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2023 YEAR BOOK

A young boy in a blue rugby jersey is running with a green and white rugby ball. He is wearing a blue jersey with a yellow 'B' on the sleeve and a blue bib with 'Lending' visible. He is also wearing blue shorts, white socks with blue stripes, and black cleats. The background is a grassy field with other players and spectators blurred.

**Rugby Union is a
game that develops
leadership,
team spirit, courage,
sportsmanship and
friendship.**



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To our wonderful Dural Rugby Club members,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the President's Report for the 2023 season. This year has once again been quite the journey for our club, marked by growth, development, achievements, and a true sense of unity among our rugby family.

I must begin by acknowledging and remembering Alfie Darby, our energetic 5-year-old mini's player who passed away towards the end of the season, following a tragic accident in Collaroy. Our thoughts, love and prayers have been with and remain with the Darby family. On the same note, I also want to thank you, our rugby community for standing side by side in support. When difficult circumstances arise, it is great to see that we are there for each other, to offer a hug, to be an ear to listen or a shoulder to cry on.

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We've had another great year as a club with many on-field successes, achievements and highlights. Our minis once again grew in size with more players and more teams than ever before, showing what a great job the club is doing to promote rugby and then nurture those new players who join us. Seeing the boys and girls every Saturday morning, running around in their oversized kit, at times covered in mud, but with big smiles on their faces shows how much fun they are having and what a great sport rugby is.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont

With two teams in nearly every age group, our juniors displayed exceptional dedication and skill on the field. We saw impressive improvements in player performance, team cohesion, and sportsmanship, resulting in several victories and strong competitive games. Our commitment to nurturing the next generation of rugby players has remained steadfast.

As a community rugby club it is important to note that we use rugby as a medium to help develop children into young adults, teaching them new skills, enhancing others, focussing on team work, respect, personal contribution and growth in a fun and safe environment. We don't always get everything right, there are challenges we face every week, but we do our best as a committee to do what is right by the club, the team and the player.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who have made representative teams this year and for those who have progressed through to higher honours and Waratahs junior academies, we are very proud and commend you on these achievements.

We secured new sponsorships and partnerships that have not only provided financial support but have also enhanced connections within our local business community. This has contributed to the club's financial stability and the ability to invest in various initiatives such as a new electronic scoreboard, new digital matchday videoing equipment and a new "field dress" for Dural Park which will be on display and in use next season.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont

I thank all of our wonderful sponsors for their ongoing support and encourage our members and wider community to reach out to them first if they are needing any of the services they provide.

As we look to the future, we must prioritise the long-term sustainability of the club. This includes maintaining and upgrading facilities, ensuring a strong financial foundation, and continuing to adapt to changing circumstances. The refurbishment and improvements of our clubhouse have now been signed off and we hope for these works to be undertaken and finished in the off-season ready for use when we come back for 2024. These new facilities will create a more welcoming and comfortable environment for players, spectators, and visiting teams alike.

There is a focus on growth and our commitment to enhancing coaching programs, training development, digital analysis, providing more opportunities for skill-building, while ultimately continuing to foster an environment where players, of all ages and abilities can reach their full potential. Our goals remain clear: to promote rugby as a sport that embodies camaraderie, respect, and personal growth. We will build on our achievements and overcome challenges together, united by our shared love for the game and the values it represents.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont

There is a huge amount of time and energy that goes into the administration and management of our club. As such I would like to extend a huge debt of gratitude to each of the committee members who look after their own portfolio to make the club run as smoothly as it does. On that note, we have some members stepping down after many years of service; to Kylie Baker and Rebecca Matthews, thank you for everything you have done, it does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by all. The club does not run without dedicated volunteers, so if anyone is interested in joining our committee, please do reach out to me.

I would like to thank all our volunteers, in each age group across the club who coach, manage and referee. It is your commitment, enthusiasm and care for each of the players that brings them back year after year, helping to shape the club's identity and culture, making us the club we are.

A big thank you to my wife Carrie for your patience and understanding. Having to deal with, "I've just got to take this call" (throughout the day and night), "I've just got to send this email" or "I've just got to go to this meeting". Your support to me and our family is invaluable and I thank you for that.

Lastly and by no means least, a big thanks to each and every player who put on a Dural shirt this season. I hope that you have developed new skills, made new friends, enjoyed the games, the training, the ups, the downs, the challenges and the successes. We value each and every one of you and I look forward to welcoming you back to for season 2024!

Yours in rugby,

Tristan Prosser-Shaw
President
Dural Rugby Club



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President, Dural Rugby Club



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Members, Families, and Supporters of Dural Rugby Club,

As we conclude another eventful year for Dural Rugby Club, I am pleased to present the end-of-year treasurer's report, summarising our financial activities and highlighting the strides we've taken in achieving our club's goals.

