

1997

65th Annual Report and financial statements

GPS RUGBY



The Gallopers

The GPS Club exists to promote and foster excellence and enjoyment in the "running game" of Rugby football

And, in so doing, assist the progress of members along the broader pathway of life.

In pursuit of the mission, we will actively promote the following values: developing the whole person, respecting the individual, upholding the standards of a responsible community organisation and catering for the needs of players at all levels.

GPS Mission Statement

1997 OFFICE BEARERS

- Patron:** Ron Park ✓
- President:** Robin Thomson ✓
- Senior Vice President:** Tony Roberts
- Junior Vice President:** Brogan Melit
- Honorary Treasurer:** Will Colwell B.Com. ACA ✓
- Honorary Secretary:** Patricia Reid ✓
- Management Committee:** The President, Senior Vice-President
Junior Vice-President, Treasurer
Secretary, Paul McGahan, Trevor Betts, Anthony Ott,
Mike Thies
- General Manager:** Rod Torkington
- Club Coaches:** 1st Grade: Barry Honan/Damien Frawley
2nd Grade: Mick Arnold/David Scott ✓
3rd Grade: Anthony Ott ✓
4th Grade: Graham Brand ✓
Women: Phil Langley ✓
Colts I: Stephen Meehan ✓
Colts II: Brogan Melit ✓
Colts III(A): Ray Moore ✓
Colts III(B): Trevor Jesser ✓
- Club Selector:** George Bickerstaff ✓
- Club Captain:** Mark Murray
- Life Members:** C.J. Kaus, R.A. Nicol, K. Percy, M.R. Williams, G.C. Jones, G.R. Horsley,
I.R. Colquhoun, A. Flynn, R.J. Park, R.S. Roberts, D.J.A. Clark, R.J.
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A. Taylor
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Boucher, G. Rylance, R.A. Bernays, Dr C.J. Osborne R. Mortimer, E.A.
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- QRU Office Bearers:** QRU Vice President: R. Thomson
Delegates: W. Bligh, P. McGahan
- Auditor:** J. Amos

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am pleased to note that the ladies team management has expressed the view that GPS together with University are two Clubs that pay more than lip service to ladies rugby. We hope to see more ladies in 1998 and greater success.

My thanks to all coaches and managers who gave freely of their time in 1997. It was not a great year for results, however I can assure continuing and incoming coaches and players that considerable forward planning has gone into 1998 and we will expect a much stronger and more successful Club.

I thank all those who worked on the Committee.

Anthony Ott not only coached Third Grade but served on the Committee and organised the GPS Corporate Breakfasts in the new extension of Tattersalls Club, which breakfast were extremely well attended and very successful.

Tony Roberts joined the Committee this year. Tony is a person of great ideas and lateral thinking. I believe after being out of Club involvement for some years, his Committee experience was a learning one but am hopeful that Tony will give of his services to the Committee next year so that we can avail ourselves of his ideas and ability.

Mick Thies revamped merchandising in '97 and with his forward planning we will see even further improvements in '98.

Pat Reid came on as Club Secretary and whilst I am sure she at times found certain members of the Committee, in particular yours truly, pains in the rotunda, Pat persevered. Pat and the indefatigable Margaret Taylor were largely responsible for the successful collection of fees for '98. We have been very fortunate over the past several years in having had ladies who were prepared to give of their time on a Tuesday and Thursday night to collect fees.

In 1998 we will not be putting the onus on these ladies to collect subscriptions. Any player who has not paid his or her subscriptions at the due date simply will not play until those subscriptions are paid.

Trevor Betts and the entire Betts family did a fabulous job this year and I thank them wholeheartedly on behalf of the Committee and Club. Even a heart attack didn't stop Trevor giving up his time and energy to the Club. Without his family, the canteen and food services would not have worked properly. Contrite to say but if the Club had half a dozen Trevor Betts, our success would be assured.

A group who assisted the Club this year resulted from the Colts tour to Ireland at the end of 1996. We had some 15 or 20 visitors from Ireland who participated at Colts and Senior level. A great bunch of fellows who really understood the meaning of rugby on and off the field. We hope to have many more visitors of this kind.

During the year we had some events which were not as successful as we would have hoped. The 'Black Tie Dinner' which in the past has been a great success ran into timing and planning problems. It was re-scheduled as a 'Black Tie Luncheon' at the end of the season and proved reasonably successful.

Our Golf Day was not as successful as in the past. This year we determined to have the Golf Day run by outside sources rather than relying upon Club members as in the past. This was not a successful experiment and in '98 people associated with the Club will run the Golf Day.

We have begun planning for 1998 at this time and over the next several weeks the outgoing and incoming Committee will be having a number of meetings to map out the social functions, fundraising functions and finances of the Club for 1998. In the past we have started our year in January,

February or March and have always been running behind time. This year come January we will have all these functions and promotions in place and we will have sub-Committees charged with organising these events. In some instances, e.g. the GPS Club Ball, it may well be a responsibility of players to organise the event.

We feel that this is a Club which belongs to all its members and as such all members, players, supporters and such like should have ownership. We believe to achieve ownership, the partners need hands on involvement.

Last year I mentioned insurance. Once again I would draw to all members' attention that the ARU Compulsory Insurance Scheme only covers extremely serious injuries. We will in '98 be continuing to take out independent policies which will cover players for less serious injuries. These two lots of insurance will not, however, cover players for all expenses or loss of employment. We strongly urge all players to have in place their own private insurance and private medical benefit cover.

As you will see from the Treasurer's Report the Club's finances this year were considerably less robust than in the previous few years. Doubtless the Treasurer will explain certain reasons for this. What I urge all Club members to do however, is to support the Club. You may not be able to support financially but you may be able to support with your time or with your knowledge or skills. You may be able to direct the Committee or General Managers to persons who will be able to assist with sponsorship, employment and such like. Please do not be shy; do not hide your light under a bushel. We would love to hear from you.

Ashgrove-GPS and Albany Creek-GPS Juniors

Once again, congratulations are due to the Ashgrove-GPS Juniors who had a successful year albeit not quite as successful as the previous year in terms of results. However, in terms of numbers they are the second largest junior rugby Club in Australia, which is a marvellous achievement. Our new club at Albany Creek more than doubled its numbers in its second year. Paul McGahan has been instrumental this year together with Rod Torkington in promoting the Albany Creek-GPS Juniors. A local committee is in place, however the senior Club continues very much in a hands on way to develop rugby in this area. We believe with all the senior Clubs with the exception of Gold Coast and to a lesser extent Sunnybank, fairly centrally located in Brisbane, there is an obligation on the administrators to look to the development of rugby in the outer areas of Brisbane. We are disappointed the QRU has not taken up the challenges as actively as we would have hoped. We believe with careful nurturing, Albany Creek-GPS will grow into a major junior club and a valuable adjunct to the senior club.

We congratulate the Pine Rivers Shire Council on their foresight in developing the Sporting Complex at Albany Creek. Their assistance has been in marked contrast to that of the Brisbane City Council, at least at the political level. Pine Rivers realises that the sporting facilities provided by voluntary clubs are the best and most economical way local government can provide recreational opportunities for youth today. Such facilities do not involve the building of monuments to politicians as often seems to be the case in Brisbane. Facilities created by the local community, supported by their local council engender a sense of ownership rather than estrangement. Would that the Brisbane City Council followed the Pine Rivers lead, rather than continuing to impose greater and greater financial imposts upon sporting clubs under the camouflage of environment and community development.

It behoves the senior club to work closely with our junior clubs in establishing a GPS Rugby Club identity and culture. To this end and with the encouragement of our major sponsor Maxims Chrysler Jeep, we will be proposing to the juniors that we assist during the year with a number of coaching seminars. In this regard, our senior coaches and Barry Honan have indicated they will happily give of their time to develop the coaching knowledge of the junior clubs.

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Your senior Committee will also be meeting with the Ashgrove-GPS Junior Club Committee on a formal and informal basis in order that a greater understanding can be achieved between the two entities who share the Ashgrove facility, with a view to strengthening the bond of rugby. Bevan Whip has stood down as President of Ashgrove-GPS and I would like to thank Bevan for the marvellous co-operation and liaison he has provided between the senior and junior Club. We wish him well and look forward to a continued relationship at whatever level of involvement Bevan should choose.

Congratulations to incoming Ashgrove-GPS Junior President Jim Barden. We look forward to getting to know Jim and doubtless he will reciprocate on that feeling.

Sponsorship

Maxims Chrysler Jeep was our major sponsor for 1997 and I am pleased to be able to say they will again be our major sponsor for 1998. Maxims, with Gary Banks have been marvellous supporters since they first came on board and it is pleasing to note that the Club, through its members and contacts, has in turn supported Maxims.

Peter Quinn from The Gap Tavern will also be on board in 1998, continuing this long term sponsorship which is of benefit to both parties.

XXXX continues its support, and this year the Bank of Queensland has come to the forefront as a major sponsor of Queensland Rugby and the major sponsor supporting the Clubs in the form of moneys directed towards General Managers. Our thanks to Ian Whittle for additional assistance which has come to us from the Bank of Queensland.

Don McGregor and Blair Bamhill at Naturform and Tony Mee at Brisbane Ice Sales have also assisted with sponsorship this year.

Unfortunately, the best and fairest sponsor scheme was not as successful under a new format as had been hoped. This has resulted in a revamping of this sponsorship avenue and I have no doubt the Best and Fairest Sponsorship will be successful in '98, however it will require time and effort which I am pleased to note Rod Torkington is undertaking at this time. Please remember, if you are asked to be involved in sponsorship, the Club is expected to reciprocate and the Committee will do all possible to ensure that the Club's obligation under any sponsorship is met. Sponsorship moneys are not wasted. They are not spent on Committee revelry but directed wholly and solely towards the development of rugby and maintenance of your Club.

