

1998

66th 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

GPS Honour Board

GPS Club Presidents

Sir Kenneth Fraser
A. Falk
C. McCarthy
W. Scott
R.A. Nicol 1950-57
H. Edwards
W. Boyd 1964-70
A. Flynn 1970-72
D. Lacy-Jones 1973-78
W. Bligh 1979-81
R.S. Roberts 1982-83
L.G. Jones 1984-86
A.R. Taylor 1987-89
R.J. Thomson 1990-

Australian Representatives

L.S. Lewis 1931/34/36
J.B.T. Doneley 1934
W.P.J. Ide 1938
B.D. Oxlade 1938
W.J. McLean 1939/46-48
J.R. McLean 1946
E.G. Broad 1947-49
K.C. Winning 1947-48/51
A. Ware 1949
D.I. McMillan 1950
P.D. Thompson 1950
C.J. Primmer 1951
G.G. Jones 1952-56
B.A. Wright 1955
A.F.M. Boyd 1958
O. F. Edwards 1961
P.D. Perrin 1962
D.S. Rathie 1971-72
C.M. Carberry 1973-76/81-82
D.W. Hillhouse 1975-76/83
G. G. Shambrook 1976
D. Codey 1984-86
A.G. Herbert 1987/89-93
R. Constable 1993-94
D. Herbert 1994-98
B. Tune 1996-98
M.J. Cockbain 1997-98

Queensland Representatives

1930-1949
J.O. East 1931/33/34
F.M. Nicholson 1931/33/35/36
L.S. Lewis 1932-37
J. Williams 1932
R. Gregory 1932
J.B. Doneley 1932-34
L.J. East 1933
J. Callaghan 1933
M.D. Cullen 1933
C.H. Smith 1933
M. Muller 1934
P.L. Dixon 1934-36
W.N. Douglas 1937
R.H. Bently 1937
C.R. Hockings 1937
W.J. Ide 1938/39
G. Denman 1938
W.M. McLean 1939/46/47
A. Ware 1945-47
R. Fay 1945
A.K. Winning 1945-47/50
J. Kirk 1946-47
J. McLean 1946-47
R. Proctor 1946
E.G. Broad 1947-49
J. Irwin 1947

P. Thompson 1948-50
I. McMillan 1949-50

1950-69

I. Nichol 1950
R. Colbert 1950-51
P. Robinson 1950-51/55
G.G. Jones 1951
J. Raff 1951
G. Marles 1951-52
B. Menkens 1952
B.R. Mills 1952-53
G.W. Horsley 1952-55
R. Freudenberg 1953
J. Greene 1953
B. Wright 1954-56/59-61
G. Newton 1955
F. Thompson 1955-56
R.M. Shaw 1956-57
K. Brasch 1956-57
J. Paskins 1956-57
J. R. Harris 1957
R. Swann 1957-58
J. Gilbert 1957
A. Boyd 1958-60
B.W. Boyd 1959
D. Rylance 1960
T. Carew 1960-64/66
J. Carson 1961
O. Edwards 1961-63/67
D.B. Clark 1961-64/66-69/71
P. Perrin 1962
B. Egan 1962
W. Gunn 1963-64
J.A. Dalglish 1960/63/65
J. Duff 1963
G. Golding 1963-64
D. Latter 1964-65
D. Whittle 1964
D. Taylor 1964
W. Reilly 1964
B.J. Munro 1964
E.A. Kann 1966-68
L.M. Nutt 1967
A. White 1969

1970-90

P. McBaron 1970
L.J. Graham 1970-74
I.D. Clark 1971-73/80
D. Rathie 1971-2/77
D. Withers 1971-73
M. Jack 1972-73
C.K. Smith 1972
P. Bissett 1973
G. Shambrook 1974-77
D. Hillhouse 1975-78/83
G. Brand 1975-80
J. Johanssen 1975
D. Regeling 1975-78
R. Hayes 1977
A. Austin 1981
C. Carberry 1981
M. Arnold 1982
T. Coker 1983-84
M. Phillips 1983-85
A. Dick 1984
D. Codey 1984-86
A. Herbert 1986-94
D. Phillips 1986-87
D. Reidy 1987
I. Siganiyavi 1989-90

1990-98

D. Herbert 1993-98
M. Ware 1994
R. Constable 1994-96
J. Reilly 1994-95
B. Tune 1995-98
C. Knapp 1995-98
M. Cockbain 1995-98
M. Flanagan 1996
A. Coombe 1996
B. Cockbain 1996-98
M. Murray 1996-98

500 Club Games

R.J. Thomson (701)

200 First Grade Games

D.B. Clark 1966
E.A. Kann 1970
I.D. Clark 1975
R.J. Thomson 1975
R. Nerichow 1977

200 Club Games

I.R. Colquhoun
D.J. Park
R. Mortimer
T. Jesser
D. Stevenson
J. Garde
L.G. Jones
R.S. Roberts
L.J. Graham
M. Arnold
K. Bolton

100 First Grade Games

T. Carew 1964
O.F. Edwards 1966
J.A. Dalglish 1967
D. Latter 1969
P. McBaron 1973
G. Brand 1979
A. Austin 1982
K. Bolton 1985
D. Phillips 1989
L. Tuqiri 1989
J. Taylor 1992
M. Jensen 1993
A. Herbert 1994
J. Reilly 1996

GPS Club Captains

J. Duff 1984
G.G. Whittle 1965-66
D.B. Clark 1967-69
E. Kann 1970-73
L.J. Graham 1974-75
R.J. Thomson 1976
G. Shambrook 1977
D. Burrows 1978
R. Nerichow 1979-80
B. Barnhill 1981
M. Oberhardt 1982
R.J. Thomson 1983
M. Phillips 1984
K. Bolton 1985-86
D. Phillips 1987
M. Frisby 1988
L. DiClemente 1989
A. Herbert 1990-92
G. Harris 1993-94
J. Reilly 1995-96
M. Murray 1997-98

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1998 OFFICE BEARERS

Patron:	Ron Park
President:	Robin Thomson
Vice Presidents:	Tony Roberts, Paul McGahan
Honorary Treasurer:	Will Colwell B.Com. ACA
Honorary Secretary:	Patricia Reid
Management Committee:	The President, Senior Vice-President Junior Vice-President, Treasurer Secretary, Alan Taylor, Trevor Betts, Anthony Ott, Mike Thies
General Manager:	Rod Torkington
Club Coaches:	1st Grade: Damien Frawley/David Scott 2nd Grade: Mick Arnold/Paul Green 3rd Grade: Chris Wake 4th Grade: Mark Harris/Luigi DiClemente Women: Phil Langley Colts I: Stephen Meehan/Michael Heenan Colts II: Ray Moore Colts III: Joe Anderson/Justin Barlow
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. Thomson, B. Loel, N.A. Burrows, W. Bligh, G. Bickerstaff, R. Torkington, A. Taylor
Ground Life Members:	G. Walker, I.H. Fraser, R.A. Duus, D. Rylance, R.J. Thomson, A. Edwards, B. Loel, A.R. Roberts, R.W. Bligh, K.G. Aaron, R. Farquhar, L.G. Jones, I. Robertson, Dr K. Woodhead, B. Coombes, N.A. Burrows, D. O'Reilly, D. Stevenson, B.G.S. Schooley, R.A. Anderson, P.J. Short, R.S. Roberts, J. Madden, Judge B.M. McLoughlin, G.G. Shambrook, D. Withers, D.J. Boucher, G. Rylance, R.A. Bernays, Dr C.J. Osborne R. Mortimer, E.A. Kann, D. Squires, J.B. Young, A. Carew, G. Ferguson, B. Sakzewski, O. Maynes, I.D. Clark, C. Carberry, L.J. Graham, D. Dick, M. Arnold
QRU Office Bearers:	QRU Vice President: R. Thomson, Delegates: W. Bligh, P. McGahan
Auditor:	J Amos

President's Report

Financial Members, Players, Supporters, Ladies & Gentlemen,
It is with pleasure I submit for your consideration the 1998 Annual Report of the GPS Old Boys' Rugby Union Club.