Financial Overview:

Throughout 2023, Dural Rugby Club has maintained a steadfast commitment to financial responsibility while fostering growth and success both on and off the field. Our financial position remains strong due to the collective effort of our members, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters. The club's revenue sources, including membership dues, sponsorships, the Walla Tag tournament, and canteen sales have all contributed to our financial stability.

Income and Expenditure:

Our total income for the year will not be finalised until our end-of-year audit as of September 30th.

This year we have been able to cover operational costs, including ground hire fees, physiotherapist/first Aid services, equipment maintenance, social media/advertising, and expenses for tournaments and matches.

Investment in Growth:

A significant portion of our budget was dedicated to club promotion, including mini gala days and 'Try Rugby' events, as well as facilities enhancement such as our new electronic scoreboard, banners, signage, branded roping tape, and poles. These investments underscore our commitment to nurturing talent and providing up-to-date facilities for all members. This commitment will also be reflected in the forthcoming redevelopment of the buildings at Dural Park, which aims to improve storage, changing rooms, shelter, and, most importantly, canteen facilities. The impact of these investments is evident in the notable improvement in our players' skills and the increasing participation of the community in our rugby programs.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Gratitude to Sponsors and Supporters:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors and supporters, who have played an instrumental role in our financial success. Their belief in our vision and commitment to rugby has enabled us to thrive as a club. Their support has not only bolstered our financial stability but has also affirmed our status as a valued member of the community.

Transparency and Accountability:

As the treasurer, I want to assure you that we have maintained rigorous financial transparency and accountability. Regular reports have been submitted during committee meetings, and a comprehensive audit will be conducted to ensure accurate financial reporting. Our commitment to financial best practices remains unwavering. This year, we introduced a new system in the canteen known as "Square" to improve customer purchase tracking and cash flow management. Further enhancements will be made through this system as we continue to input stock on hand to optimise supply purchasing throughout the season.

Looking Forward:

As we enter the upcoming year, we are excited to build upon the foundation laid in 2023. We will continue to invest in player development, expand community engagement, and foster partnerships that align with our values. We invite every member and supporter to join us on this journey, contributing to the growth and success of Dural Rugby Club.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to Dural Rugby Club. Together, we will continue to make strides toward excellence both on and off the rugby field.

Yours in Rugby,
Rebecca Mathews Treasurer,
Dural Rugby Club

OUR NEW TRAINING TEE

The 2023 Tee is a special bespoke design developed for our club by a young contemporary indigenous artist, Dan Williams.

"The story of this piece is about the team, represented by dingoes (the word Dingo comes from the local language of the Dharug people), coming together and meeting in the meeting circles and preparing for the hunt (the game). The Pink and White images in the background represents the girls and boys that play with the burning log (The name for the Dural district is based on the Dharug words for a "log burning from within")."



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President:	Tristan Prosser-Shaw
Vice President:	Kyle Austin
Treasurer:	Rebecca Matthews
Secretary:	Kerryn Daly
Registrar:	Yvette Montgomery
Minis Committee:	Sam Daff
Public Officer:	Matt Hall
EDJRU Reps:	Nathan O'Keeffe
Projects & Grants Coordinator:	Murray Liston
Media Coordinator:	Bernard Waterson
Sponsor Coordinator:	James Watkin
Canteen Coordinator:	Kylie Baker
Walla Tag Coordinator:	Kerryn Daly
Events Coordinator:	Renee Whitehead

AGE

COORDINATORS

U6	Sam Daff
U7	Sam Daff
U8	Sam Daff
U9	Sam Daff
U10	Rob Hall
U11	Jacqui Brown
U12	Kyle Austin
U13	James Watkin
U14	Nathan O'Keeffe
U15	Yvette Montgomery

LIFE MEMBERS

2007

Glenn Houston
Phil Overton

2011

Alana Anderson
Warwick Anderson

2016

Hugh Anstee

2020

Matt Hall

2008

Geoff Ferris

2013

Eric Flanagan

2017

Tricia Waters
Geoff & Meg
Heaton

2022

Sam Gall
Gareth Tulloch



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SPONSORS

PLATINUM SPONSOR



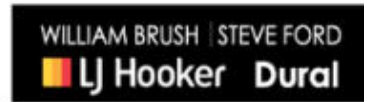
GOLD SPONSORS



SILVER SPONSORS



BRONZE SPONSORS





Celebrating
ALFIE MURRAY DARBY
#11
30th July, 2023



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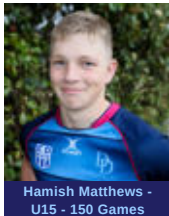
GAME AWARDS 2023

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Ryan Scott - Opens
150 Games