Valley District Cricket Club

Congratulations to Valleys on their centenary and their success in the '96-'97 season. We wish them well in the current season and I am sure our ongoing good working relationship will continue.

General Manager

Rod Torkington took on the General Manager role this year after a number of years as a most able senior Vice-President. I believe the Committee or Rod did not properly appreciate the requirements of the position and both parties have had to embark upon a very steep learning curve. Rod has provided to a Review Committee a report of his year for 1997 and a business and structure plan for 1998. This will be dealt with by the Review Committee and the incoming Committee and Rod will for 1998, unlike 1997, have a structure in place together with clear strategic goals for sponsorship, finance and such like, in addition to taking over the role of Football Manager.

We do not envisage Rod doing all the work but being the liaison and communication centre between various sub-committees of which he will be a member, which sub-committees will carry out the various strategic tasks.

Medical

It would be remiss of me not to mention the outstanding work carried out by our doctor Phil Manfield and physio Geoff Clark.

What was disappointing to me was that during the year Phil had occasion to address the players and draw to their attention, on behalf of himself and Geoff, that the vast majority of the work carried out by both of them at the Club was on a voluntary basis and as such players should respect their commitment and not take their efforts for granted. Hopefully the players' appreciation of this will improve and both Phil and Geoff will continue to give of their time and efforts for the benefit of your Club.

QRU

During 1996 the Queensland Rugby Union embarked upon a strategic planning process which at the outset paid only lip service to involving the Clubs. However, after several meetings with Club Presidents and other Club personnel, it became clear to the QRU that the Clubs had opinions of their own, which opinions were worth listening to. Aply, the strategic planning process is now actively involving the Clubs and insofar as the process has evolved, many ideas put by the Clubs have been incorporated into the developing strategic plan.

The QRU is of course hamstrung to a certain extent by virtue of the fact that the ARU controls the lion's share of finances. Nevertheless, even at ARU level, it appears that recognition has come belatedly with regard to the importance of the Club structure for the continuing success of rugby in Australia. You cannot have a strong Queensland side unless you have a strong base to draw upon. Creating an artificial base with various intermediate level teams drawn from the Clubs developing players and such like will not suffice. This will only work to weaken the existing Clubs which make up over 95% of the playing material available.

If the hierarchy removes the Clubs from the development pathway of rugby, then many players will be lost. The effect of simply picking the best players when they leave school and putting them into elite squads means that many late developing players will never come to rugby. On the other hand, if those players are encouraged to come into Under 18 and Colts at Club level and the elite players allowed to remain with Clubs and yet be developed in partnership with the QRU, the Clubs will increase their strength and numbers. In this way, we believe lies the path to success for Queensland rugby.

We are happy to note, like all good ideas, it has taken time but the QRU seems to be generally on the same wavelength in regard to this matter as the Clubs.

I look forward in 1998 to the success of our recruitment and retention and successful implementation of our forward planning for the 1998 year. This combined with the additional input from the QRU via its own strategic planning in conjunction with the Clubs will assure our Club of success on and off the field in the coming years.

My best wishes to all players, members, supporters and families for the 1998 year and season.

We look forward to your continued support.

Robin Thomson
President

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GPS 1st Grade Report

1997 was never going to be an easy year for the GPS First Grade team and its coaching staff. The understandable let-down after the huge effort preparing for and winning the 1997 Premiership was always going to be a factor for those involved. The psychological effect of seeing great players and GPS club men like Roger Leeson, Mepi Faoagali, Wasi Batibasaga, Jason Reilly, Nathan Williams, Andrew Coombe and Ryan Craig leave the club was evident from the outset. The disappointment in knowing that increased representative commitments and the growing lack of support from the game's administrators for the likes of Tune, Herbert, Murray, Knapp, Constable and the Cockbains to play club rugby added to the concern.

Serious injuries to Scott Maclean, Michael Flanagan, Bill Hammond, David Packer, Jay Cusack, Ben Lister, Mark Dunsdon, Daniel Breen, Andrew McGruther, etc. put further strain on the Club's already limited first grade player resources.

Almost a whole new team had to be formed. New players to first grade firstly had to experience what it was like playing at that level and then, if good enough, make the necessary adjustment to their commitment, effort and focus to cement a place in the side. The '96 first grade players who were available at the start of the XXXX Premiership (Mark Murray, Trent Fomo, Brent Cockbain and Brendan Dwyer) had a huge task of mentally coming to grips with the fact that the team that was so dominant and "together" the previous year was now gone and that it was up to them to lead the way like they had never done before. Before they could do this they first had to adjust to the personalities of two new coaches, to a different emphasis on the style of play and to a coaching approach which required less regimentation, more individuality but no less commitment and discipline. After numerous heartaches by all concerned and after nearly half of the very long 32 week season had been completed the First Grade side came of age and began playing rugby that was enjoyed by both the players and those loyal spectators who remained.

1997 could easily have been a disaster for the First Grade side but it was far from that. If one believes the old adage that "all is well that ends well" then the season was a highly successful one indeed and the spirit that existed in the team at the end of the season was as high as any I have been associated with. In Round 1 of the XXXX Competition the First Grade were being beaten in almost every aspect of game and the scores reflected the fact.

In the second round the First Grade were winning every aspect of the game but unfortunately the results of some matches failed to reflect that. Here are some facts.

	Points		Tries	
	For	Against	For	Against
Round 1	158	262	22	35
Round 2	248	204	35	24

Souths, Wests, Easts and University made the semi-finals and although narrowly beaten by all of these teams in the second round it is very interesting to look at similar stats from these games.

	Points		Tries		Penalties	
	For	Against	For	Against	To	Against
Souths	18	25	2	2	7	21
Wests	21	25	3	3	10	10
Easts	22	28	3	3	7	16
Uni	22	27	4	3	9	11
Totals	83	105	12	11	33	58

In only one match of the competition were GPS awarded more penalties than the opposition. As much as I would like to lay the blame on the referees in fact I can't. Too much marginal offside play and indiscretions in contact situations were the main reasons for the horrendous and very costly penalty count and one of the major goals in 1998 must be to correct this flaw in the First Grade's game.

Despite the loss of Jason Reilly to Sydney a front row with players like Bill Hammond, Scott Maclean, Christiaan Knapp and Blake Gold to choose from looked very encouraging. A series of minor injuries and lack

of fitness resulted in Blake making 3 appearances in First Grade and only one of these was for a full game. Scott's neck injury prevented him from playing a single competition match and the injury sustained by Christiaan in the last 5 minutes of Queensland's last match against France prevented him from earning even one First Grade cap in 1997. Bill Hammond was injured in the pre-season and retired from rugby. That was the bad news! The good news was that two new kids from the colts, Damien Briais and Daniel Macfarlane, were given their chance and by the season's end both had proved that despite their youth and inexperience they were the equal to any props in the competition and in what must be some sort of a record, Damien and Dan ended up playing in every competition match of 1997. Their second round performances against Souths and Wests in particular were outstanding and both have finished the year excited about starting next season where they left off.

Michael Foxlee played 16 of the 18 matches and his early season lineout throwing weakness was more than anything else responsible for the team struggling in this increasingly important area of the game. Significant improvement had been made to this aspect of Michael's game by the second round and as his match fitness increased so too did the frequency of his damaging bursts and the solid hits everyone at the club knows he is capable of. It is hoped that less pressure from the Fox's work commitments next year will allow him to fulfil his true potential as a first grade footballer.

Trent Fomo was this year's recipient of the John Harris Memorial Trophy for the player who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club. That almost says it all. Trent missed all of the pre-season recovering from an ankle operation and despite the lack of any sort of fitness his influence on every aspect of forward play and particularly on team morale was the catalyst for the subsequent vast improvement in the team. Despite being an excellent number 2 jumper, Trent's physique is undoubtedly more suited to a prop's position and the manner in which he accepted playing lock when he desperately wanted to gain experience up front was greatly appreciated by his coaches and was typical of a man who willingly puts the good of his team and his team mates first. Trent also received the award for First Grade Best Forward. Brent Cockbain has the potential to be one of Australia's outstanding lock forwards but that has now been said for at least 3 years. No player could contribute more to the team than Brent when his attitude was right and he was focussed. The great shame was, and he is well aware of it, that rarely was this the case in 1997. Brent's performance against Souths in the Ballymore match had John Connolly frantically taking notes and his outclassing of Wests' Rob Johnson in the last match of the season only had Damien Frawley and myself pondering what could have been. In those last few games there was a quiet confidence and a higher level of determination in Brent than I had previously seen which makes me believe that 1998 will be the year when the second Cockbain brother makes his mark on Australian Rugby! With the back row now having to remain bound to the scrum until over and the fact that Jeeps needed fast and skilful flankers to take advantage of and cope with the width in our game, Jason Air and Tim Fanning were ideal for the job. Jason returned to Jeeps this year from University and played in all but one competition game. When in form Jason was the best open side flanker in the competition. Only a penchant for going too high in defence and an early season tendency to turn the ball over in the tackle prevented him from giving Trent a real shake for the best forward award. Tim started the season "off the pace". A niggling knee injury and attitude less than ideal prevented him from cementing his place in First Grade. To Tim's credit he got on top of both and he was another who was largely responsible for the teams' resurgence in the second round. Mark Murray is the captain for heaven! At flanker or number 8 Mark is one of the finest back row forwards in the country. His influence on the first grade's performance through his leadership and his energetic and uncompromising style of play is simply invaluable and is recognised by everyone at Jeeps. Had Mark been available for the last match against second placed Wests, it would have taken a lot more than superior goal kicking for the Bulldogs to scrape home with a victory. If Mark Murray were paid for his services and value to the playing side of GPS, the Club would have to hock everything it had and then find some more! When having difficulty finding players for specific backline positions it has always been my policy to pick the most talented players you have and fit them into positions the best way possible. This was certainly the case

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in 1997 when three half backs were chosen in the First grade backline. Brendan Dwyer, last season's scrumhalf showed outstanding skill and elusiveness during the preseason internal touch competition and when things weren't really happening early in the season the gamble was taken to move Brendan into the flyhalf spot. Dougal Maynes was brought into scrumhalf and John Moss, who had been alternating with Brendan at scrumhalf even during matches, settled down into the right wing position from where he finished second to South's Damien McNally as the competition's leading try scorer. Brendan won this year's Best and Fairest award by the biggest margin in the Club and there would not have been any GPS player or supporter who would have disagreed with the decision - such was the outstanding season he had. The fact that Brendan has not received any sort of contract from the QRU and that he was almost ignored by the referees in their awarding of points for the XXXXX Medal is simply a disgrace and makes me wonder if the visual effect of bulging biceps and a boastful pushing of one's ability has more influence on gaining recognition than exceptional on field performances!

