, Milla Elaro, Anaia Cruickshank





2024 WOMENS 7s DIV 2 TEAM PHOTO



Back Row (Left to Right) - Callie Morris, Scarlett Smith, Susie Coady, Emily Winslade, Prue Smith, Kylie Sakiyama, Lilybelle Sullivan, Mackenzie Cooper, Waisale Qalulu (Coach)

Front Row (Left to Right) - Annie Craig, Minna Annand, Lyara Jay





2024 WOMENS 7s DIV 3 TEAM PHOTO



Back Row (Left to Right) - Renee Crofts, Alice Taylor, Becky Klimeck, Abbey Larkings, Lucy Weber, Susie Coady, Lily Graham, Jordan Williams (Coach)

Front Row (Left to Right) - Stacey Erkes, Paige Bloch, Lyara Jay, Lillybelle Sullivan, Lola Harvison





2024 WOMENS XV's TEAM PHOTO



Back Row (Left to Right) – Ivan Chan (Coach), Aoibhin Stone, Vilimaina Kagi, Mercedes Davis, Caitlin Stanley, Callie Morris, Ariel Ngatokorua, Kylie Sakiyama, Sarah Riodran, Paul Lee (Physio)

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Front Row (Left to Right) – Annabel Macdonald, Suzi Coady, Violet Hancock, Leilani Taufa, Sydney Davis, Minna Annand, Lyara Jay, Abby McDonald, Steph Kelleway, Sienna Davis





SEASON 2025 DRAW

 <p>2025 DRAW</p> 	<p>ROUND 01</p>  <p>SAT, 5TH APRIL 2025 (A)</p>	<p>ROUND 02</p>  <p>SAT, 12TH APRIL 2025 (H)</p>	<p>ROUND 03</p>  <p>SAT, 19TH APRIL 2025 (H)</p>	<p>ROUND 04</p>  <p>SAT, 26TH APRIL 2025 (A)</p>
	<p>ROUND 05</p>  <p>SAT, 3RD MAY 2025 (H)</p>	<p>ROUND 06</p>  <p>SAT, 10TH MAY 2025 (H)</p>	<p>ROUND 07</p>  <p>SAT, 17TH MAY 2025 (A)</p>	<p>ROUND 08</p>  <p>SAT, 24TH MAY 2025 (H)</p>
	<p>ROUND 09</p>  <p>SAT, 31ST MAY 2025 (A)</p>	<p>ROUND 10</p>  <p>SAT, 14TH JUNE 2025 (A)</p>	<p>ROUND 11</p>  <p>SAT, 21ST JUNE 2025 (H)</p>	<p>ROUND 12</p>  <p>SAT, 28TH JUNE 2025 (A)</p>
	<p>ROUND 13</p>  <p>SAT, 5TH JULY 2025 (A)</p>	<p>ROUND 14</p>  <p>SAT, 12TH JULY 2025 (H)</p>	<p>ROUND 15</p>  <p>SAT, 19TH JULY 2025 (A)</p>	<p>ROUND 16</p>  <p>SAT, 26TH JULY 2025 (A)</p>
	<p>ROUND 17</p>  <p>SAT, 2ND AUG 2025 (H)</p>	<p>ROUND 18</p>  <p>SAT, 9TH AUG 2025 (H)</p>	<p>FINALS WEEK 1 SAT, 16TH AUG 2025</p>	
			<p>FINALS WEEK 2 SAT, 23RD AUG 2025</p>	
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