Cooper Fradd - U15
150 Games



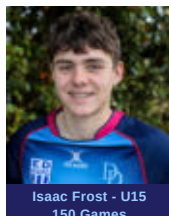
Hamish Matthews -
U15 - 150 Games



James Fitzhenry - U15
150 Games



Patrick Valencour - U15
150 Games



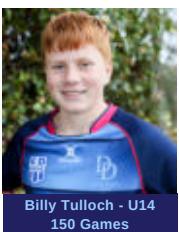
Isaac Frost - U15
150 Games



Jacob Revill - U15
150 Games



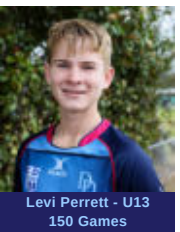
Edward Darby - U14
150 Games



Billy Tulloch - U14
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Zac Piper - U13
150 Games



Levi Perrett - U13
150 Games

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Taite Howells - Opens
100 Games



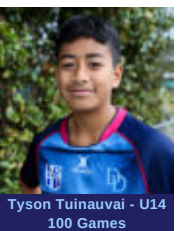
Joshua Liston - U15 -
100 Games

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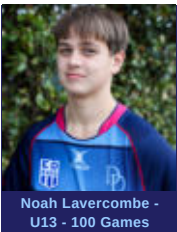
Jackson Greenaway -
U14 - 100 Games



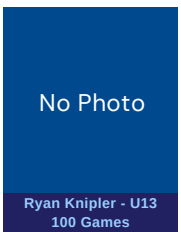
Jake Hutson - U14 100
Games



Tyson Tuinauvali - U14
100 Games



Noah Lavercombe -
U13 - 100 Games



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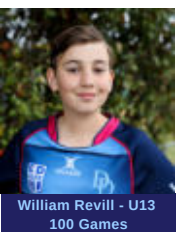
Ryan Knipler - U13
100 Games



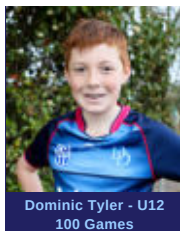
Aidan Lemsing - U13
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Hamish Lemsing - U13
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William Revill - U13
100 Games



Dominic Tyler - U12
100 Games



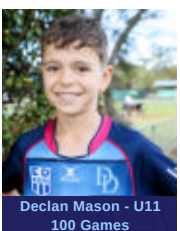
Angus Weir - U12
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Lachlan Hall - U12
100 Games