Dougal played 9 First Grade games and his brother Campbell 6. Both have an excellent pass, both have a defensive game that belies their 65kg frames and both possess the speed off the mark and that extra spark and cheekiness that is a prerequisite of all good scrumhalves. After 6 or so years of service to the Club, Dougal has decided to pass on his boots to his younger brother next year. Although Dougal will be sorely missed, Campbell proved he will be a more than able replacement in 98. John Moss is simply a bloody good footballer who can play any position in a backline. I have watched John with a great deal of admiration for quite some time now and the "impact" nature of his game I believe to be more suited to other positions than scrumhalf. John is too valuable an attacking player to play in a position where 90% of the time his job would be to pass the ball on! Some of the solo tries John scored this year were classics and could only have been scored by someone possessing exceptional acceleration and highly developed evasive skills.

Cambel Ball came to Jeeps this year from Queensland Country and after settling into the Club and making the adjustment to regular First Grade rugby he paired for most of the season with Peter McIntosh in the centres. Cambel is a classic hard running outside centre and a powerful defender. He improved tremendously as the competition progressed despite the fact that a chronic ankle injury hampered his training efforts for a good part of the season. Peter McIntosh again won selection in the Queensland U21 side and thankfully his abilities are recognised outside the boundaries of Yoku Road. Peter had 10 appearances in First Grade, was the team's goal kicker and took the line kicks. He is tremendously strong in defence and needs only to compliment his excellent hands with a little more running speed to push his claims further for representative selection. Australia's loss was Jeeps' gain when Dan Herbert was dropped from the Wallaby squad towards the season's end. Dan was obviously and understandably not a happy young man when he turned up for training with 6 rounds of the competition to go. To his great credit he got on with the job of working on his own game and at the same time his experience, advice and sheer physical presence did wonders to lift the confidence of the backline which had just started to believe in themselves.

Matt Waterhouse was plucked from fullback in the Colts 1 team to play on the wing in First Grade. This happened half way through the preseason competition when it became obvious that if success at playing the game out wide was ever to be achieved then players in wide out positions with speed to chase and finish were an absolute must. Matt earlier impressed me at training with his turn of speed and his enthusiasm to get involved and by the end of the season he had played all but one of the First Grade competition games. Matt has all the skills and will develop over the years into a very fine rugby player whether it be on the wing or in his preferred fullback position.

Although a competent flyhalf, Paul Farmer was moved to fullback when Brendan Dwyer was shifted out into the number 10 spot. The transformation in Paul's game was nothing short of remarkable. With the extra space to move and a precious few tenths of a second with which to make decisions Paul's confidence exploded. His positional play was near faultless, his safe hands under the high ball never let the team down and his ability to beat one, two and sometimes three players when initiating a counterattack were highlights of the later matches of the season. No one trained harder or with more enthusiasm than Paul and no one improved his

play more than the former Barbarian. Paul was a joy to coach and thoroughly deserved this year's award of the Most Improved Player. Christian Sergiacomi had 9 First Grade caps in 97 and during those appearances either as a lock or in the back row, he proved to all that he is a player of the future. At 21 years of age Christian has the speed, strength and attitude to go to the top and lots of good judges are predicting that he will!

Disappointingly Matt Cockbain only played 3 games for jeeps this year and Ben Tune even more disappointingly failed to don the Gallopers' jersey even once. I have said plenty to a lot of people about this situation throughout 1997 and this is not the place to further vent my obvious dissatisfaction. The game's administrators have a lot of things to look very seriously at over the next couple of years but none needs their attention more so than the availability of representative players for club fixtures. The very existence of the game at Club level is at stake!

There is a host of people to thank for the "learning experience" that was the GPS First Grade rugby season. Damien Frawley was coaxed to jump the Crosby Park ship by Rod Torkington and myself and to come on board as the First Grade Assistant Coach and be the spiritual leader of the forwards. Pleasingly, Damien agreed to do so. Rugby is a marvellous sport and it has been in my blood for as long as I can remember but it will never take priority over things that are related to my very being on this planet. To work successfully for in excess of 32 weeks with somebody in what is often an intense co-coach type relationship more than anything requires people who to a large extent think along similar lines and who have a respect for each other's hierarchy of priorities. Damien fitted the bit perfectly and his wealth of rugby experience together with his personal skills with the players went a long way towards making this year a very rewarding one for me personally. Ian Phillips once again fulfilled the Manager's role with typical dexterity and efficiency. He must have found having to adjust to and cope with new coaches so very different to the D'Arcy/Hayward combination a most difficult task and for his efforts to do so along with all the other Manager's jobs he performed so well - my sincere thanks.

GPS very simply has the best medical support team in the world. Geoff Clark, the Club Physiotherapist, is nothing short of a genius and his ability to diagnose, treat and repair players approaches the miraculous. Dr Phil Manfield is in the same category as "Clarkie". His willingness to provide medical support at both home and away games is unique and the level of care and attention he gives to the players is something for which all at GPS are sincerely grateful. I used to believe that nobody was irreplaceable - I don't any more!

A special thanks to Graham Betts who every week managed to find time to play his game and then race over to videotape the First Grade match and whatever other games he could fit in. Videoing matches is not an easy thing to do well and in nearly 25 years of training people to do such a job none has done it better and taken more pride in the job than Graham. Finally, to President Robin Thomson, General Manager Rod Torkington and all members of the Committee please accept my thanks for the unqualified support you have given me and all associated with the First Grade of 1997.

*Barry Honan
A Grade Coach*

GPS 2ND Grade Report

On reflection, the 1997 results continue to reflect the significant rebuilding curve required to develop a combination suitable to compete and be successful at finals level in the Brisbane competition.

The season commenced under very difficult circumstances after the euphoria of the 1996 A grade victory with the regrettable departure of a number of key top players. This not only affected the A grade performances but also filtered to all levels of the club. Despite this initial setback the club brought in a number of new and past players which reflected in some very good early season performances. During the first round the 2nd grade team were very competitive against the top teams with creditable performances against Brothers, Sunnybank and Easts, when we were able to field our strongest side.

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Our ability to be competitive resulted from the improvement in set play fundamentals which was one of the key targets for not only the 1997 season but for the future of the development of the lower grades at Jeeps. This resulted in some very entertaining rugby at times, however the team's passion, competitiveness and pressure could only be maintained for 60 of the 80 minutes when our fitness and experience conceded a number of easy and frustrating soft points.

The longer the season went, the more injuries we incurred and the inability to field our strongest and fittest team eventually transferred to poor training attendances and an "also ran" attitude from some of the players which was very disappointing.

The task remains to maintain our current player base and provide a development path for the most prized asset of the club, the wealth of junior talent.

Congratulations to our award winners Justin Barlow (Best and Fairest), Joey Anderson (Most Consistent) and Jason Moore (Most Improved) for their continuous efforts during the year.

Many thanks also to the members of the management team of Mick Arnold, Chris Davies and Simon Mammino for their unconditional commitment, assistance and friendship during the season.

David A Scott
Coach

GPS 3rd Grade Report

In terms of "points on the board", little joy can be found in the performance of Third Grade during 1997. There were however some positives which should not be overlooked.

During our pre-season matches a lot of optimism was generated for the season ahead by some very good performances, particularly a 16-10 win over Wests (who finished in the top four). The number of new players at the club suggested a bright season ahead, but this was not to be.

The first match of the round against Uni was a close encounter, losing 18-14. We had the benefit of having Scott Maclean, Ben Lister and Mark Dunsdon for one of the few games they were able to play for the club before injury forced them out for lengthy periods.

The next two matches awoke us to the demands ahead with two heavy defeats against Sunnybank (33-13) and Brothers (26-0). These two clubs were clearly ahead of the others and were the only teams we honestly could not match. But despite being only able to post wins against University and Kenmore, we were always within a converted try of other clubs throughout the year.

Selection in Third Grade was at times a revolving door, largely due to an abnormal number of injuries and lack of player retention in Division 1. Despite this, a number of players need to be mentioned for their consistency at training and playing well from week to week. Justin McCaffery, Pat O'Donnell, Dom Loughman, David Valentine, Brad Holland, Scott McLellan, Matt Hollyman, Ryan Gordon, Kelevi Tuicolo, Bryce Ferguson and Ben Bristow, formed a nucleus for Third Grade and were a great group of guys to be associated with.