1998 On the Field

Last year your Committee implemented a more pro-active and structured recruitment program. Those who took note will realise all grades as a result had greater player numbers. Fourth Grade, the lowest regular open grade, for all the season had problems of trying to give sometimes up to 10 or 11 reserves a run on match days. The better numbers at the start of the season were maintained throughout the season, despite of injury attrition, due to greater coaching involvement and regular coaches/managers meetings chaired by Vice-President, Paul McGahan. The result of more off-season planning and effort and on-season communication was seen in greatly improved spirit amongst players and generally better results. In regard to the spirit, hopefully we are emerging from our Calvinist period and a little more of the old Cavalier will be seen.

The ladies coached by Phil Langley made the semis for the first time. Fourth Grade coached by Mark Harris and Luigi DiClemente also made the semis. Whilst Third Grade under Chris Wake were unlucky to miss out. Fifties under player/coach Pat Manahan and Colts III with Joey Anderson won their respective Grand Finals. A great effort. However, it would have been nice to some Fifth Graders at the annual dinner. Colts I were minor premiers in a tough competition and runners up to Wests in the Grand Final. Congratulations of course to Souths, proving their continued durability and winning the Senior Grand Final.

One swallow does not a summer make. It is easy to criticise First and Second Grade for unsatisfactory results. Lower Grades can be built fairly quickly with numbers and enthusiastic coaches. Higher Grades will not succeed on love, enthusiasm and numbers alone. Quality in team work, players, coaches

and support is necessary and only comes with dedication and time.

It took five years to build the 1996 Premiership team and one off-season to blow that structure away. The average age of this year's A Grade team was only 20. It will take time, perseverance and effort. We have talent, we are rebuilding. Witness of course the excellent Colts to come through. We are not neglecting our recruitment of both players, coaches and coaching staff. 1999 will see some changes in coaching. Paul McGahan and Rod Torkington have worked indefatigably to put in place the best possible coaching structure for the coming season. Those coaches and others have in turn been busy recruiting and retaining players. And this against a background of considerable financial inducements being offered elsewhere, particularly by Clubs supported by poker machine revenue.

Some of the coaching changes have been fraught with a considerable degree of angst. The Selection Committee has not made its recommendations lightly and whilst we commiserate with those who are disappointed, the Committee supports the process and will stand or fall on the results. Supporters should realise the difficulty of this task and give their support albeit questioningly from time to time to the process. Don't criticise in ignorance but find out the proper facts from your Committee and then form an advised opinion.

Congratulations to our representative players, Daniel Herbert, Ben Tune for whom we all wish a speedy recovery and Matt Cockbain at Australian Level. Mark Murray, Brent Cockbain (at last) and Christiaan Knapp with Queensland Reds and Cameron Northcott on his Australian Under 19 selection and Tim Heenan, Andrew Farley, Curtis Mohr and Donovan Slade on their Queensland Under 19 selection. Well done also to Joel Boogers for his belated but deserved inclusion in the Reds Rugby Academy. Once again John Moss has represented Australia at Sevens Level and was, we believe, unjustly overlooked in the final cut

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for the Commonwealth Games Team. No one has worked as hard and long as John but we know he will bounce back.

Thanks to club selector George Bickerstaff who I believe knows more about more players than any of the coaches. I believe George may be joined by another selector in 1999. There are many arguments regarding team selection processes. However, I believe having two independent selectors is most beneficial when selecting for and from 5 or 6 teams.

Acknowledgements

So much to do and so few people to do it.

Not really - there is a stack of people out there but coercion is not the way to good administrators and workers. Willingness is the major attitude and attribute. A willingness to work and learn and be part of a team. Don't come onto a committee simply to pontificate and lay down the law. Roll up your sleeves, get fully involved and you will find it a most rewarding experience.

Some of this year's committee for a variety of reasons should not have stood for the committee as, after only a couple of meetings, it became clear other interests and commitments rendered it impossible for them to continue to be involved in the running of the Club. They could have been replaced with chair warmers but again that is not satisfactory.

Thanks to others, however, who did keep the Club wheels turning. Pat Reid, Secretary and Subs Haridan. Once again, without Pat and Margaret Taylor we would have had a considerable number of non-financial members. Incidentally, if you look at your

Constitution, you cannot play, be on the committee (in fact be eligible to be elected) or vote in any Club matters if you are not a financial member.

Alan Taylor was his usual cantankerous or is it recalcitrant self. Without Alan, a myriad small tasks would not get done and Rod Torkington's job would be made so much harder by not having Alan go out of his way to do so many of the tasks which get heaped on Rod but are not his responsibility.

Alby also heads a sub committee to promote a joint licensed facility for the Senior and Junior Clubs in our own catchment area. Subject to clarification of current legislation and suitable agreement with a landlord, this project will be successful, will raise our profile as a leading member of the local community and also consolidate our financial security.

Michael Thies promoted our merchandising range. Anthony Ott ran fundraising raffles and the popular Tatts Breakfasts. Paul McGahan looked largely after the playing side of the Club and Junior Club liaison including the growing Albany Creek Junior Club.

Our outgoing Treasurer, Will Colwell, welcomed an addition to his and Cathy's family, young James, this year and also undertook in his real life a considerable extra workload. Unfortunately this curtailed his undoubted effectiveness as Treasurer. If we want quality treasurers like Will, we must provide adequate accounts bookkeeping backup. An effective Treasurer is not a bean counter, but a planner and a developer for growth and financial security. Gone are the days when financial reports could be scribbled on the back of an envelope. Proper sets of accounts and analysis are needed for every meeting. Only a committee properly financially informed can make knowledgeable decisions.

In 1990 our income was about \$30,000.00. In 1996 it was \$275,000.00 and last year \$245,000.00. The business has grown and if we don't become economically literate with it, we will continue to make a loss as we did this year.

The Treasurer will undoubtedly explain the reasons for that loss. Remedial steps must be taken. We have cut expenditure. This is not the answer. Demands will increase, not decrease. More funding must be achieved. You can help in this regard. If the Club contacts you for a sponsorship or sponsorship referral, don't duck for cover. At a certain time in your life this Club - your Club - has provided you with friends, exercise, character, a feed, a beer, a girlfriend, possibly even a roof over your head. Subsequent generations are just the same. Your assistance will not go astray. Even though I am standing down as President this year, it is my attention, with the agreement of the incoming Committee, to be involved in certain funding aspects of the Club. Freed from the rigours of the day to day running of the Club, I will have the time and look forward to contacting you in this regard.

Rod Torkington has been our General Manager for two years. If he doesn't know how to do it now, he never will. His main job is fund raising with certain ancillary liaison tasks with Juniors and Valleys. He is also responsible for home games and only because of logistics making sure the bar is stocked. He is not the gear steward, groundsman, barman or general dogsbody. His office is not a dumping ground for lost property or lost souls or a place for a general chat or selection meetings. If Rod is to perform satisfactorily, which is not happening at the moment, he cannot be expected to carry out those extra tasks. These tasks belong to committee, coaches, managers, and players or other paid staff. Rod and the Committee and all others must realise the parameters and get on effectively with their respective tasks. A clear delineation and understanding of responsibility must be achieved and re-enforced if this position is to succeed. Otherwise, it is a waste of time and a time waster.

Fundraising events this year were lacklustre. The golf day whilst fun for the participants, thanks to Anthony Herbert and his organisation, was financially less than could have been hoped for. The King of the Mountain was without a sponsor however should not, in my opinion, have been cancelled. It is an annual event revived by Frank Jensen successfully and can be run on a shoe string and still make a positive return.

We tried bingo at home but even with Alby's effort this provided a negative return. The black tie dinner was once again a luncheon done jointly with Wests. Laurie Mains was the guest speaker at no charge for which we thank him. Thanks also to Graham Maskell for being in primary school with Laurie. The financial results were positive but lacklustre. Wests had difficulty in providing numbers. Next year this function must re-establish its credentials.