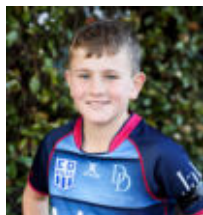
Cormac O'Keefe - U12
100 Games



Declan Mason - U11
100 Games

EASTWOOD REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

U10's



U10 - William Hall



U10 - Tom Treak



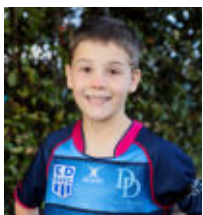
U10 - Dion Pieterse



U10 - Lachlan Pym



U10 - Flynn Leach



U10 - Nixon Schwebel



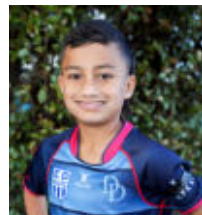
U10 - Alexander Mair



U10 - Jack O'Kane



U10 - Max Chippindale



U10 - Phillip Jnr Tuinauvai



U10 - Lucas Sidoti



U10 - Cooper Daff



U10 - Samuel Scaife



U10 - Ethan Bishton



U10 - Luca Monardo



U10 - Joshua Lucak



U10 - Archie Zahra



U10 - Gabriel Alzoha

EASTWOOD REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

U11's



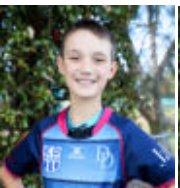
U11 - Eremasi Bevan



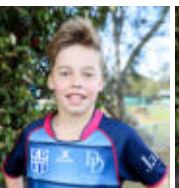
U11 - Ben Booyesen



U11 - Sullivan Brown



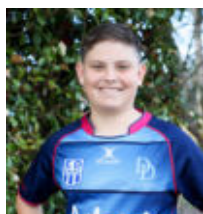
U11 - Hudson Clark



U11 - Koby Stone



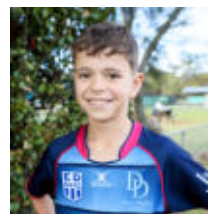
U11 - Matthew O'Kane



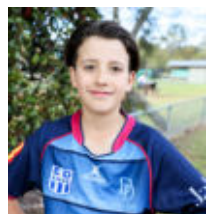
U11 - Cooper Roberts



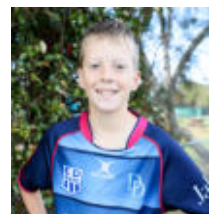
U11 - Riley Swift



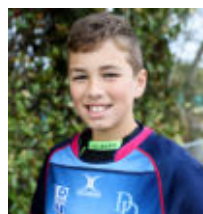
U11 - Declan Mason



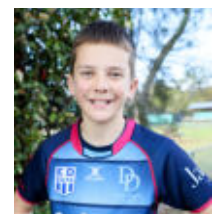
U11 - Fabrizio Mesiti



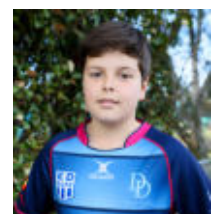
U11 - Cooper Mardell



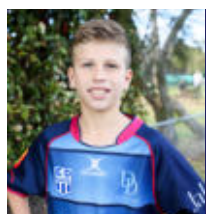
U11 - Cormac O'Keeffe



U11 - Xavier Eason



U11 - James Powell



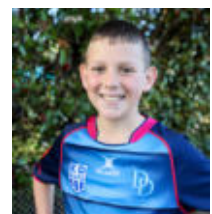
U11 - Tyler Watkin



U11 - Oliver Hathaway



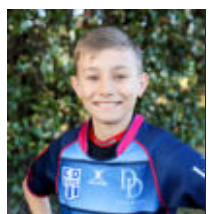
U11 - Juan Jacobs



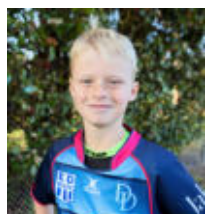
U11 - Gerhard Grobler



U11 - Benjamin Robertson



U11 - Finlay Gardner



U11 - Nixon Armstrong

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EASTWOOD REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

U12's



U12 - Jack Austin



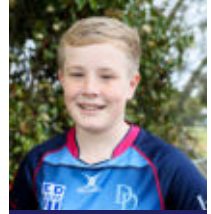
U12 - Dominic Tyler



U12 - Malakai Bevan



U12 - Aidan Liston



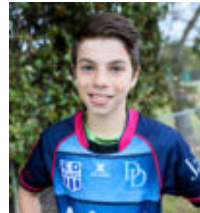
U12 - Lachlan Hall



U12 - Joshua Masiello



U11 - Drew Owen



U12 - Aidan Studders



U12 - Lachlan Dorahy



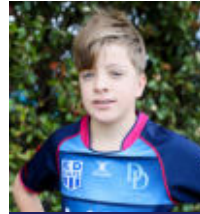
U12 - Tristan Prosser-Shaw



U12 - Vakalahi Taufa



U12 - Sam Waterson



U12 - Archie Darby



U12 - Angus Weir



U12 - Max Winston

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U12 - Luke Alloggia

EASTWOOD REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS



U13's



U13 - Jett Watkin



U13 - Luke Papallo



U13 - Toby Ralph



U13 - Zac Piper



U13 - Levi Perrett



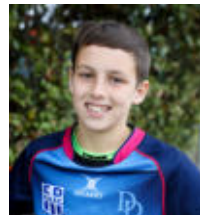
U13 - Luka Kurcubic



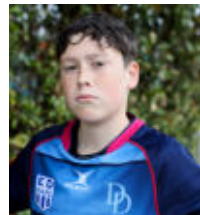
U13 - Noah Lavercombe



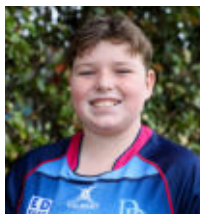
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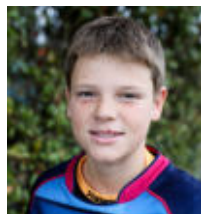
U13 - Lucas Clarke



U13 - Nate Mezzomo



U13 - Harry Oxford



U13 - Brody Stewart

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EASTWOOD REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS



U14's



U14 - Noah O'Keefe



U14 - Samuel Price



U14 - Mark Olivetti



U14 - Mason Rawhiti



U14 - Riley Paki



U14 - Dewan Jacobs



U14 - Alex Eason



U14 - Jack Treak



U14 - Lachlan Halmarick



U14 - Lucian Bester



U14 - Jake Hutson



U14 - Tyson Tuinauvali



U14 - Edward Darby



U14 - Ethan Cooper



U14 - Joseph Gilbert



U14 - William Dorahy



U14 - James Day

EASTWOOD REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS



U15's



U15 - Cyrus Bloomfield



U15 - Cooper Fradd



U15 - Gary Roberts



U15 - Hamish Matthews



U15 - Joshua Liston



U15 - Kayden McPherson



U15 - Liam Boys



U15 - Lincoln Montgomery



U15 - Matthew Thompson



U15 - Patrick Withford



U15 - Puatonga Olivetti



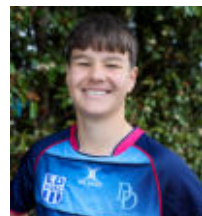
U15 - Riley Davis



U15 - Samuel Kable



U15 - Talen Risati



U15 - Taylor Hatton

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REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS



Ethan Cooper

U14's Representative
2023 Sydney Squad
2023 Sydney City
Team



Jack Treak

U14's Representative
2023 Sydney Squad



Dewan Jacobs

U14's Representative
2023 Sydney Squad



Riley Paki

U14's Representative
2023 Sydney Squad



Cyrus Bloomfield

U15's Representative
2023 Sydney Squad
2023 Sydney City
Team
2023 Gen Blue



Hamish Matthews

U15's Representative
2023 Sydney Squad
2023 Sydney City
Team
2023 Gen Blue



Talen Risati

U15's Representative
2023 Sydney Squad
2023 Sydney City
Team
2023 Gen Blue



Taylor Hatton

U15's Representative
2023 Sydney Squad
2023 Gen Blue



Puatonga Olliveti

U15's Representative
2023 Sydney Squad
2023 Gen Blue



Gary Roberts

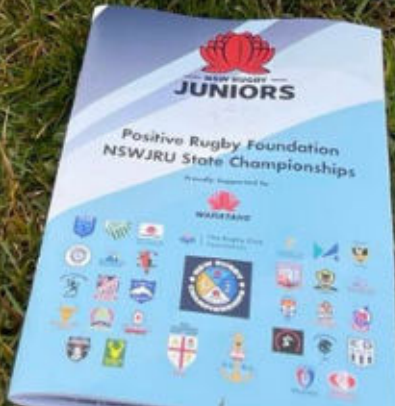
U15's Representative
2023 Sydney Squad
2023 Gen Blue





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TEAM REPORTS



UNDER 6 BLUE SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 6 DURAL BLUE

Back Row: Amy Murphy (Coach), Eli Salvi, Corbin Hutchins, Harvey Temple, William Darby (Manager)

Front Row: Harvey Murphy, Xander Kruger, Alfie Darby, Oscar Morrell, Elijah Murphy

Absent: Noah Schubach, Andrew Morrell (Coach)

As the rugby season comes to a close, we cannot help but reflect on the incredible journey we have shared together. It has been a season filled with growth, camaraderie and unforgettable memories. We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who played a role in making this season such a success.

Sam Daff and the committee:

Thank you all for your tireless efforts throughout the year ensuring that the magic happens.

Head Coach Nick, Your Mentorship Made the Difference:

Taking the lead of two teams each Friday night, your passion for rugby and your dedication to our young athletes has been nothing short of inspiring. Your ability to teach the fundamentals of the game while keeping it fun and engaging has been invaluable to our little champions.

The way you instill discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship in each child is truly commendable.

The progress we have witnessed in our U6 Dural Blue team under your guidance is a testament to your coaching prowess. Thank you for being a role model, a teacher, and a friend to each child on the team.

Manager William Darby, Your Behind-the-Scenes Work Matters:

As our team's manager, you have tirelessly organised schedules, communicated with parents, and ensured that everything ran smoothly both on and off the field. Your commitment to the team and your ability to handle logistics with finesse have been instrumental in the team's success. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication throughout the season.

Assistant Coaches (The Parents), Your Invaluable Assistance:

To the parents who stepped up to assist Coach Nick and I during training and games, we are incredibly grateful for your involvement. Your willingness to lend a hand, cheer the team on, and support the children has made a world of difference. It is truly heartening to see parents actively engaged in their children's sporting journey, and your contributions have not gone unnoticed.

Thank You to the Entire U6 Dural Blue Team:

Lastly, to our young athletes of the U6 Dural Blue Team, you have been the true stars of this season. Your determination, sportsmanship, and willingness to learn have been a joy to watch. Each one of you has grown as a rugby player and as an individual, and we could not be prouder. The friendships forged on the field will last a lifetime, and we hope this season has instilled in you a love for rugby that will continue to grow in the years to come.

I'd like to thank Coach Amy for her contribution throughout the season, for bringing a solid dedication to the side and assisting wherever needed.

Amy has kindly collaborated the following player reports.

Alfie Darby – Alfie returned for a second season in the U6's. Always arriving on game day full of smiles and enthusiasm, pure magic to witness his eagerness and effort in attack and defence. Alfie's love of rugby certainly shone through every time he was on the field or running around at training. Alfie is dearly missed by all of his teammates. #11 our shining star forever in our hearts.

Corbin Hutchins – Corbin showed huge improvement in his second season in U6's. He took to the field each game full of energy, enthusiasm, and excitement to play. Corbin would power through the defence when he had ball in hand and the highlight of his game was when he scored a try or some weeks, multiple tries.

Eli Salvi – Eli's second season of rugby saw him improve significantly. He was amazing in defence! Like a tiger to its prey, Eli would chase and pounce on the opposition, often making multiple tags in a row. He was also very handy at running the ball, finding space, gaining metres and scoring tries.