Congratulations in particular to David Valentine for his performance in taking out the Third Grade Best and Fairest. Consistent performances during the year earned Scott McLellan Best Back and Dom Loughman Most Consistent Forward.

My thanks go not only to all the Third Grade "regulars" who battled one week after week and backed up on many occasions for Second Grade, but also to those Fourth Graders who provided us with back up when we needed it. In particular, their performance during the last couple of games when our numbers were depleted was outstanding and showed real courage. Finally, thanks to Managers Garry Wilcox and Paul Biddulph for their assistance and to Graham Rynders for his contribution during the early part of the season.

Anthony Ott
Third Grade Coach

GPS 4th Grade Report

The fourths started the year with 30 players coming down to training. Therefore it was very hard to select 15 run-on players each week.

Sometimes we fielded a complete new side in the second half just to give everyone a game. We were a motley bunch and many of us were rated 2 or 3 out of 10 as rugby players. But at one time or another we played above ourselves to be rated as 5s up. That is one of the secrets of the game, "to play above yourself"; this is when you push yourself and keep on pushing, whether in fitness or focus. This simple formula will always lead to success. Fourth grade started something this year and if they see it through the next couple of years they will have success. We set standards personally and as a team. That will be improved upon in 1998.

The players that were our 10 out of 10 were:

Matt Hagley (B&F) - He truly was a captain who led by example, his determination in defence was sheer power.

Peter Dunn (Best Forward) - As a front rower he is sometimes never seen in a game but of course we knew he was doing his job - every week. Other forwards had their big games and for it picked up maximum point in the B&F Trophy. They were: Sean Tune, Brian Hearley, Scott McKenzie, Rummy Neemia, Gus Porteus and - obviously - Matt Hagley.

Owen Gilchrist (Best Back) - When he was on the field our backline had stability and purpose. He was one of our backs that could attack and started some of our best running rugby. Other backs that accredited themselves well were Steve Baker, Darryl Watson, James Jackson, Luke Jacob, Russ Fox, Andrew Brown, Craig Crossan and John Brook.

One guy who did his job all year, sometimes unnoticed, was the backbone of the 4ths, Chris Wake. His efforts were a great support for me and the team, with his experience and attitude he helped along some of the inexperienced GPS players. Thanks mate.

Remember: "Success is not spontaneous combustion; you have to set yourself alight!"

Graham "Buzzard" Brand
4th Grade Coach

PS: Thanks to Tim Bardsley, Dermot Peverill, Ben Bristow, Jason Parrish, Bill Donnelly, Graham Betts, Rob Lebrusque & Michael Van Schouten.

GPS Women's Team Report

Season 1997 ended for the Women with a whimper. With two forfeits in our last two games, it was almost impossible to assemble a team and for the team to create a positive atmosphere. Unfortunately various factors have been responsible for the season being unsuccessful for the girls.

One of these was the absurd draw that gave us a total of nine games for the season. Of these, only three were played at home - hardly conducive to creating team and club spirit. Despite the draw, the GPS women were competitive and able to challenge stronger clubs right to the final whistle.

Another barrier to success was the attitude of the players themselves and the reluctance to attend training sessions. This created a problem for the team management in not being able to practice key elements of the game with key players. Not being able to practice scrummaging or lineouts or rucking and mauling inhibits the team in being able to perform to its best. Players must be responsible for their own game and the best way to promote women's rugby is to produce an attractive product. Unless the players help the administration in this women's rugby will die.

A problem we continue to face is having no feeder system into the clubs. Rugby needs a complete pathway for girls from age 5 upwards. Without it clubs such as GPS will struggle to attract players. Currently the QRU is running a schoolgirls tens competition and hopefully this will develop into a permanent competition. Several GPS players have been assisting with The Gap State High School and Mt St Michaels teams. We look forward to seeing a few of those girls down at the club in season 1998.

Finally, I would like to thank several people for their support this year. To Rod Torkington, general manager, thank you for your time and patience. You have always seen the benefits of having a women's team at GPS and have never tired of the unending stream of questions fired at you. To the coach, Philip Langley, it has been a frustrating season but you have never given up and I look forward to working with you in season 1998. To the many others who have supported me and helped recruit, coach, run water, touch judge and other general support, thank you.

Carla Hardy, Manager, GPS Women

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GRADES	I	II	III	IV	Total Grades		T	C	P	G	Pts
					1st/All						
ABDY Adam	5	8			5/13	4					20
AIR Jason	17				19/23	6					30
ANDERSON Joe	2	11			6/111	2					10
ANDREWS Shane	2	8			2/10						0
ATKINSON Tim	1				1/1						0
BAKER Steven				3	0/3	1					5
BALL Cambel	11	1			11/12	2					5
BARDSLEY Tim			1	6	0/7						0
BARLOW Justin		11	1		0/12	2					10
BERRY Adam		8			0/16	1					5
BESWICK Adam				1	1/1						0
BETTS Graham				5	0/5						0
BIDDULPH Paul					1/53						0
BLACK Lachlan		12	2		0/29		1				2
BREEN Daniel	2	2			7/22						0
BRIAIS Damien	18	1			18/19	1					5
BRISTOW Ben		1	8	3	0/12						0
BROOKE John				7	0/7	2					10
BROWN Andrew				7	0/7	3	1				17
CERVETTO Luke	1	10			1/53						0
COCKBAIN Matt	3				47/49	1					5
COCKBAIN Brent	14				63/69						0
CONSTABLE Ryan	3				72/73						0
COUPER James	10				10/11	3					15
CROOKE Eric			1		0/75						0
CROSSAN Craig				5	0/5		1	2			8
CUSACK Jay	1	1			1/5						0
DUNN Peter			2	13	0/15	1					5
DUNSDON Mark	4	5	1		4/11	1					5
DWYER Brendan	18				30/42	8				4	52
EASTON Mark	1	8			14/72	3					15
FANNING Tim	10	3	1		22/64	2					10
FARMER Paul	16				16/16	4	14	7			69
FEAUNATI Kolose		9			0/9	1					5
FERGUSON Bryce		5	7		0/88	2					10
FERGUSON Glen				2	0/2						0
FLYNN John		17			0/42	5	21	12	1		106
FORNO Trent	16	1	1		44/87	3					15
FOX Russell			2	3	0/5	1					5
FOXLEE Michael	16	1	1		30/84	1					5
GERMENA Dante		11	3		0/25	2					10
GILCHRIST Owen				9	0/17	1	2				9
GLEESON Michael		1			0/1						0
GOLD Blake	3	7			44/73						0
GORDON Ryan		4	12		0/13	1					5
HAGLEY Matt			1	10	0/59	1					5
HAMMOND Mark		4	4	1	0/9	1					5
HEARLEY Brian				12	0/12						0
HERBERT Daniel	7				59/60	4					20
HILEY Brent		7	4		0/43	3					15
HOLLAND Brad		2	7		0/11						0
HOLLYMAN Matt			11		0/11	2					10
JACKSON James		1	6	11	0/22	1					5
JACOB Luke			1	9	0/13	1					5
KNAPP Christiaan					59/80						0
L'ESTRANGE Ben		1			1/2						0
LISTER Ben	3	3	1		4/9			3			9
LOUGHMAN Dom		4	11		0/15	2					10
MACFARLANE Dan	18				18/18	1					5
MACLEAN Scott			1		51/60						0
MAYNES Dougal	9	4			52/84	1					5
MAYNES Campbell	6	5			7/22	2					10
MCCAFFERY Justin		5	6	4	0/16						0
MCDONALD Brian		1			0/1						0
MCGRUTHER Andrew			2		0/2						0
MCINTOSH Peter	10				24/35	2	14	9			65

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	I	II	III	IV	1st/All	T	C	P	G	Pts
MCKENZIE Scott			7	5	0/12					0
MCLELLAN Scott		8	9		0/17	3	0	3		24
MCNAMARA Paul				4	0/4					0
MILAU Nick	2	6	2	1	2/11					0
MILES David				5	0/81					0
MOORE Jeremy		9	5		0/30	1				5
MOORE Jason		13	3		0/23					0
MOSS John	17				69/107	12				60
MOYLE Chris				2	0/2					0
MURPHY Scott		2			1/44					0
MURRAY Mark	10				65/66	2				10
NEEMIA Eparame				8	0/8	1				5
O'DONNELL Patrick		5	8		0/13					0
OGG Daniel	6	10			6/16	2				10
PACKER David		1			32/60					0
PARRISH Jason			2	7	0/9					0
PERO Andy			9		0/9					0
PEVERILL Dermot			1	7	0/8					0
PORTEOUS Angus				8	0/37					0
PRENDERGAST M	1	7			1/8	2	3			16
ROPER Miles			1	3	0/4					0
SERGIACOMI C	9	13			9/23					0
SMITH Alister		11	1	1	0/23					0
STEEL Justin	5	6		1	10/104	2				10
THOMSON Robin			1	3	200+/687					0
THORN Aaron	3	8	1		25/78					0
TUICOLO Kelevi		1	9		0/10	1				5
TUKA Daymon		8	1		0/27					0
TUNE Ben					13/13					0
TUNE Sean				4	0/28					0
VALENTINE David		8	10	1	0/78					0
VAN SCHOOTEN M			1	12	0/13	1				5
VISBERG John				1	0/1					5
WAKE Chris			1	13	0/65	1				5
WATERHOUSE M	17	1			19/27	3	1			17
WATSON Darryl		1	8	4	0/13	3	6	6		45
WATSON Clayton				3	0/8					0
WRIGHT Chris	1	1			1/2					0
ZANNES Michael				1	0/23					0

Women's Team	Games	T	C	P	G	Pts
BUNTING Jo-Anne	6					
CORCORAN Penelope	7					
CROCKER Louise	6					
DICKMAN Kristina	6					
FAIRWEATHER Angie	8	2			10	
LINDSAY TEWES Gil	9					
LUIK Tamara	5					
MARSH Jane	9	1			5	
NOOTEBOOM Vanessa	6	2	3		16	
OLIVER Megan	9	2			10	
PACKER Wendy	4					
REEKS Sarah	8	1			5	
SAINT Kylie	8					
TAYLOR Kate	8					
THIBAUT Danielle	9					
WEISS Megan	9					
YOUNG Amanda	8					

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GPS Colts I Report

The 1997 season for the Colts I would not have been as enjoyable if Barry Honan had not shared his views with me. For the past few seasons I have been asking coaches how it is possible to play a more expansive game. Fortunately for the Colts I Barry had the answers to my questions. We were a football team that wanted to run the ball from almost everywhere and with his support, knowledge, encouragement and enthusiasm, we did just that, with total confidence.