The Fest with gridiron was, with plenty of input from Paul Reid (old fart retired), a much better success than the previous several years, showing a most positive financial result.

Ashgrove-GPS, Albany Creek-GPS Juniors

With the expected election of Paul McGahan to the position of GPS Club President for 1999, the close relationship between the Junior Clubs and Senior Clubs should be consolidated. Paul is a former QJRU President, a past president and Life Member of the Ashgrove GPS Junior Club, and also has been, along with Rod Torkington and Paul Reid, the main Senior Club person working with Albany Creek people to establish and maintain the Albany Creek Club. It is in no small way due to the efforts of Paul McGahan that Ashgrove is the pre-eminent Junior Club in Brisbane today and we expect in time Albany Creek GPS Juniors will achieve a similar prominence in its area of influence.

Valleys District Cricket Club

Congratulations to Valleys for a successful 98/99 season and their centenary. It is pleasing to see they are progressing satisfactorily at this stage of the current season. We have a good working relationship with Valleys, largely due on our part to the efforts of our General Manager, Rod Torkington. We have shared the grounds and premises with Valleys for 21 years and it behoves the incoming committee to maintain the regular dialogue which Rod has established.

Sponsorship

It is indeed unfortunate that Maxims no longer exists as a corporate entity. Therefore we will not have Maxims for our major sponsor in 1999 and unfortunately due to the winding up of the company not all sponsorship was received for 1998. Our thanks however to Chrysler and Garry Banks in particular who had the vision and business nous to see that sponsoring Jeeps whilst good for us was certainly good in financial terms for the sponsor. Peter Quinn, the younger, has returned from his American sojourn and is pleased to note we have kept The Gap Tavern trading successfully in his absence. The Tavern will we trust be on board in 1999 and continue its greatly appreciated long term sponsorship. Fourx and the Bank of Queensland continue their sponsorship and we were fortunate to have Fourx Managing Director, Barry McAllister and Bank of Queensland Managing Director, John Dawson, as speakers at our breakfasts during the year. Don Macgregor, Blair Barnhill and the Naturform organisation, continue in their sponsorship assistance. The Best and Fairest Sponsorship still has not fired this year and in my opinion, needs restructuring and a revamp.

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In this regard, I have had lengthy discussions with Rod Torkington, leading to an altered format about which Rod and I will be contacting members and prospective sponsors in the near future.

Medical

Geoff, the pain barrier, Clark, continued as our physio. Phil Manfield took a well earned rest from being Club Doctor, but being into pain and suffering, has taken up junior refereeing. Club Doctor this year was Pauline Smith, a much prettier face than Phil's and to whom we are greatly thankful for her unstinting efforts during the year. Congratulations and best wishes to our Doctor on her marriage during the year.

Queensland Rugby Union

The beginning of the season saw a change of Chairman with the Queensland Rugby Union. George Pippas replacing John Breen. There are also new faces on the QRU Board in Ben Keogh and David Crombie.

The advent of Pippas led to a more pro-active board. Amongst other things, George set up a licensed Club Sub-committee to investigate how the Senior Clubs and Country Unions could achieve financial independence through the medium of licensed clubs. Contacts were established with financial institutions and licensed gaming machine operators. Discussions have been held with these people by various clubs, your own in particular. The QRU now recognises that if they do not have financially independent senior clubs, they will end up with a grossly lopsided competition.

Sunnybank are successfully running a licensed club. Barbarians are strongly supported by Queensland's largest licensed club, Kedron Wavell. On the face of it, these clubs have no financial problems as far as their rugby is concerned. They are in a position to offer inducements to players, coaches and support staff. Sunnybank seem to be of the opinion that they owe nobody a living. If it suits them to play in the Brisbane Competition so be it. If it suits them to play in another form of competition, national in nature or otherwise then they may certainly do so irrespective of the Brisbane competition or what the QRU thinks.

Certain elements backing Barbarians are not, we understand, averse to these views.

If all the clubs cannot achieve financial independence there is every possibility of a scenario arising where we have only two major clubs in Brisbane and the rest of the clubs become feeders to the wealthy clubs.

This takes into account the egos of the big picture empire builders and a small number of the best players but does not cater for the vast majority of players. Such an evolution would strongly mitigate against the future of rugby while undermining the very foundations upon which the game has been built.

The QRU has come under considerable criticism regarding the displacement of ARU Chairman, Dick McGruther. There is no doubt under McGruther and O'Neill the ARU has had its best financial year and in winning the Bledisloe Cup in a clean sweep, one of its best playing years. The problem however, is that the ARU appears to be of the opinion that all Rugby in Australia should be run from its offices and by its officers. In short its the argument which has bedevilled Australia since Federation; centralism versus states rights. Dick, an excellent and competent administrator, believes in the centralist approach whilst the QRU and other state unions believe in the individual rights. Philosophically it appears one side equates centralism with dictatorship and the other equates diversity with anarchy.

The great pity is that all parties do not work together as a constructive partnership for the betterment of Australian Rugby. Remembering of course, you will not have a strong Wallaby team if you do not maintain and build at grass roots level.

GPS Constitution

The GPS Constitution consists of the rules as set out under the Incorporations Act as it relates to Associations. Attached to this Constitution is a set of rules which in fact simply meant tacking on the old constitution of the club which was drawn up before we went to Ashgrove. This year your Committee has proposed some alterations to the Constitution, probably the most important of which is giving the financial playing members of the

Club the ability should they so wish to nominate and elect from their numbers two players to be on the Club Committee. Players have been represented on the committee for many years, but not specifically as player representatives. Club Committees are something of an autocracy rather than a democracy. Nevertheless, it is now up to players to be proactive and have two of their number on the committee: certainly to represent the players' interests, but also on behalf of the players to represent the club's interests.

I am standing down this year after some nine years as President and I note, this has not occurred without some discussion at committee level and I understand elsewhere. Midway during the year a good replacement having come onto the committee in the form of Paul McGahan, I had intended to stand down and devote myself to fishing, having been told I would never make a golfer. However, a major project assumed viable proportions during the year and will undoubtedly continue into 1999. This project concerns the building of a licensed club facility at the Albany Creek Sports Ground. I felt it was necessary to continue as President until this project had been finalised one way or the other.

Alan Taylor has as a firm article of faith a belief that Presidents should not stand for longer than three years. At the end of that time it is time for them to move over and to give someone else a go. Alby espoused this view with considerable vehemence during the year. I always appreciated Alan's forthright views and have benefited from them on many occasions. On other occasions I have disagreed and taken a different course. Fortunately both Alby and I agree on everyone's right to have a view and to debate that view robustly.

My view is that if an administrator is doing a good job then he can stand as often as he likes although recognising that all of us have use by dates, and also recognising when a replacement of ability comes along, the position should be reconsidered.

One other matter to be considered in an administrator's longevity is that after a number of years in the job any worthwhile administrator gradually finds out how the system works. Having learnt after two or three years how it works it is a bit ridiculous to then stand down and hand over to a novice and start the process all over again. When Clubs were amateur and had a \$30,000.00 per year gross turnover, experience was a bonus but not all that necessary. These days the President is the head of a many faceted business which as I have previously said is only going to get bigger. The President needs ability, business knowledge, administrative knowledge and as much experience as possible as do Committee members and all other administrators.

Having said all of that, nine years is a bloody long time during which Rugby itself has grown even more than our budget. We are still in a time of great change and upheaval and must carefully maintain our position and be prepared to chart our course into the unknown future. We have a great Club; it is up to all of us to keep it that way, a Club that produces Wallabies, Reds, Premiership winning teams and people who just like to play Rugby. To endeavour to do anything less would be a betrayal of what the Club has stood for for over 100 years. Best wishes to you all for 1999 and the new millennium and sincere thanks to all those from 1990 to now who have been instrumental and assisted in enabling our club to promote and foster Rugby excellence and assist its members along the broader pathway of life.