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Elijah Murphy – Elijah was our youngest team member and experienced his first season of rugby this year. He showed huge improvement in his confidence as the season progressed. It was a joy to watch his face beam with pride if he made a tag or scored a try.

Harvey Murphy – Harvey's second season in U6's and he showed incredible growth in his confidence and playing ability. He was always eager to run the ball and would make a beeline to the corner post, to score a try. He loved to have a kick and worked hard to chase down the opposition players.

Harvey Temple – Harvey had a great first season in rugby. His enjoyment of the game was evident every week he played. Harvey was an excellent listener and always follow the coaches' instructions. He was an enthusiastic runner of the ball and always put in 110% effort when he played.

Noah Schubach – Noah joined us half-way through the season and was a great addition to the team. Full of speed and confidence he was outstanding in attack and scored some very impressive tries.

Oscar Morrell – Oscar's first season of U6's saw growth in his confidence and ability with each training session and game. When Oscar had ball in hand, he enjoyed having a run and then passing to his teammates. When defending Oscar would try his best to run down the opposition players.

Xander Kruger – Xander returned for his second season in the U6's. He was always keen to have a run or kick and was relentless in attack and defence. Xander displayed an impressive side-step and ability to find gaps in the defence where he would slip through and speed straight to the try line. It was not uncommon to see Xander score multiple tries each game.

As we bid farewell to this season, let us remember the victories, the hard-fought matches, the laughter shared and the tears cried in memory of our little mate, Alfie Darby, forever in our hearts.

Rugby is more than just a game; it's about fostering a sense of community and character-building, and together, we have achieved just that.

Once again, a big thank you to the committee, coach Nick, manager William Darby, the assistant coaches (the parents), and each member of the U6 Dural Blue team for making this season an unforgettable one. Let's look forward to more exciting rugby in the future!

Sincerely,
Coach Andrew.



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UNDER 6 DURAL SKY

Back Row: Nick Childs (Coach/Manager), Phill Dodd (Coach/Manager)
Middle Row: Bodhi Harper, Austin Xu, Jacob Pirina, Juke Bush
Front Row: George Alba, Albie Childs, Noah Dodd, Jack Bull, Liam Rose

The U6 Sky Blue Team was a mix of returning players from last year, as well some boys that were new to rugby this season. This meant that the team were able to hit the ground running at the start of the year, as well as the new players being able to pick up the game quickly.

Each Friday and Saturday the boys brought a lot of energy and excitement, which was fantastic to see. It was great to witness the progression of the team throughout the season. With the older boys leading the way, it wasn't long before our newer teammates were following their lead. Towards the end of the season the boys were consistently looking to create two passes to start the attack and were more aware of keeping a straight and organised line in defence, which was one of the Sky Blue's teams' great strengths.

To Albie, Austin, Bodhi, George, Jack, Jacob, Juke, Liam & Noah thank you for a great season, you have been a great group to be involved with. You can be very proud of your efforts, and I look forward to seeing you all next season.

Albie Childs: Albie returned for a second season in the U6's and the experience from last year showed. Albie started the season well, consistently putting his hands up for a run and displaying newfound speed and sidestep. He enjoyed being one of the leaders in the group and welcomed the new team members with enthusiasm.



Austin Xu: Austin was the Sky Blue's defensive weapon this season. Like a fox chasing a hapless chicken, he was relentless in his pursuit of the opposition players. It would not be uncommon to see him making three tags in a row, as he took great pride in shutting down the opposition attack. Austin was also an enthusiastic runner of the ball and did a great job of gaining good meters for us out wide.

Bodhi Harper: Bodhi grew in confidence as his first season of rugby progressed. Although reluctant to run the ball early in the year, it was great to see him show off his speed later in the season when he put his hand up for a run. Where Bodhi excelled was defence. He relentlessly chased down the opposition players, working hard to ensure he stopped their attack in its tracks.

George Ala: George had a great first season in rugby. Although quite initially, George grew in confidence as the season progressed. It was great to witness George in full flight, turning defenders inside/out with his natural footwork. George also proved relentless in defence, never giving the opposition an easy run to the try line.

Jack Bull: Jack was the quiet achiever of the group and showed great improvement as the season progressed. Initially hesitant to run the ball and focus on defence, this definitely changed towards the middle of the season. As Jack's confidence grew, so did the quality of his attacking runs, showing good speed and turn of direction. Jack also showed no fear, throwing himself into his defence and shrugging off any collision that came about.

Jacob Pirina: Jacob joined us for his first season of rugby this year and the improvement he showed throughout was fantastic to witness. Above all else, Jacob showed great enthusiasm for his defence. Nothing pleased him more than getting multiple tags in a row and shutting down the opponent's attack.