The Colts I, somewhat unbelievably, did not make the semi-finals, after having played some of the most exciting and positive rugby seen this year. Our 8-try haul against grand finalist University in the second round was a great example of our style and potential.

The 1998 season sees James Barden, Ben L'Estrange (1997 Best Forward), James Couper, Michael Gleeson (1997 Captain and Best Back), Tim Atkinson (1997 Best and Fairest), Matthew Martin and Charlie Holland all take the step into the senior ranks. I hope they take this season's attitude with them as they will no doubt add to the competitive nature of the teams they play in.

Those of us who remain in the Colts for the 1998 season will prosper from this year's experience. What we attempted was different from previous seasons and a very steep learning curve was undertaken by all concerned. With a full season behind us we can refine and adjust some aspects of our play, while still allowing the players the opportunity to display their skills. My thanks to Tim Conroy who again took on the task of forwards coach. TC's commitments elsewhere leave him no time to continue into the 1998 season and his input will be missed. He is a very loyal person who stands up for what he believes in and always lets you know exactly what that is. The Colts I were very fortunate that Bruce Young was their 1997 manager. Bruce could be relied on to perform to 100 per cent of his capabilities and I'm sure he will continue to do that as he returns to the playing field in 1998.

From a personal point of view I enjoyed this season more than any other. The attitude, spirit, courage and determination of this team was magnificent all season. They responded to everything we asked of them and always performed to the best of their abilities. Congratulations on a magnificent year.

Stephen Meehan, Colts I Coach

GPS Colts II Report

The 1997 season in Colts II was the most keenly contested in 10 years. The GPS side won 12 games and lost 4. The fact that we won more games in the regular season than any other side in the competition and only finished third because of the bonus points is an indication of how tough it was.

The QRU in its wisdom decided that for and against points instead of number of games won should be used to determine the final four. Hence Brothers finished 2nd and we finished 3rd.

Souths 57 points
Brothers 56 points
GPS 56 points
Uni 55 points

East's were the only side that beat us twice in the regular season and they missed the finals.

We entered the last round (8 games) and by my calculations could only lose 1 game.

The second round got off to a horrible start when we lost to East's in the first game of the round.

The Colts II side then showed a great deal of character and heart by winning their next 7 games on the trot, defeating all three sides above them on the table.

Brothers 8-0
Uni 14-12
Souths 14-12

The pride they showed in defending their try line and putting their bodies on the line assures me the club is in good hands as these brave Jeppers make the step up to grades in the years ahead.

We led Uni in the minor semi by 11 points but then suffered a touch of the jitters and in the end were beaten by a good Uni side. No excuses.

After a long association with GPS Colts I will be hanging up the clipboard. To all the players, parents and fellow coaches I have been associated with, thanks for the good times.

And one piece of advice to the colts. Keep playing for as long as possible; this is where you will gain the enjoyment from rugby. Coaching is a thankless job.

Bitter and Twisted Coach
Brogan Melit

GPS Colts III (a) Report

The Colts III side of 1997 can look back over the seasons and be pleased with the achievement of being the only team within the club to make the Grand Finals.

Although the boys lost the GF to Souths, the team gained the respect of all those with whom they came into contact for the way they trained and conducted themselves as a football team.

Only two players from this team are moving into grades next season: Simon Fordham and Aaron Clay. Both had outstanding seasons with Aaron posting more than 100 points in only 14 games and Simon winning the team's Best Back award. I wish both players all the best in the senior grades next season.

I hope that all who played in the Colts III this year continue their football career at Jeeps next year, as with the depth in Colts the threes will be a major force once again in the new year.

David Pentland was this year's captain and I found his attitude and support towards both training and playing outstanding. David won the team's Best and Fairest award, Pat Hobday won the Best Forward award.

My thanks to forwards coach Michael Heenan for an outstanding job in developing the forwards in a way other colts 3 teams couldn't match. Michael is returning to play for Uni next season and I wish him all the best.

I would like to thank the Colts coaching staff and Barry Honan for their support throughout the season and especially in the finals series. A special thanks to the Barden and Hanson families for their support throughout the year.

Ray Moore
Colts III (a) Coach

GPS Colts III (b)

No report received.

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Colts	I	II	III	T	C	P	G	Pts
ADAMS Cameron	7	13	2	6				30
AFFLECK Stuart	12	5						0
ATKINSON Tim	12			8	1			42
BALL Richard			3		3			6
BARDEN James	16			3				15
BARDEN Ben		1	15	1				5
BARRETT Gerard			4	1				5
BEG Dion		11		2				10
BENETT Trent		5	8					0
BENNETT Simon			8	2	2			14
BETTS Graham			9					0
BLAKE Andrew			3					0
BLINKHOFF Matt	5	4		2				10
BOUCHER Andrew		5	11	2				10
BOUCHER Nick			14	1				5
BRETHERTON Daniel		1	15	1				5
BROE David			6	2	4	4		30
CASSIDY David			6	2				10
CHIPPINDALE Luke	16	1		1				5
CHRISTSEN Richard			15	2				10
CLAY Aaron			14	1	25	15	1	103
COUPER James	7							0
COX John		9	8	4				20
DAVIES Thomas			1				0	
DIVILLY Daryl			6	1				5
DOLLMAN Luke	13			1				5
EARLEY David			14	1				5
EYRES Lorcan		2	5	1				5
FAUTH Jody			14	2				10
FELL Travis		2	7	1				5
FORDHAM Simon		4	15	8	1			42
GLEESON Michael	15				1			2
GRAHAM Michael	5	12		3				15
HANSON Lucas		12	7	1				5
HARRISON Damien	1	8	8	5				25
HAWKE Stephen		9					0	
HEENAN Timothy	16							0
HEINRICH Sam	10	4	1	2				10
HOARE Benjamin			12					0
HOBDAY Pat		4	14	2				10
HOLLAND Charlie	8			2	7	1		27
HONAN Simon			4		1	2		10
ISBEL Matthew			10	1				5
JESSER Lucas	2	11						0
JOLLEY Kevin		1	6	2	1			12
KELLNER Shane			7					0
KEOGH David	4	2	3	11	2			59
KUHN Glen	1	14	2	5	18	11		94
L'ESTRANGE Ben	15			3				15
LINDORES Craig			12					0
LYNAM Ian	2	6	2					0
MAGUIRE Ronan			13	2				10
MALONEY Manny	3	16		8	1			42
MARTIN Matthew	11	2		2				10

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Colts	I	II	III	T	C	P	G	Pts
MCCULLOCH Andrew			12	8	5	1		53
MCDONALD Andrew			9					0
MCDONALD Brian	8		3	2				10
MCGAHAN Ben	3	10	3	1				5
MCGAHAN Michael			12	2				10
MCGLOUGHLIN Michael			2	1				5
MORAN Scott	10	1						0
MORRIS Brian			7	1				5
MURRAY Nathan			9	2	2	3		23
PEATEY Lance	3	11						0
PENTLAND David		3	15	4				20
PYE Douglas			10					0
REASON Matthew			6					0
SCOTT Sam		2	9					0
SEXTON Ben		1	8	1				5
SLADE Donovan	13			4				20
STEEL Gerard		1						0
STIRLING Clifford		4	12	2				10
SYKES Lachlan	14			4				20
THIES Sam	14	4			14	2		34
TYSON Haydn		3	11	1				5
VAN TWEST Kent	1	13		1				5
WATERHOUSE Matt	2				1			2
WARD Peter	5	11		4	4	3		37
WARD Collin			16	4		1		23
WILKES Luke	14			2				10
WOODHEAD Michael			11	1				5
WRIGHT Chris	16			11				55
ZELLER Damien			5	2		1	13	

Ashgrove-GPS Juniors

Ashgrove-GPS fielded a total of 30 teams and registered a total of 545 players. However, despite the record registration many players in the older teenage groups were disappointed when the Under 18 competition was not run as a QJRU competition and the club was unable to field a second team in each of the Under 16 and 17 age groups, resulting in some players dropping out although an effort was made to redirect them to other clubs.

Whilst competition results are not a major priority in the club philosophy, the club took pride in winning the President's Trophy for the third consecutive year. The club reflects with satisfaction on results in the Under 12 age group where, in line with club policy, the five teams were evenly matched at club level and each team fared very well in the competition, winning the first and second divisions.

Each season there is evidence from registrant enquiries that, irrespective of geographic location, applicant parents are influenced by this policy and travelling distance is not a deterrent as a consequence.

The club continued its policy of using a Coaching Director supported by a panel of fully accredited coaches which included 15 Level Two and 43 Level One coaches in addition to other pathway accreditations in 1997.