**Robin Thomson,
President**

*To strain and struggle to the end of strength;
To lean on skill, not ask a gift of chance,
To win, or lose, and recognise at length
The game's the thing; the rest, a circumstance.*

*And now the teams are vanished from the field,
But still an echo of their presence clings;
The moon discovers what the day concealed,
The gracefulness and grief of passing things.*

J.A.R. McKellar

First Grade Report

After commencing preseason training in the middle of November under the watchful and enthusiastic eye of Anthony Herbert, we were suitably equipped to start the season well. Attendances were the best they had been for some years and competition for spots in A grade was going to be tight.

The A grade team selected for the first game of the season against Wests was a blend of youthful enthusiasm and experience. Our first four outings of the season saw us defeated by extremely close margins and the disappointment was immense. I believe we remained competitive for the balance of the first round, the highlight being a very determined and courageous win over the 1997 Premiers, Easts.

As injuries grew and focus diminished our results in the mid part of the second round were appalling. We did manage to piece together some very controlled passages of play in the last two games of the season and finished ahead of the Gold Coast and Barbarians on the table.

Whilst in overall terms season 1998 will be viewed as disappointing it was successful in grooming some very talented young players who will be all the better for the experience.

I would like to thank on behalf of Dave Scott and myself the support we received from the management team of Chris Davies, Ian Phillips, Simon Mammino, Geoff Clarke the physio and Pauline the Doc. It is appropriate that I also acknowledge the support from the committee and general manager as well as all of the other coaches throughout the grades, particularly Mick Arnold (2nd Grade) who never lets adversity get in the way of the ultimate goal.

This game is not a game without players and for all players involved in 1st Grade this year I thank you very much for your patience, commitment and friendship. Christiaan Knapp our captain for the 1998 season was very helpful and professional towards myself and his team mates and I wish him well in his endeavours over the next couple of years.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the enthusiasm and the direction that David Scott brought to the team. He will remain a friend to myself and many of the players for years to come.

Damien Frawley
Coach

Second Grade

In a year that started so promisingly with GPS winning 3 of the 5 trial games it ended very disappointingly with just 3 wins, 1 draw and 12 losses.

The turning point of the year was in our first four games where we had the chance to be winners in all four but ended up on the wrong side of the score board on each occasion. From this point the confidence dropped and along with injuries and lack of numbers at training sessions the year just got worse.

Lack of depth seemed to be our biggest hurdle because even though our results weren't great our commitment in 80% of our games was enough to give most teams a real fright.

A disturbing phenomenon at GPS from one year to another is our inability to hold on to our players, as highlighted in the fact that only three of last year's players were consistently part of the 1998 side.

Two of these, captain John Flynn and Most Valuable Player Luke Cervetto, our vice captain, put in at both training and games and did everything possible to keep the spirits high. I would like to thank both players for their commitment and support throughout the season.

Congratulations also go to Matt Ramage our Best and Fairest. Many thanks also to Paul Kramsie our manager and backs coach who spent a lot of his time making sure that players wanted for nothing, and at the same time giving the backs as much assistance as possible.

Thanks also to Paul Green (ex 'A' grade coach) who came down and assisted with the team in the second half of the year.

I would also like to thank Damien Frawley and Dave Scott ('A' grade coaches) who also gave great assistance as we tried to keep 1st & 2nd grades training as a squad. Many thanks to 3rd and 4th grade coaches and players who supported 2nd grade throughout the year.

These coaches have the hardest job because until the game starts they never really know who the run on side will be, because of players pulling out in the top grades.

Evidence of this was that the last training week of the year was the first time in 1998 that 2nd grade actually played with the same 15 on game day. As a result 2nd grade finished the season with a good win over Norths.

To 2nd grade I would like to thank you for 1998 and I hope if you stick to it 1999 will be a lot more profitable.

Thank you.
Mick Arnold
Coach

Third Grade

Season 1998 offered a challenge to all involved to reverse the results of the previous season when 3rd grade finished well out of semi-final contention. An undefeated run through the pre-season was an encouraging sign for the season proper. Unfortunately it appeared after five games of the regular season we had left all our good form behind us in the heat of the pre-season.

We were starting too slowly to be competitive, giving teams easy leads before coming alive after half time. It was discouraging stuff until we met Easts at Yoku Road. Trailing by 20 points at half time we let Easts in again early after the resumption of play. We finished the game losing 26-31 after scoring 26 points in 25 minutes to grab two valuable competition points. It proved what we were capable of when we applied ourselves.

After an extended layoff leading up to the Barbarians game we crashed to our most humiliating defeat of the season. Players were devastated by this result, but it proved to be the turning point in our season.

We turned the corner with two games in hand, four competition points and the prospect of playing three games in a week ahead of us. Over the next two weeks we recorded wins against Wests (21-18) and Gold Coast (39-10). We dropped games to competition front runners Souths (8-9) and Sunnybank (5-19) during the next two weeks, with the Sunnybank game being the first game of three to be played over seven days.

On a cold night at St Lucia we backed up on the Wednesday night to play fourth placed Uni. In a dour game our defence dominated and we came away with the points winning 8-3. Four days later we squared off against Brothers at Crosby Park. Despite heavy legs we defeated Brothers 13-0. A great feeling given our schedule, with a barnstorming try by outcentre Matt Hollyman a highlight of the game.

We hustled our way into fourth spot dishing up another defeat to the students 18-3 at Ashgrove. Jeff Yadloski, Scott McLellan and Ben Thallon played outstanding football to tear the heart out of the students' running game.

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Unfortunately our season aspirations turned sour from here on, losing talented fullback Dave McGahan for the season with a punctured lung against Easts. David at this stage was leading the Best and Fairest points, which was a good indication of his importance to the team. Losses to Easts and Souths and a last round revenge win against the Baa Baa's left us finishing the season just out of it in fifth spot.

All in all it was a successful roller coaster ride through season 1998. The highlight of the season was the attitude of the players who stood by the team giving it everything right to the end. In 1998 we proved that we could win games. The GPS of old was dead. We gave teams leads and we chased and we won. There is still much more to be done, and given the same team next year a top three finish is a viable prospect.

As with every season there are always thanks to be given. Mark Harris and Luigi DiClemente for their assistance and support all year; special mention to Luie for his scrum work. Damien Frawley for his input and support of the team. Bruce Young for his leadership and ability to organise the forwards. His absences were noticeable.

Scott McLellan a good season without reward, missing points in all the voting forums, his hard work often went unnoticed. Loughman, Bristow, Moore, Moore, Biddulph, Bensley, Edge, Moran, Young and Davies a pack of forwards who fed off each other to stand tall against the best the competition had to offer.

But of all the players, those who need the highest recognition are those players who sat on the bench for us, always there, always keen to be a part of the game and often proving the difference. Rummie Neemia is just one of these valued players with a particular ability to sniff out a try. Last but not least I'd to thank my co-coach and manager.

I hope to be a part of the continuing success of Third Grade in season 1999. See you all then.

Chris Wake
Coach

Fourth Grade

4th Grade finished a commendable 3rd on the table in 1998. It was an enjoyable and successful year both on and off the paddock. We were considered serious grand final contenders throughout the year, but faltered early in the final series against a rejuvenated South side who went on to win the premiership.

We had a good roll-up of players right from the start of the season and it was good to see many of them go on to play higher grades. Training sessions were also well attended. Next year we will look to undertake some longer-term training in the sessions, such as building upper body strength.

Fourth grade is renowned for its characters and this year was no different. We had Junior, the Samoan frontrower who kept everyone entertained with his antics, to Bryce 'knock-out' Ferguson at full-back. We had the very excitable Japanese connection including the gutsy 'Ken' Yonetani who won the best player award. The best and fairest award was jointly won by David Valentine and Rohan Fuller.

A successful 4th grade side normally includes a handful of older / experienced players. This year we had the likes of David Greene, Luigi DiClemente, Rohan Fuller, Rick Stafford, Mark Harris, Justin Steel, Michael Ware and who could forget Robin 'Buff' Thomson, all of who provided a solid foundation. Let's hope that this continues to be the case in the future.