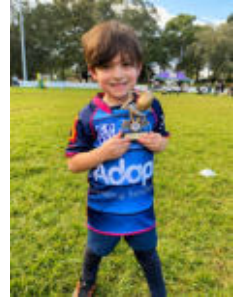


Juke Bush: Another one of our experienced team members, Juke went from strength to strength this year. Juke's ability to change direction on a dime, and do so at speed, left many a defender grasping at air. Both his eagerness and enthusiasm were evident at training and game day alike, and he enjoyed nothing more than swan diving over the try line and bagging another try.

Liam Rose: It was fantastic to witness Liam growing in confidence with each training session and game. Initially Liam chose to concentrate his efforts in defence and clearly enjoyed chasing down the opposition. Towards the end of the season, Liam also displayed an eagerness to run the ball and showed good speed. Liam also seemed to be developing a unique stepping style, which he brought out in the last couple of games, no doubt he will have this perfected for the 2024 season.

Noah Dodd: Noah returned for his second season in the U6's this year and the added experience definitely showed. Noah consistently put his hand up for attacking runs this year and surprised many a defender with his added yard of speed this season. It was not uncommon for Noah to outrun the opposition defence and score out wide, right next to the corner post.

Thank you to all of the parents for the year, it was great to have such an enthusiastic and supportive group that turned up each Friday for training and Saturday to cheer on the boys. Huge thanks for Phill Dodd who helped both coach and manage the Team and also to the likes of Steve Bull, James Pirina and Drew Bush who helped out throughout the year. It has been a great year where the most pleasing things were not only that the boys improved as the year progressed, but they had fun whilst doing it. Looking forward to doing it all again next year.



UNDER 7 BLUE SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 7 DURAL BLUE

Back Row: Andrew Frost (Coach), Hayley Flemming (Manager)
Middle Row: Liam Bretscher, Finn Flemming, Laurence Darby
Front Row: Xavier Frost, Thomas Graham, Hugo Zahra
Absent: Spencer Saunders

The 2023 Dural Blue U7's had a fantastic year. This year the team had 7 players. There were 3 team members returning from the U6'S for their second year – Laurence, Thomas and Finn and we enjoyed welcoming some new members to the game – Liam, Xavier, Spencer and Hugo, who were very excited and keen to get involved and give Rugby Union a crack for the first time.

The team committed to the many chilly Friday nights at training, showing up each week enthusiastic to learn new skills, building new friendships and most importantly having lots of fun. The sausage sizzle provided by the Dural Rugby Club after training was also thoroughly enjoyed by the team. It was very much appreciated, thank you.

The boy's enthusiasm continued during our Saturday morning games. They were all willing to get in and have a go. There were some brilliant kick offs, lots of tags and plenty of great tries were scored. It was wonderful to see the growth of each player every week and watch their confidence soar as they mastered a new skill. In addition, the way the boys collectively progressed as a team throughout the season was a joy to witness.

Xavier Frost – First season playing Rugby. An all-rounder, equally comfortable in defence or attack. He has a lot of energy and always wants to be involved. He carries the ball strong, scored some amazing tries and made lots of great tags this season.

Liam Bretscher – With his first year at Dural, Liam proved to be one of the speedsters of the team. He has the knack to be able to swerve through small gaps, when there are a lot of defenders around. Ran a great line, scored lots of tries and made some great tags this season.

Hugo Zahra - Was a quiet achiever of the group this year. He showed steady improvement as the season progressed and got more involved with each game. Had some good runs and made some great tags this year. One of the highlights of the year was Hugo's try against Dee Why at the Dural Gala Day. A great first season of Rugby.

Finn Flemming - With plenty of height, our big man had a great season. An enthusiastic participant throughout the season. He works hard in defence, making lots of great tags. He is a great support player and always ready to take the next run after a tag. Finn loved running the ball and scored some great corner post tries this season.

Laurance Darby - Tuff every week. Always puts 100% into everything he does on the field. Laurance loved getting in the thick of it and gave his best each week. He scored lots of great tries and made some great tags this year.

Spencer Saunders – First season playing Rugby. Spencer has one of the most determined looks on his face when running the ball. Spencer's runs were great to witness, with his sleek footwork and sharp change of direction. Always gave his best, never gave up on a chase and could score from anywhere on the field.

Thomas Graham – A hard worker. One of the most improved players during the season. His confidence grew every week. It has been great to see Thomas make some big runs and scoring some tries in the back half of the season.

Thank you to all the parents for the season. Thank you for taking it in turns to wash the jerseys each week, helping on the BBQ and driving your son to every game each week. None of this would be possible without the support of a great group of parents.

To Oliver Saunders who helped at training and stepped in as coach for the weeks I was away, a huge thank you to you.

To Samantha Daff, Renee Whitehead and committee, thank you for generously volunteering your time so our kids can play Rugby Union is very much appreciated.