However it is a source of concern that the QRU does not underwrite the cost of that support as part of its charter to foster the code.

Bevan Whip
President, Ashgrove-GPS

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TREASURER'S REPORT

It is with regret that I must report that the club has incurred an operating loss before abnormal write-downs of (\$23,072.90). After taking into account an abnormal write-down of \$11,800 the loss for the year is \$34,872.90. A comparison of this year's underlying loss, income and expenditure to previous years is set out below.

	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
Income	203115	228651	177805	178197	103788	66874	35028
Expenditure	226188	232674	158484	130572	76821	61844	31113
Profit/Loss	(23072)	(4023)	19321	47625	26967	5030	3195

The operating loss before abnormal items of \$23,072.90 is \$19,049.16 worse than the operating loss incurred in 1996. Members may recall that in the September edition of "In Touch" an operating loss of the magnitude of \$40,000 - \$45,000 was anticipated. Pleasingly that has not resulted although when taking into account the abnormal item of \$11,800 the actual loss for the year becomes \$34,872.90.

The reason for the loss is due to a decrease in income for the year of \$25,535.77. The various areas where these reductions have occurred are set out in the detailed revenue schedules and are also discussed further in my report.

Expenses were \$6,486.61 less than last year. Again various comments are made on certain expenses further on in this report.

Generally the downturn in trading was anticipated by the Committee at the start of the year when a loss of \$18,000 was budgeted for. Accordingly the Committee took measures to limit a lot of discretionary expenditure such as ground maintenance, and repairs which you will see in the body of the accounts are down on last year.

However certain other fixed costs arose which were unavoidable such as the infrastructure for an office at Ashgrove, which also caused certain expenses such as telephone and hire of equipment to increase significantly for the year.

As the result of the loss that was incurred the Committee has to take steps to fund the resultant shortfall in working capital. Recently the club's overdraft has been increased from \$5,000 to \$15,000. From the club's balance sheet you can also see that the Cash Management Account funds have been utilised in funding trading losses throughout the course of the year.

It is the Committee's aim in 1998 to limit again expenditure in a number of areas. Furthermore revenue will be concentrated on more "grass root" methods as opposed to a more corporate approach attempted this year. This should hopefully restore revenue to 1996 levels and allow us to generate a profit to recoup the losses incurred this year.

INCOME

Bar Trading

The single largest decrease in revenue this year was in the area of bar trading. Gross profit in bar trading fell from \$44,452.21 in 1996 to \$22,323.42 in 1997. Bar sales essentially collapsed, falling by \$32,310.03. The reasons for this are varied. Firstly we lost 3 home games as a result of the competition being expanded to 10 teams and a reduction in the season from 3 to 2 rounds. In addition we are no longer guaranteed at least 2 home games against the better drawing clubs such as Souths, Brothers or University. Those clubs that we did have home games against, such as Barbarians, Kenmore and Gold Coast only had Division 1 teams and accordingly there were no lower grade players committed to football on those days. As a result bar sales, parking and admission fell substantially on those days. An increased number of Saturday games also did not help.

From observing the trend in these figures, it is painfully obvious that the majority of people who watch First Grade rugby are those involved in lower grade and Division 2 rugby. Accordingly it is our club's strong view that all such games should be played on the same day, at the same venue to enable clubs to maximise revenue on those days.

It should be noted that the bar trading figures included sales in October 1996 and in particular the grand final night. Accordingly the underlying sales for 1997 have decreased dramatically and is an area the club needs to look at in 1998 in maximising revenue better. This will go hand in hand with the better promotion home games of which there was little of this year.

It should be further noted there was no Rugby Fest this year, which usually generated significant bar sales.

Food Trading

Food sales this year amounted to \$9,891.05. Last year food trading was not separated out from bar trading so accordingly it is not possible to make a comparison and this should be noted when comparing the bar sales to last year as well. The only comparison can be made to 1995 when the food trading profit was \$3,715.89 with this year's profit being \$3,640.57.

Merchandising Trading

Clothing and merchandising sales increased this year from \$6,879 to \$9,891.05. Tighter controls over merchandise stock resulted in a profit being incurred this year of \$1,375.97 a turnaround of \$2,634.67 for the year.

Functions and Fundraising

Income from functions and fundraising this year increased by \$6,049.29 although it could have increased substantially more had we not had to cancel the proposed Black Tie dinner at the Convention Centre.

As you can see from the accounts, a loss as the result on the cancellation of that event of \$3,324.70 was incurred. It was budgeted that we would generate income of about \$20,000 from that event, accordingly the turnaround has been substantial.

Raffles and doubles for the year increased substantially from \$1,748.65 in 1996 to \$5,330.65. Included in this figure is the Year of Beer raffle run by Anthony Ott and Anthony should be congratulated for his efforts in that regard.

Home game function income was \$2,650 however this related primarily to the sale of stand tickets on match days which were tried at the start of the year, however petered out due to lack of interest. This notwithstanding Barry Honan should be congratulated in his efforts in generating this idea and it is something worth considering further in 1998.

The King of the Mountain was again a success this year generating an increased profit of \$6,399.65 for the event. Many thanks should be given to Rod Torkington for organising this event and also to Ian Whittle at the Bank of Queensland for assisting again in their sponsorship of it. Without their naming rights sponsorship it would run at a significant loss.

Anthony Ott should again be thanked for organising the breakfasts at Tattersalls Club. It was hoped to obtain naming right sponsors for those breakfasts however we were unsuccessful in securing any.

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The Golf Day while a successful event was a disappointing financial result in generating a profit of only \$1,568.20 compared to the profit of \$2,492.00 generated in 1996 and the profit in 1995 of \$4,769.20.

The Golf Day was 'outsourced' this year to a sports event company, which is something I don't think we'll pursue again next year.

A successful function was the Three Wallabies Lunch, which generated a profit of \$9,240. Robin Thomson and Rod Torkington should be congratulated for organising such an event in a short period of time. The event was financially successful and made up for some of the lost income as a result of the cancellation of the Black Tie dinner.

The last item in Functions and Fundraising is the Premiership lunch which was held in October 1996. The lunch was very successful however generated a profit of only \$617.52. This was largely due to the cost of various framing and a small margin on the ticket sales to enable as many people to attend the event as possible.

The Rugby Fest was not held this year due to a lack of a suitable date and theme for the event. In previous years that has been run at a loss in terms of the cost of staging the day, however substantial bar sales have made up for that expenditure. While we avoided such costs this year, we have also lost out in terms of generating bar sales of upwards of \$15,000 for the day. This event will definitely be held in 1998.

Donations and Sponsorship

The level of sponsorship fell this year by \$7,398.73 and was primarily due to a significant decrease in the Best and Fairest sponsors program.

Again we had Maxims Chrysler Jeep as our major sponsor and without their support we would simply not survive.

We also had on board on the Gap Tavern who are continuing their long association with the club in 1998. In this year's accounts is a special bonus of \$3000 from the Gap Tavern for winning the 1996 premiership.

Also included in the figure for associate major sponsors is a sponsorship of \$6000 from Bill James in respect of the successful grand final win in 1996.

Other sponsors include Naturform in respect of some various assistance around the grounds and also Touch Football sponsors in respect of a competition run by Barry Honan at the start of the year.

Subscriptions

Total subscriptions were \$35,196.60 for the year.

Player subscriptions rose from \$26,388 in 1996 to \$28,673 this year. We are sincerely indebted to Pat Reid and Margaret Taylor for their efforts in this regard, particularly Pat's pursuit of those recalcitrant 5th graders.

Ordinary member subscriptions increased by \$1,800 in 1997. This was primarily due to the Target 2000 Membership Drive launched by Tony Roberts which was a commendable idea.

Team fund contributions fell by almost \$4,000 to \$2,603.66 this year. This was due to various teams not having managers or managers who were not competent enough to collect the \$5 from players during the course of the year. The resultant effect was that those teams that did collect the \$5 were unduly disadvantaged when it came time to receive their annual dinner credit at the end of the season. The Committee in 1998 will probably scrap the \$5 team fund contributions given the failure of the scheme this year.

Other Income

Mirroring the downturn in bar trade is the reduction in parking and admission from \$20,557.40 in 1996 to \$11,363 in 1997. This is again due to the reasons discussed earlier.

All other income remained constant, in particular the QRU grants of \$30,000 and Government Training Subsidy of \$9,625.30. It should be noted though that that subsidy is not available again in 1998 and accordingly the club will be out of pocket to that extent.

EXPENSES

Advertising, Printing, Postage and Stationery

This expense decreased this year by \$8,058.26. This was primarily due to the decrease in advertising as the QRU picked up a large amount of Quest News advertising this year. Further reductions also occurred in other discretionary areas such as postage and stationery.

Ashgrove Buildings and Ground Expenses

Telephone costs increased significantly as a result of having our General Manager based at Ashgrove. It was necessary to install a Commander telephone system at a cost of \$900 and also to pay rent on it at \$330 per month. Also there was an increase in metered calls. Previously such telephone expenses were borne by Tony D'Arcy who worked from home and they were reflected in development officer expenses. You will note that development officer expenses in 1996 were \$10,480.32 compared to only \$1,606.97 for this year, which related primarily to the last month and a half he was employed by the Club.

Other areas significantly cut back on were ground maintenance as well as general repairs and maintenance. This was a necessity throughout the year with the anticipated fall in income.

It should be noted that line marking costs and corner post costs have been moved from football expenses to Ashgrove grounds and building expenses. Also Albany Creek Rent has been moved to Albany Creek expenses.

Football expenses

Football expenses increased this year from \$27,845 in 1996 to \$31,980.27 in 1997.