My thanks go to my co-coach Luigi DiClemente whose golfing handicap blew out a couple of points throughout the year, the GPS committee, and all the players for their participation and commitment throughout the year.
Greg Harris
Coach

Women's Rugby

1998 proved to be the most successful year yet for the GPS Women's team. On their way to finishing in the finals for the first time ever, the women's team won an unprecedented eight games to 5 losses with one forfeit from Easts. The women successfully managed to defeat Sunnybank, Gold Coast, Barbarians, Easts twice throughout the season while defeating Wests once in the rounds and again in the semi-finals. Brothers and University remain the women's team's nemesis, mainly due to the high number of state representatives that are provided from these teams. The women finished third overall on the table and as stated, defeated Wests in the semi-finals. Unfortunately, the women went down to Brothers in the preliminary final. The women exceeded all expectations and can extremely happy with their performances throughout the season.

A reason for the women's improved performance has been the increased numbers attending training. The players benefited from the increased level of fitness provided by fitness coach Peter Marsh, especially in the semi-finals when it particularly was important. In addition, the players benefited from the coaching of former Brothers women's coach, Steve Edwards, who came to GPS half way during the year and was able to provide the forwards with his impressive knowledge of forward play.

Another positive in 1998 was that the players had few injuries, which resulted in stable combinations on the field. Any injuries sustained were relatively minor and the women recovered quickly, usually under the guidance of the guru, Geoff Clarke. Many thanks go to "Clarkie" for his patience and expertise.

While the women's team has achieved successes on the field, off the field the "girls" managed to have plenty of fun. On most function nights, the women attended in droves and were especially vocal at Rugby Fest. The women have enjoyed many social occasions throughout the year and were even known to help the Colts celebrate a win or two, especially come grand final. The grade teams could take a lead from the colts and women when it comes to team and club spirit. At a time when rugby is struggling at a club level, everyone should be making an effort, no matter what the on field results are.

The women's team would also like to pass on their congratulations and commiserations to all teams involved in the finals.

Finally, thanks must be given to all that have played a part in the women's 1998 season. To coaches Philip Langley and Steve Edwards, whose patience, knowledge and friendship must be commended. To Peter Marsh, the women's fitness coach, your influence played a major part in the team's success. To Rod Torkington, GPS General Manager, who again showed patience and helped guide the management through some difficult moments. Finally, to the GPS Club - your support is unique among the Brisbane competition. Thank-you for recognising that women have the desire and talents to be able to play this great game.

Carla Hardy
Women's Manager

Colts I

Speed, skill, dedication and a willingness to run the football separated the 1998 Colts I from every other side in this year's competition. Including the finals, we managed to score 78 tries, just over half were scored by the wingers or fullback, an incredible feat that reflects our team's approach.

We finished the season as minor premiers having scored 100 points more than our nearest rivals. The final series did not go our way and we experienced mixed results. I felt the influence of the three officials had a huge impact in the major semi-final 23-19 loss to Wests. The following week we faced Easts and

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turned in what I would describe as our most complete performance of the year, just edging out our 46-10 demolition of Brothers at Crosby, winning the preliminary final 28-3. We never really managed to get going in the Grand Final despite scoring 2 tries to 1; we lost to Wests by a point, 16-15. Again the influence of the officials was felt when our final opportunity to kick a penalty after time was denied on the strength of the touch judge's report.

I would like to congratulate Cameron Northcott on his Australian Under 19 selection and Tim Heenan, Andrew Farley, Curtis Mohr and Donovan Slade on their Queensland Under 19 selection. A marvellous season for Joel Boogers saw him gain selection into the Reds Rugby Academy; representative selection is not far away for him. I would also like to congratulate and thank Luke Wilkes for his efforts as captain, an unfamiliar role that he handled very well. It's worth mentioning that Luke was the only player to start in every match this season and was the recipient of the Colts I Character Cup. Congratulations to Tom McVerry who was awarded Best and Fairest. An even greater achievement was standing to accept his award. My thanks to all 31 players who started in this year's Colts I, those who went on as replacements and to all the other colts for their support.

Thanks to Mick Heenan who stepped up from last year's Colts III to coach our forwards and in the process picked up another runners up title; hopefully next year Mick, James Barden and Bruce Young helped manage the side whenever time permitted and was greatly appreciated. The support Mick and I received from the Colts II officials Ray, Chris and Ben and the very successful unit from Colts III Joe and J.B. was fantastic. As I mentioned at the Annual Dinner we received enormous help and assistance from Torko and Paul McGahan as far back as October, 1997 and I hope they enjoyed the way we played this season as a result.

I hope to see all those colts turn out again for GPS next season whether it be in the grades or colts and in the process build this club into a powerful force from 1st Grade through to Colts III.

Stephen Meehan
Coach

Colts II

The 1998 season for Colts II was one I would prefer to forget: the side was never the same two weeks running for one reason or another and our effort in even finishing equal fifth was a very good result taking in the circumstances.

I hope that all players who played in Colts II this season will go on and continue to develop their football at Jeeps. Congratulations to both Steve and Joey on making the grand final and more so to Joey for winning.

My thanks go to Chris Chetham for looking after the backs this season and all the best for the future in coaching. A special thanks to Ben McGahan who not only did a great job as team manager but in his effort with the colts as a whole. Thanks, Ben.

Well done to Best and Fairest John Cox and Best Back Damien Zeller. The team captain was Manny Maloney in his last year within the colts. I wish him all the best in grades.

Over the year coaches and players achieved the goal of playing the running game that other clubs have yet to achieve within their colts, but which earned Jeeps colts the respect of all they came into contact with.

Ray Moore
Coach

Colts III

It was a big year for Colts 3 who overcame an initial problem starting the season with only 6 players to become Premiership winners over Wests 19-13.

The "multi cultural" team showed tremendous spirit by winning 4 out of their 5 last games in order to make the semi-finals, coming from behind in every game.

When the season first started, I was without a specialist backs coach, when along came a friend of mine, Justin Barlow. He took upon the position and throughout the year showed great enthusiasm and commitment to the development of the Colts 3 side. A special thank you also to Ben McGahan for his assistance in the finals and to the women's team for their support.

While all of the players in Colts 3 gave their all throughout the season, a special mention must be given of some outstanding performances throughout the year. Our Best and Fairest winners, Tim Wolf and Andy Paternot, our most improved back, Nathan Murray and our captain, Craig Lindores.

Finally I would like to say thank you to all those involved on "that day" for THE FINAL EFFORT!

Joe Anderson
Coach

Ashgrove-GPS Juniors

Ashgrove fielded 32 teams in the Under 7 to Under 17 age groups. The club had approximately 500 registered players in 1998.

The season was a success both on and off the field. The club enjoyed a small operating profit due to the immense support shown by parents and supporters. On the field, the club won premierships in Under 12 Div 4, Under 13 Div 1, Under 15 Div 2 and Under 16 Div 1. The Under 14 and Under 17 teams also reached their respective grand finals. The club also gained Queensland and Australian representatives at the Under 16 level.

The club intends to upgrade its facilities at Yoku Rd and will also continue its policy of not grading teams as the club believes this policy is the reason for its enormous success.

My thanks go to Ashgrove-GPS vice presidents Phil Manfield and Steve Burton, Secretary John Hollamby and Registrar/Immediate Past President Bevan Whip.

Jim Barden
President

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Grades	I	II	III	IV	Total 1st/All	T	C	P	Pts
ABDY Adam	15	3			20/31	4			20
AIR Jason	19	1			38/43	1			5
ALLEN Scott				4	0/4				
AMANI Clement	10	5			10/15	1			5
ANDERSON Scott		10	1		0/11	1			5
ANDREWS Shane	1	4	1		3/16	1			5
ATKINSON Tim	19				20/20	2	1		12
BAGGIO Simon		2	1		0/3	2			10
BAKER Matthew				2	0/2				
BALL Duncan		11			0/11	1			5
BARDSLEY Tim				5	0/12				
BARLOW Justin		2			0/14	1			5
BENSLEY Stewart			12	3	0/28	1			5
BIDDULPH Paul	2	11	4		3/70				
BOOGERS Joel	2				2/2				
BRISTOW Ben			10	4	0/26	1			5
CANNIFFE Nathan		8	2	9	0/19	3	7	5	44
CERVETTO Luke	1	13	1		2/68	2			10
CLAY Aaron		3	12		0/15	1	5	3	24
COCKBAIN Brent	14				77/83				
COUPER James	20				30/31	2			10
CUSACK Jay	7	3			8/15	4			20
DAVIES Kevin		6	7	1	0/14	1			5
DICLEMENTE Luigi				10	56/85				
DOOLIN Anthony	2	1			2/3				
EDGE Scott		1	10	4	0/22	1			5
FANNING Timothy	1				22/65				
FARLEY Andrew	2				2/2				
FARMER Paul	18				34/34	2	14	24	110
FERGUSON Bryce			6	4	0/98	1			5
FLYNN John	4	13			4/59		7	7	35
FORNO Trent	14				58/101	1			5
FOXLEE Michael				1	30/85	2			10
FRASER Benjamin			1	12	0/13	1			5
FULLER Rohan				9	0/9	3			15
GILAI Jason	15	4			15/19				
GILFESON Michael	6	5			6/12	1			5
GOLD Blake	2	3	1	2	45/81	1			5
GORDON Ryan		5	7		0/25	1			5
GREENE David				10	36/48	3	2	4	31
HAGLEY Matthew			2	1	0/62				
HARRIS Mark				13	28/89	1	1		7
HEENAN Tim	1				1/1				
HICKEY Neil			1		0/1				
HILEY Brent		1	11	2	0/57				
HIRABAYASHI Taizo		2	4	6	0/12		2	3	13
HOLLAND Brad		1	1	6	0/19	1			5
HOLLAND Charlie	15	1			15/16	2			10
HOLLYMAN Matthew			13	1	0/25	1			5
JACKSON James			15	1	0/38	3			15
JACOB Anthony	6	5	1		6/12	3			15
JACOB Luke				8	0/21		1	1	5
JEWELL Stephen				8	0/8				
JOVER Darryl		4	8	1	0/13				
KALCH Mark		4	5	5	0/14	2			10
KNAPP Christiaan	19				78/99	4			20
L'ESTRANGE Ben	4	12			5/18	2			10
LOUGHMAN Dominic		6	7	1	0/29				
MACFARLANE Dan	16	4			34/38				
MCCAFFERY Justin				11	0/27	3			15
MCGAHAN David		1	11		0/12	3			15
MCINTOSH Jeff			2	3	0/5				
MCINTOSH Peter	13				37/48	1	1	2	13
MCKAY Matthew				14	0/14				
MCKENZIE Simon			1	3	0/4				
MCLELLAN Scott		4	11	1	0/33	3		3	24
MILES David				7	0/88	1			5
MOHR Curtis	2				2/2				
MOORE Jason			11		0/34				
MOORE Jeremy		2	8	4	0/44				
MORAN Scott		3	12	2	0/17	1			5
MORTIMER Duncan				11	0/11				
MOSS John	12	3			81/122	2			10
MULHERAN Beau	2	3			2/5	2			10
MURPHY David		7		1	0/8				

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Grades	I	II	III	IV	1st/All	T	C	P	Pts
MURRAY Mark	12				77/78	3			15
NEEMIA Eparame			10	10	0/28	10			50
NEEMIA Junior		1	5	12	0/18		1		2
NEUHOLD Derek				4	0/4				
NIELSEN Anders			7	3	0/10				
NIXON Brad		1		9	0/16				
NORTHCOTT Cam	6				6/6				
OGG Daniel	8	9			14/33	4			20
OYAMA Takeshi			3	11	0/14	2			10
PEVERILL Dermot				1	0/1				
RAMAGE Matt	6	5	1		6/12				
SAUNDERS Michael		3		1	0/4	1			5
SEDEN Damien		1			0/1				
SERGIACOMI C.	1	8	1	1	10/34	2			10
SHEPPARD Paul				2	0/2				
SLADE Donovan	7				7/7				
STEEL Justin				5	10/109	1			5
THALLON Benjamin			10	4	0/14			1	3
THOMSON Robin				7	200+/701				
TODD Gerald		2		1	0/24				
TRONC Bradley	8				8/8				
TUKA Daymon		4	6		0/37				
TYSON Phillip		1	1	2	0/4				
VALENTINE David			2	13	0/93	2			10
WARE Michael				1	36/73				
WATERHOUSE Matt	8	11			27/46	3	3	2	27
WATSON Darryl				1	0/14		1		2
YADLOSKY Jeffrey		1	10	2	0/13	6			30
YONETANI Kengo			1	12	0/13	1			5
YOUNG Bruce	1	4	13		1/18	3			15

Women	Games/Total*	T	C	P	FG	Pts
BENNIE Michele	5/5					
BUTLER Lisa	10/10					
COX Sarah	10/10					
DE LORYN Sharon	13/13					
DIPILOCK Jenny	15/15	2				10
DOLLAR Yvonne	14/14					
DUMESNY Chevonne	6/6					
FAIRWEATHER Angie	13/21	3	3	1		24
GREEN Julie	11/11					
HINES Fiona	13/13	1				5
KIRK Erin	15/15					
KLEEMAN Angie	14/14					
LINDSAY TEWES Gillian	14/31					
MARSH Jane	11/31		1			2
OLIVER Megan	13/22	3				15
PHILLIPS Pamela	15/15					
REEKS Sarah	14/22	1	1			7
WEISS Megan	13/37					
YOUNG Amanda	15/37					
YOUNG Deborah	4/4	1				5

(*No records are available for 1994 & 1995 seasons)

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Colts	I	II	III	T	C	P	FG	PTS
ADAMS Cameron	16	1		3				15
AFFLECK Stuart	1	11	9					
ATKINSON David	1	7		8				40
BARDEN Ben	1	8	9					
BARDEN Luke		1	6					
BENETT Trent	9	9	4					
BENNETT Simon			8	1	1	3		16
BENSLEY Maughan	1	12	1	3				15
BLINKHOFF Matt	6	3		1				5
BOOGERS Joel	18			14				70
BOSHOF Thys	1	8	12					
BOUCHER Nick			16	1				5
BRETHERTON Daniel			12					
BURGMAN Toby			2					
CAHILL Luke			13	2				10
CHIPPINDALE Luke	5	12	1					
CLANCY Tyrone		1	15	3	3	1		24
CLAYTON John		3	12		3	4		18
COX John	7	10	1	2				10
DAVIES Thomas			1					
DOLLMAN Luke	17			1				5
FARLEY Andrew	17			1				5
GWYANE James			10					
HAMMOND Xavier		8	12	2				10
HANSON Lucas	1	14	4	1				5
HARRISON Damien	4	12	1	4				20
HEENAN Timothy	17							
HENRY Joseph		8	10	4				20
HOBDAJ Jason		8	9	1				5
HOBDAJ Patrick	6	9	1					
HOGAN Mathew		6	12	2				10
ISBEL Matthew			2					
JARRO Brad	10	5		8				40
JESSER Lucas	3							
JESSER Ryan			11	1				5
JURY Kane	18	1		2				10
KIMIYA Kazuhiro		14						
KUHN Glen	18	1		2	52	9		141
LIDDLE Barry		1	14	4				20
LINDORES Craig	2	7	12					
MALONEY Manny	5	12		4	1			22
MCGILLIAN Michael	2	13						
MCINTOSH Dugal		15	2	5	15	4		67
MCVERRY Tom	17	1	2	6				30
MOHR Curtis	14			6				30
MURRAY Nathan		6	14	2		1		13
NORTHCOTT Cameron	10			5				25
O'DONOHUE Liam	7	9	1				5	
PATERNOTT Andrew		5	10	1				5
PORTER Michael	10	9	1	2				10
RICHARDS Christopher	13	6	1	9				45
SCHODEL Ben			2					
SCOTT Benjamin	6	8	1	1				5
SIU Edward			1					
SLADE Donovan	11	1		7				35
STEEL Gerard	7	11		1	6	3		26
STIRLING Clifford	1	5	9					
SUAREZ Emiliano	1	4	1				5	
TEWSON Daniel	1	5	12					
THIES Sam	7	6	1	2		1		13
TRONC Brad	10			2				10
TSIAMALILI Peter	9	10	5				25	
WEBSTER Ryan			15					
WILKES Luke	19							
WOLF Tim		2	12	2				10
WRIGHT Chris	17			15				75
ZELLER Damien	1	16	1	2	1			12