It should be noted that jerseys and other clothing normally accounted for as a separate expense item have been included in football expenses. If you were to take this expense out of the figure of \$31,982.27 that would give an adjusted figure of \$24,033.82, compared to the 1996 figure of \$31,988.77. This underlying decrease in football expenses, was due to 7's expenses being kept to a minimum this year.

All other expenses were generally kept to a reasonable minimum although there were significant acquisitions of footballs and other equipment at the start of the year to replenish deteriorated stock.

Wages

Total wages incurred for 1997 were \$78,222.43. This can be compared to a figure of \$101,447 in 1996.

The primary savings were as a result of Tony D'Arcy departing the club. Tony undertook all football and commercial duties last year and was remunerated accordingly. This year Rod Torkington assumed the role as General Manager - Commercial Operations at a reduced salary. Barry Honan also assumed responsibility as Rugby Football Manager on a part-time salary only.

Bar wages were also reduced significantly utilizing volunteer labour on training nights and also increased use of casual staff on game days. It should be noted though that in 1996 a permanent bar manager was employed however his duties cut across many areas, so part of his wages in 1996, probably could have been allocated to Wages - Other.

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In that regard, Wages - Other for this year were \$36,502. This incorporated wages in the following areas:

1. Groundsman
2. Computer processing
3. Assistant A Grade Coach
4. Trainer
5. Junior Development Officer
6. Fence set up
7. Rugby Football Manager
8. Cleaning

As noted by myself in 1995 and Alan Taylor in 1996 the continuing trend is that for many normal club duties people will need to be paid to ensure that they are carried out. There is a continuing trend of diminishing volunteer effort.

Other Expenses

Albany Creek costs increased this year as a result of an additional number of teams. Albany Creek is not a separate entity but a division of our club and these costs will continue to be borne by us in the interests of the development of the game in that area.

Bad debts written off relate primarily to one sponsor of \$3000 who was unable to fulfil his commitment this year.

As previously noted the Development officer expenses relate only to Tony D'Arcy's employment in October and November 1997.

Hire equipment expenses have increased significantly and relate primarily to the hire of the office at Ashgrove, the hire of stands for home games, the hire of the storage sheds and other miscellaneous equipment. As stated earlier the hire of the stands for home games was offset in part from income generated by ticket sales.

Insurance costs remained generally static this year.

Leasing costs relate to the lease of a new scrum machine, as well as a photocopier. Motor vehicle costs relate to motor vehicles provided to the General Manager, Rugby Football Manager and one of the Junior Development Officers.

BALANCE SHEET

As previously mentioned the funds in the Cash Management Account were utilised to fund trading losses this year.

Merchandise stock on hand totals \$7,410.12. This relates primarily to a large quantity of ties on hand, as well as videos which were all slow moving items in 1997. These will have to be discounted in 1998 to turn that stock into cash for next year.

The major changes in fixed assets relate to the writing off of the Clubhouse Redevelopment Costs as an abnormal item of \$11,800. These costs were capitalised in 1993 and related to Feasibility Studies and Architectural plans done for the building of a two storey clubhouse at that time. It is appropriate to write off those costs now. Accordingly an abnormal expense of \$11,800 was incurred for the year.

The only other significant change in respect of assets is in plant and equipment. In particular a video camera worth approximately \$2000 which was purchased this year.

The Pine Rivers Shire Council's loan was obtained in 1996 to fund capital improvements to the Albany Creek grounds. The loan was interest free over 10 years repayable at \$2,750.00 per year. All payments required on the loan have been made to date.

CONCLUSION

I would like to thank the Committee, the Club's General Manager Rod Torkington and the coaching staff, in particular Barry Honan and Stephen Meehan, for their efforts in what was a trying year.

Dated this 27th day of November 1997

Will Colwell B.Com.ACA

Honorary Treasurer

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Operating Revenue	245,056.10	275,568.88
	245,056.10	275,568.88
Operating Profit (Loss)	(35,540.06)	(4,023.74)
Income Tax Attributable to Operating Profit	-	45.90
OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)	(35,540.06)	(4,069.64)
AFTER INCOME TAX	202,059.24	206,128.88
Retained Profits beginning of year	202,059.24	206,128.88
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	166,385.16	202,059.24
RETAINED PROFITS	166,385.16	202,059.24
AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 1997	\$166,385.16	\$202,059.24

Financial Statements for the year ended 30/9/97
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Profit (loss) from Bar Trading	21,323.42	44,452.21
Profit (loss) from Food Trading	3,640.67	-
Profit (loss) from Merchandise Trading	1,375.97	(1,258.70)
Commissions	-	23.69
Functions & Fundraising	23,719.52	17,670.23
Government Subsidies	9,625.30	9,090.00
Donations & Sponsorship	59,307.50	66,706.23
Subscriptions	35,196.60	35,423.95
Art Union	-	(0.66)
Ground Rent	-	400.00
Parking & Admission	11,363.00	20,557.40
Prizemoney	4,500.00	4,600.00
QRU Grants	30,000.00	30,000.00
Sundry	720.00	-
Interest Received	416.33	986.73
Albany Creek Income	1,927.00	-
	<u>203,115.31</u>	<u>228,651.08</u>
LESS EXPENSES		
Audit Fees	73.80	1,150.00
Advertising Printing, Postage & Stationery	17,501.26	25,559.52
Affiliations	2,480.00	2,980.00
Albany Creek Costs	3,081.63	1,635.00
Ashgrove Grounds & Building Expenses	25,238.22	24,905.68
Bad Debts Written Off	3,842.00	-
Bank Charges	2,209.13	1,523.75
Clothing - Jerseys	-	4,039.50
Development Officer Expenses	1,606.47	10,480.32
Donations	576.00	165.75
Fees and Permits	513.80	1,078.85
Ferny Grove Surplus/Deficit	-	67.50
Football Expenses	31,980.27	27,845.39
General Expenses	1,151.21	3,367.62
Hire of Equipment	10,821.16	2,096.07
Interest	485.71	-
Insurance - general	3,415.20	2,865.91
Insurance - player	15,300.00	14,196.00
Leasing	1,600.60	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	15,806.11	-

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Player Import Expenses	605.00	1,309.40
Subscriptions	45.00	-
Petty Cash	4,327.86	-
Security	1,639.63	-
Superannuation Contributions	1,320.22	3,120.56
Trophies	2,345.50	-
Wages - Executives	36,955.03	67,566.95
Wages - Bar	4,765.00	16,438.05
Wages - Other	36,502.40	17,442.20
Workers Compensation	-	2,840.80
	<u>226,188.21</u>	<u>232,674.82</u>
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	(\$23,072.90)	(\$4,023.74)
ABNORMAL ITEMS		
Clubhouse Redevelopment	(\$11,800.00)	-
NETT PROFIT/(LOSS)	(\$34,872.90)	(\$4,023.74)
BAR TRADING ACCOUNT	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Sales	50,921.62	83,231.65
LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Opening Stock	449.61	605.87
Purchases	29,148.59	38,623.18
	<u>29,598.20</u>	<u>39,229.05</u>
Closing Stock	-	449.61
	<u>29,598.20</u>	<u>38,779.44</u>
GROSS PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM		
BAR TRADING	\$21,323.42	\$44,452.21
CLOTHING TRADING ACCOUNT	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Sales	9,273.45	6,879.00
LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Opening Stock	2,497.50	3,390.70
Purchases	12,810.10	7,244.50
	<u>15,307.60</u>	<u>10,635.20</u>
Closing Stock	7,410.12	2,497.50
	<u>7,897.48</u>	<u>8,137.70</u>
GROSS PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM		
CLOTHING TRADING	\$1,375.97	\$(1,258.70)

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FOOD TRADING ACCOUNT	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Sales	9,891.05	-
LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Opening Stock	-	-
Purchases	6,250.38	-
	<u>6,250.38</u>	<u>-</u>
Closing Stock	-	-
	<u>6,250.38</u>	<u>-</u>
GROSS PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM FOOD TRADING	<u>\$3,640.67</u>	<u>-</u>
	1997	1996
	\$	\$
FUNCTIONS & FUNDRAISING		
Raffles & Doubles	5,330.65	1,748.65
Home Game Functions	2,650.35	-
Annual Dinner	230.00	(2,366.50)
Season Launch	(613.40)	(545.00)
King of the Mountain	6,399.65	5,152.43
Rugby Fest	-	(6,894.85)
Black Tie Dinner	(3,324.70)	16,152.56
Breakfasts	410.00	(229.50)
Golf Day	1,568.20	2,493.60
Other	1,250.85	1,455.84
Three Wallabies Lunch	9,200.40	-
Pre-test Lunch	-	703.00
Premiership Lunch	617.52	-
	<u>23,719.52</u>	<u>\$17,670.23</u>
DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIP		
Donations (General)	510.00	2,660.00
Donations (Trophies)	2,135.50	(2,044.15)
Major Sponsor	25,000.00	25,000.00
Associate Major Sponsors	20,472.00	24,290.38
Grades & Colts Sponsors	6,200.00	10,550.00
Advertising	1,250.00	500.00
Other Sponsors	2,000.00	5,750.00
Touch Sponsors	1,740.00	-
	<u>\$59,307.50</u>	<u>\$66,706.23</u>

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Player	28,673.00	26,388.00
Member	3,920.00	2,120.00
Team Contributions	2,603.60	6,915.95
	<u>\$35,196.60</u>	<u>\$35,423.95</u>