GPS 1998 Trophy List

	Presented By	Presented To
Top Try Scorer (15)	Tony Roberts	Chris Wright
100 Points for the Season	Dennis Boucher	Glen Kuhn
100 Points for the Season	Owen Edwards	Paul Farmer
Best & Fairest 1 st Grade	Wren Bligh	Tim Atkinson
1 st Grade Most Valuable Player	Lloyd Graham	James Couper
Best & Fairest 2 nd Grade	Ken Bolton	Matt Ramage
2 nd Grade MVP Player	John Garde	Luke Cervetto
Best & Fairest 3 rd Grade	David Abernethy	Jeff Yadosky
Best & Fairest 3 rd Grade	Frank Jensen	Bruce Young
3 rd Grade MVP	Gary McKay	Scott Moran
Best & Fairest 4 th Grader	Robin Thomson	Rohan Fuller
Best & Fairest 4 th Grader	Eric Crooke	David Valentine
4 th Grade MVP	Kelvin Boys	Kengo Yonetani
Best 5 th Grader	Brogan Melit	Mark Rainbow
Best & Fairest Women's	Cr Geraldine Knapp	Gill Lindsay
Women's Best Player	Red Hot Sports	Jane Marsh
Contribution to Juniors	Ashgrove-GPS	Rod Torkington
Contribution to Juniors	Ashgrove-GPS	Ben Barden
Contribution to Juniors	Ashgrove-GPS	Gerard Steel
Best & Fairest Colts I	Alan Taylor	Tom McVerry
Colts I "Character Cup"	Steve Meehan	Luke Wilkes
Best & Fairest Colts II	George Bickerstaff	John Cox
Best Back Colts II	Peter McBaron	Damien Zeller
Best & Fairest Colts III	Ken Aaron	Andrew Paternott
Best & Fairest Colts III	Bob Armstrong	Tim Wolf
Best Back Colts III	Neil Hatherly	Nathan Murray
Best & Fairest Colt	Robert Burrows Memorial Trophy	Tom McVerry
Best Junior Clubman	David Burrows Memorial Trophy	Ben McGahan
Best Clubman	Walter H. Boyd Memorial Trophy	Chris Davies
Club Captain	Humphrey Bere Memorial Trophy	Mark Murray
Patron's Trophy for Outstanding Achievement in Coaching		Steve Meehan

Most Tries Scored this Season

Chris Wright	15
Joel Boogers	14
Eparame Neemia	10
Chris Richards	9
Brad Jarro	8
David Atkinson	8
Donovan Slade	7
Jeff Yadosky	6
Curtis Mohr	6
Tom McVerry	6

Most Points Scored this Season

Glen Kuhn	141
Paul Farmer	110
Chris Wright	75
Joel Boogers	70
Dugal McIntosh	67
Eparame Neemia	50
Chris Richards	45
Nathan Canniffe	44

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

GPS OLD BOYS' RUGBY UNION

CLUB INC

SCOPE

I have audited the accounts of *GPS Old Boy's Rugby Union Club Inc.*, for year ended 30 September 1998. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members.

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

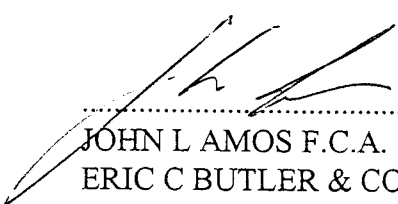
The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

QUALIFICATION

Due to the nature of the income of *GPS Old Boys' Rugby Union Club Inc.* it is impracticable to verify that all funds due to the Association were received. I have no reason to believe that all monies of the Association were not received and banked.

AUDIT OPINION

Subject to the above qualification in my opinion, the financial statements present fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards the financial position of *GPS Old Boys' Rugby Union Inc.* as at 30 September 1998 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.



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DATED 17 December, 1999

GPS OLD BOYS RUGBY UNION CLUB INC**Financial Statements**

for Year Ended 30th September 1998

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Profit (loss) from Bar Trading	26,033.39	21,323.42
Profit (loss) from Food Trading	1,724.83	3,640.67
Profit (loss) from Merchandise Trading	2,043.05	1,375.97
Functions & Fundraising	4,228.15	23,719.52
Government Subsidies	13,794.47	9,625.30
Donations & Sponsorship	46,974.50	59,307.50
Subscriptions	26,118.00	35,196.60
Parking & Admission	11,160.00	11,363.00
Prizemoney	4,545.00	4,500.00
QRU Grants	30,000.00	30,000.00
Sundry	570.00	720.00
Interest Received	3.39	416.33
Albany Creek Income	3,344.00	1,927.00
	<u>170,538.78</u>	<u>203,115.31</u>
 LESS EXPENSES		
Audit Fees	0.00	73.80
Advertising Printing, Postage & Stationery	7,003.80	17,501.26
Affiliations	2,630.00	2,480.00
Albany Creek Costs	6,835.36	3,081.63
Ashgrove Grounds & Building Expenses	24,175.07	25,238.22
Bad Debts Written Off	0.00	3,842.00
Bank Charges	2,700.00	2,209.13
Development Officer Expenses	0.00	1,606.47
Donations	173.39	576.00
Fees and Permits	938.85	513.80
Football Expenses	13,413.51	31,980.27
General Expenses	3,008.97	1,151.21
Hire of Equipment	6,878.74	10,821.16
Interest	850.72	485.71
Insurance - general	1,997.32	3,415.20
Insurance - player	10,737.04	15,300.00
Leasing	4,112.20	1,600.60
Motor Vehicle Expenses	11,310.92	15,806.11
Player Import Expenses	0.00	605.00
Subscriptions	992.14	45.00
Petty Cash	4,514.33	4,327.86
 Sub Total:	<u>102,272.36</u>	<u>142,660.43</u>

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT (Cont)...	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Balance Carried Forward:	102,272.36	142,660.43
Staff Amenities	415.70	0.00
Security	1,069.47	1,639.63
Sponsorship Costs	706.00	0.00
Superannuation Contributions	3,229.78	1,320.22
Trophies	2,991.35	2,345.50
Wages - Executives	35,099.90	36,955.03
Wages - Bar	3,820.50	4,765.00
Wages - Other	32,379.98	36,502.40
Workers Compensation	978.00	0.00
	<u>182,963.04</u>	<u>226,188.21</u>
 OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	 (12,424.26)	 (23,072.90)
 ABNORMAL ITEMS		
Clubhouse Redevelopment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(11,800.00)</u>
 NETT PROFIT/(LOSS)	 <u>(12,424.26)</u>	 <u>(34,872.90)</u>

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DETAILED EXPENSES SCHEDULE

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
ADVERTISING, PRINTING, POSTAGE & STATIONERY		
Advertising	1,548.66	649.15
Printing & Photocopying (General)	1,025.56	5,016.61
Printing & Photocopying (Newsletter)	440.00	3,302.67
Postage	1,331.10	1,739.04
Stationery	658.63	1,030.57
Typing	269.50	90.00
Desktop Publishing (Newsletter)	585.00	1,415.00
Desktop Publishing (General)	595.00	2,459.20
Couriers	185.80	285.60
Administration	0.00	50.00
Computer Expenses	90.00	399.00
Office Expenses	274.55	1,064.42
	7,003.80	17,501.26
ASHGROVE GROUNDS & BUILDING EXPENSES		
Telephone No. 1	0.00	30.00
Telephone No. 2	0.00	185.10
Telephones - Other	2,273.48	2,322.21
Telephones & Fax - Office	4,547.35	6,262.35
Ground Maintenance No. 1	1,669.10	2,154.16
Ground Maintenance No. 2	1,265.22	447.18
Ground Maintenance No. 3	1,175.46	447.18
Rates No. 1	157.75	173.15
Rates No. 2	205.45	369.00
Rates No. 3	84.25	0.00
Rent No. 1	366.25	201.25
Rent No. 2	460.00	457.00
Electricity No. 1	1,849.60	1,166.45
Electricity No. 2	2,472.34	3,380.60
Electricity Small Clubhouse	101.65	74.15
Gas	556.51	393.39
Line Marking	268.70	470.50
Corner Posts	167.25	155.75
Repairs & Maintenance Small Clubhouse	2,806.36	1,005.61
Repairs & Maintenance Big Clubhouse	1,279.78	1,127.36
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	1,442.54	752.00
Ground Lease Costs	218.60	0.00
Water Rates	0.00	2,157.35
Lights	547.43	199.98
Signage	260.00	1,306.50
	24,175.07	25,238.22
BAD DEBTS WRITTEN OFF		
Trade Debtors	0.00	3,842.00
	0.00	3,842.00

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FOOTBALL EXPENSES

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Sevens Expenses	1,444.00	1,099.36
A Grade Expenses	495.00	1,657.70
Coaching Consultants	1,200.00	1,400.00
Video	175.00	390.00
Footballs	1,214.85	1,339.90
Equipment	602.81	2,677.92
Travel & Tour	540.00	2,102.64
Coach Education	850.00	500.00
Colts Expenses	75.00	1,180.20
Photos	0.00	1,644.50
Other	666.50	1,358.60
Strapping/Medical	4,551.40	7,163.30
Recruitment Expenses	528.95	1,334.70
Laundry	0.00	185.00
Jersies	1,070.00	7,946.45
	13,413.51	31,980.27

Interest

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DETAILED REVENUE SCHEDULE

	1998 \$	1997 \$
FUNCTIONS & FUNDRAISING		
Raffles & Doubles	6,292.65	5,330.65
Home Game Functions	(205.00)	2,650.35
Annual Dinner	(3,136.02)	230.00
Season Launch	255.20	(613.40)
King of the Mountain	0.00	6,399.65
Ladies Committee	2,766.67	0.00
Black Tie Dinner	0.00	(3,324.70)
Breakfasts	(341.95)	410.00
Golf Day	(570.00)	1,568.20
Other	0.00	1,250.85
Three Wallabies Lunch	(204.00)	9,200.40
Bingo	(629.40)	0.00
Premiership Lunch	0.00	617.52
	<u>4,228.15</u>	<u>23,719.52</u>
DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIP		
Donations (General)	307.00	510.00
Donations (Trophies)	2,097.00	2,135.50
Major Sponsor	19,860.00	25,000.00
Associate Major Sponsors	12,728.00	20,472.00
Grades & Colts Sponsors	7,250.00	6,200.00
Advertising	250.00	1,250.00
Other Sponsors	4,482.50	2,000.00
Touch Sponsors	0.00	1,740.00
	<u>46,974.50</u>	<u>59,307.50</u>
SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Player	23,178.00	28,673.00
Member	2,760.00	3,920.00
Team Contributions	180.00	2,603.60
	<u>26,118.00</u>	<u>35,196.60</u>
ALBANY CREEK		
Subscriptions	2,200.00	1,927.00
Ground Rent	440.00	0.00
Jersies/Socks	704.00	0.00
	<u>3,344.00</u>	<u>1,927.00</u>

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TRADING ACCOUNTS

BAR TRADING ACCOUNT	1998 \$	1997 \$
Sales	50,903.51	50,921.62
LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Opening Stock	0.00	449.61
Purchases	<u>25,281.62</u>	<u>29,148.59</u>
	<u>25,281.62</u>	<u>29,598.20</u>
Closing Stock	<u>411.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>24,870.12</u>	<u>29,598.20</u>
GROSS PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM BAR TRADING	<u>26,033.39</u>	<u>21,323.42</u>
MERCHANDISE TRADING ACCOUNT	1998 \$	1997 \$
Sales	7,741.50	9,273.45
LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Opening Stock	7,410.12	2,497.50
Purchases	<u>3,784.38</u>	<u>12,810.10</u>
	<u>11,194.50</u>	<u>15,307.60</u>
Closing Stock	<u>5,496.05</u>	<u>7,410.12</u>
	<u>5,698.45</u>	<u>7,897.48</u>
GROSS PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM CLOTHING TRADING	<u>2,043.05</u>	<u>1,375.97</u>
	0.00	
FOOD TRADING ACCOUNT	1998 \$	1997 \$
Sales	7,959.63	9,891.05
LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Opening Stock	0.00	0.00
Purchases	<u>6,234.80</u>	<u>6,250.38</u>
	<u>6,234.80</u>	<u>6,250.38</u>
Closing Stock	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>3,234.80</u>	<u>6,250.38</u>
GROSS PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM FOOD TRADING	<u>1,724.83</u>	<u>3,640.67</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

	1998 \$	NOTE	1997 \$
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Cash	(4,750.77)	2	3,355.47
Receivables	41,406.29	3	66,798.54
Inventories	5,907.55	4	7,410.12
	<u>42,563.07</u>		<u>77,564.13</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			
<u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	188,230.09	5	176,286.97
Investments	1,150.00	6	1,150.00
	<u>189,380.09</u>		<u>177,463.97</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
	<u>231,943.16</u>		<u>255,001.10</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Creditors & Borrowings	57,410.18	8	65,168.86
	<u>57,410.18</u>		<u>65,168.86</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			
<u>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Creditors & Borrowers	19,250.00	9	22,000.00
	<u>19,250.00</u>		<u>22,000.00</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
	<u>76,660.18</u>		<u>87,293.86</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES			
NET ASSETS	<u>155,282.98</u>		<u>167,707.24</u>
<u>CLUB EQUITY</u>			
Reserves	600.00	10	600.00
Retained Profits/(Accumulated Losses)	154,682.98		167,107.24
	<u>155,282.98</u>		<u>167,707.24</u>
TOTAL CLUB EQUITY			

<p align="center">GPS OLD BOYS RUGBY UNION CLUB INC Financial Statements for Year Ended 30th September 1998 NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS</p>

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
NOTE 2: CASH		
Bank of Queensland - Albany Creek	1,454.47	65.12
Cash at Bank - Bar Account ANZ	99.31	4,716.24
D. Burrows Memorial Fund	1,123.90	1,123.90
Joint Bank Valleys	(10.54)	65.99
Metway General	108.34	(2,615.78)
Bank of Queensland - General	(7,526.25)	0.00
	<u>(4,750.77)</u>	<u>3,355.47</u>
NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES (CURRENT)		
Trade Debtors	41,406.29	66,798.54
	<u>41,406.29</u>	<u>66,798.54</u>
NOTE 4: INVENTORIES (CURRENT)		
Stock on Hand - Bar	411.50	0.00
Stock on Hand - Clothing	5,496.05	7,410.12
	<u>5,907.55</u>	<u>7,410.12</u>
NOTE 5: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
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>117,434.30</u>
Plant & Equipment	26,657.41	22,079.29
Field Lights No. 1 Oval	12,175.00	12,175.00
Field Lights No. 2 Oval	7,169.38	7,169.38
Field Lights No. 3 & Car Park	7,365.00	0.00
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>70,795.79</u>	<u>58,852.67</u>
	\$188,230.09	176,286.97

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS (Cont)...

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
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	57,410.18	65,168.86
	<u>57,410.18</u>	<u>65,168.86</u>
NOTE 9: CREDITORS & BORROWINGS (NON-CURRENT)		
Pine Rivers Shire Council	19,250.00	22,000.00
	<u>19,250.00</u>	<u>22,000.00</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>