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
ADVERTISING, PRINTING, POSTAGE & STATIONERY		
Advertising	649.15	8,091.13
Printing & Photocopying (General)	5,016.61	3,781.14
Printing & Photocopying (Newsletter)	3,302.67	2,240.38
Postage (General)	1,008.84	2,210.59
Postage (Newsletter)	730.20	805.74
Stationery	1,030.57	3,129.50
Typing	90.00	2,140.43
Desktop Publishing (Newsletter)	1,415.00	675.00
Desktop Publishing (General)	2,459.20	567.60
Couriers	285.60	501.93
Administration	50.00	1,416.08
Computer Expenses	399.00	-
Office Equipment Expenses	1,064.42	-
	<u>\$17,501.26</u>	<u>\$25,559.52</u>
ASHGROVE GROUNDS & BUILDING EXPENSES		
Ashgrove Grounds & Building Expenses	-	(1,917.45)
Telephone No. 1	30.00	378.52
Telephone No. 2	185.10	234.86
Telephones - Other	2,322.21	-
Telephones & Fax - Office	6,262.35	-
Ground Maintenance No. 1	2,154.16	1,593.10
Ground Maintenance No. 2	447.18	681.73
Ground Maintenance No. 3	447.18	4,221.64
Rates No. 1	173.15	329.66
Rates No. 2	189.34	207.95
Rates No. 3	179.66	-
Rent No. 1	201.25	201.25
Rent No. 2	457.00	293.75
Rent Albany Creek	-	1,400.00
Electricity No. 1	1,166.45	3,634.90
Electricity No. 2	3,380.60	1,833.15
Electricity Small Clubhouse	74.15	89.60
Gas	393.39	276.85
Line Marking	470.50	-
Corner Posts	155.75	-

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Repairs & Maintenance Small Clubhouse	1,005.61	1,044.07
Repairs & Maintenance Big Clubhouse	1,127.36	5,802.10
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	752.00	3,457.81
Other Telephone & Fax	-	154.85
Water Rates	2,157.35	2,387.34
Lights	199.98	-
Signage	1,306.50	-
	<u>\$25,238.22</u>	<u>\$26,305.68</u>

BAD DEBTS WRITTEN OFF

Trade Debtors	3,842.00	-
	<u>\$3,842.00</u>	<u>-</u>

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Sevens Expenses	1,099.36	6,820.94
A Grade Expenses	1,657.70	3,202.29
Coaching Consultants	1,400.00	903.00
Linemarking	-	473.90
Video	390.00	49.50
Footballs	1,339.90	614.50
Equipment	2,677.92	577.16
Travel & Tour	2,102.64	554.80
Coach Education	500.00	767.00
Colts Expenses	1,180.20	54.29
Corner Posts	-	454.80
Photos	1,644.50	1,506.50
Other	1,358.60	3,777.10
Strapping/Medical	7,163.30	8,089.61
Recruitment Expenses	1,334.70	-
Laundry	185.00	-
Clothing & Apparel	7,946.45	-
	<u>\$31,980.27</u>	<u>\$27,845.39</u>

Interest

	1997	NOTE	1996
	\$		\$
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Cash	3,355.47	2	10,735.12
Receivables	66,798.54	3	86,837.08
Inventories	7,410.12	4	2,947.11
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>77,564.13</u>		<u>100,519.31</u>

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NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Property, Plant & Equipment	176,286.97	5	186,545.83
Investments	1,150.00	6	1,150.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	177,463.97		187,695.83
TOTAL ASSETS	255,001.10		288,215.14
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Creditors & Borrowings	65,168.86	8	58,055.90
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	65,168.86		58,055.90
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Borrowers	22,000.00	9	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	22,000.00		27,500.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	87,168.86		85,555.90
NET ASSETS	167,832.24		202,659.24
<u>CLUB EQUITY</u>			
Reserves	600.00	10	600.00
Retained Profits/(Accumulated Losses)	167,232.24		202,059.24
TOTAL CLUB EQUITY	\$166,985.16		\$202,659.24

1997

\$

1996

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NOTE 2: CASH

Cash at Bank - Bank of Queensland	65.12	65.12
Cash at Bank - Bar Account ANZ	4,716.24	867.24
D. Burrows Memorial Fund	1,123.90	1,123.90
Joint Bank Valleys	65.99	111.28
Cash at Bank - General Account Metway	(2,615.78)	8,411.85
Cash at Bank - New Ground Metway	-	77.69
Metway Art Union	-	78.04
	3,355.47	10,735.12

NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES (CURRENT)

Trade Debtors	66,798.54	57,806.93
Metway Bar Account	-	5,065.73
Metway Cash Management Account	-	12,587.85
Metway Albany Creek Account	-	11,376.57
	66,798.54	86,837.08

NOTE 4: INVENTORIES (CURRENT)

Stock on Hand - Bar	-	449.61
Stock on Hand - Clothing	7,410.12	2,497.50
	7,410.12	2,947.11

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NOTE 5: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Clubhouse Re-development	-	11,800.00
Field No. 3 Development	1,799.00	1,799.00
Main Clubhouse & Facilities (1/2 share)	44,714.00	44,714.00
Small Clubhouse & Facilities	56,596.30	56,596.30
Albany Creek Improvements	14,325.00	14,325.00
	<u>117,434.30</u>	<u>129,234.30</u>
Fixed Assets (at cost)	22,079.29	20,538.15
Field Lights No. 1 Oval	12,175.00	12,175.00
Field Lights No. 2 Oval	7,169.38	7,169.38
Weights Apparatus	8,126.00	8,126.00
Irrigation No. 1 Oval	6,479.50	6,479.50
Irrigation No. 2 Oval	2,823.50	2,823.50
	<u>58,852.67</u>	<u>57,311.53</u>
	<u>\$176,286.97</u>	<u>\$186,545.83</u>

NOTE 6: INVESTMENTS

Deposits	550.00	550.00
Ballymore Life Membership	600.00	600.00
	<u>1,150.00</u>	<u>1,150.00</u>

NOTE 8: CREDITORS & BORROWINGS (CURRENT)

Trade Creditors	65,168.86	58,055.90
	<u>65,168.86</u>	<u>58,055.90</u>

NOTE 9: CREDITORS & BORROWINGS (NON-CURRENT)

Pine Rivers Shire Council	22,000.00	-
	<u>22,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTE 10: RESERVES

A.C. Dibdin Perpetual Trophy	300.00	300.00
J.R. Harris Perpetual Trophy	300.00	300.00
	<u>600.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>

1997 TROPHY LIST

	PRESENTED BY	PRESENTED TO
TOP TRY SCORER	TONY ROBERTS	JOHN MOSS
100 POINTS FOR THE SEASON	BOB ARMSTRONG	AARON CLAY
BEST 1ST GRADE FORWARD	DAVID NEWSTEAD	TRENT FORNO
MOST IMPROVED 1ST GRADE BACK	RON PARK	PAUL FARMER
MOST CONSISTENT 2ND GRADE	PAT REID	JOE ANDERSON
MOST IMPROVED 2ND GRADE	WILL COLWELL	JASON MOORE
MOST CONSISTENT 3RD GRADE		
FORWARD	BLAIR BARNHILL	DOMINIC LOUGHMAN
BEST 3RD GRADE BACK	BROGAN MELIT	SCOTT MCLELLAN
BEST 4TH GRADE FORWARD	THOMAS HARRYS	PETER DUNN
BEST 4TH GRADE BACK	BARRIE WEBB	OWEN GILCHRIST
BEST WOMEN'S PLAYER	PAUL TREACY	V. NOOTEBOOM
BEST COLTS I FORWARD	DAVID PHILLIPS	BEN L'ESTRANGE
BEST COLTS I BACK	OWEN EDWARDS	MICHAEL GLEESON
BEST COLTS II FORWARD	LLOYD GRAHAM	BEN MCGAHAN
BEST COLTS II BACK	KEN AARON	MANNY MALONEY
BEST COLTS III (A) FORWARD	FRANK JENSEN	PAT HOBDAY
BEST COLTS III (A) BACK	BRAD BUTTEN	SIMON FORDHAM
BEST COLTS III (B) FORWARD	PETER MCBARON	RICHARD CHRISTIAN
BEST COLTS III (B) BACK	KELVIN BOYS	DOUG PYE
CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIORS	ASHGROVE-GPS	MICHAEL GLEESON
BEST & FAIREST 1ST GRADE	WREN BLIGH	BRENDAN DWYER
BEST & FAIREST 2ND GRADE	KEN BOLTON	JUSTIN BARLOW
BEST & FAIREST 3RD GRADE	JOHN GARDE	DAVID VALENTINE
BEST & FAIREST 4TH GRADE	ROBIN THOMSON	MATT HAGLEY
BEST & FAIREST WOMEN'S	MARGARET TAYLOR	ANGIE FAIRWEATHER
BEST & FAIREST COLTS I	ALAN TAYLOR	TIM ATKINSON
BEST & FAIREST COLTS II	GEORGE BICKERSTAFF	CAMERON ADAMS
BEST & FAIREST COLTS III (A)	NEIL HATHERLY	DAVID PENTLAND
BEST & FAIREST COLTS III (B)	GARY MCKAY	DAVID EARLEY

BEST AND FAIREST COLT **ROBERT BURROWS MEMORIAL TROPHY**
TIM ATKINSON

BEST JUNIOR CLUB MAN **DAVID BURROWS MEMORIAL TROPHY**
SIMON FORDHAM

BEST CLUB MAN **WALTER H. BOYD MEMORIAL TROPHY**
STEVE MEEHAN

JOHN HARRIS MEMORIAL **TROPHY PRESENTED BY HIS FRIENDS**
TRENT FORNO

CLUB CAPTAIN **HUMPHREY BERE MEMORIAL TROPHY**
MARK MURRAY

PATRON'S TROPHY FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN COACHING
NOT PRESENTED