I hope the boys all enjoyed the 2023 Minis Rugby Union season. It was an absolute pleasure training the U7's Blue team this year. You are a great bunch of kids, and you should all be very proud of all yourselves. I hope you all return next season and continue to grow and develop your Rugby skills in 2024.

Andrew Frost – Under 7's Blue Coach



UNDER 7 SKY SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 7 DURAL SKY

Back Row: Jessica Chippindale (Manager), Mason Rose, Finlay Carlin, Ian Foster (Coach)

Front Row: Rocco Chippindale, Harry Meredith, Lachlan Foster

Absent: Israel Olivetti, Lennox Moanna

I had the privilege of coaching the Under 7 Sky team this year. We were lucky with the weather this year, unlike the last few which made for some good running rugby. We had some great players this year.

Mason – What an athlete!!! With the stride of a cheetah this boy can run. With his eagerness for the ball, he scored some fantastic tries this season. Most of them from the kick off and full length of the field. I look forward to watching this kid in the future years.

Israel – Unfortunately we didn't get to see much of Izzy this year which was a shame because he was getting better and better every game he played. Hope to see him next season.

Finlay – What can I say about Finlay. At the start of the season, I looked back and saw him playing with a feather he found on the ground on our own try line. But then once he got to know the boys and the rules a lot more, he got right into it. He went from playing on our try line to being at every ruck ready and wanting the ball. Scored some great tries and was keen in defence. I hope he stays with it next season.

Harry – Has the quickest feet going around. Harry loved jumping on other kids' backs early in the season, but once those feet hit the ground, he was off. Scored some great tries this year and was eager in defence. Great little step on him.



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Lennox – Unfortunately she only played a few games with us this season which was a shame because she knew the game really well. Great at catching, passing and always in the right position in defence. Hope she stays with it in seasons to come.

Rocco – What determination!!! Tucks the ball nicely under one arm and he is off. Great little player. Scored a lot of tries this year running off the back of rucks. Always there in support at the ruck and in defence. Hope to see him next year.

Lachie – What can I say about Lachie. He is my son. My dad always coached me with all my sports as a kid, so it was great to be out there with him running around. He loves the game and he'll be back next year.

I just want to say a big thank you to Samantha Daff who is awesome. There every week setting up and organising us all. Couldn't do it with you. Thank you.

Also Jess, who was our manager this year. Massive help in letting all the parents know time and place this season. (Couple of mishaps but I won't go there) Thanks for all your help.

And to the parents, thanks for putting up with me yelling at your kids. It has been a great season. Hopefully see you next year.

Thanks Ian Foster



UNDER 7 NAVY SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 7 DURAL NAVY

Back Row: Allan Micallef (Coach), Alexandra McInnes (Manger)

Middle Row: Lincoln Baglin, Owen Lucas, Bear McInnes

Front Row: Archer Micallef, Braxton Daff, James Stathers, Calvin Barrett

Absent: Joshua Bigwood

I had the privilege of coaching the U7 Navy Team this year – it has been very rewarding coaching this year and watching the kids improve each week. I hope they all enjoy the season and looking forward to them all returning next year to start tackling.

Archer - A future leader with a love for the game. A good runner of the ball and hype man for his teammates.

Joshua - big football future for Josh! Has a good understanding of the game and is a great defensive player.

Calvin - Has been great to coach. A little pocket rocket with good speed and running ability.

Lincoln - full of enthusiasm and heart. Always asking questions and a lot of improvement over the season. Dynamite at defence.

Braxton - it is Braxton's second season with Dural. He has improved dramatically over his time. His big smile and good ball running. Also, big improvement with on field concentration and defence.

Bear - it is bears first season. His confidence on field has progressed well over the season. He has improved with running forward on field and his ball handling.

Owen - it is also Owen's first season. A quite achiever. Good at listening to commands and running the ball straight.



James - A little speedster! James ticks all the boxes. Great ball runner and tagger. Has picked up the basics quickly and progressed well over the 2 seasons he has played.

To Lex our Manager thank you for your support throughout the year making sure everyone knew where to go and on schedule.

To the Parent thank you for your commitment getting the kids to training and the games each week.

Allan Micallef – Under 7’s Navy Coach



UNDER 8 BLUE SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 8 DURAL BLUE

Back Row: Craig Minett (Coach), Harrison Whitehead, Spencer Nisbet, Vishnu Rajagopal, Leandre de Reuck (Manager)
Front Row: Katalina Taufa, Cooper Rodwell, Harry Minett, Tatiana Viko

This year had been a big year for the under 8's. Being their first year tackling and having to learn all the rules around the breakdown, rucks & mauls has been huge, but they have done so well. It has been so pleasing to see how everyone in the team has improved throughout the year. We have scored some great individual tries this year but one of the most pleasing things has been how well we have played as a team. We scored some awesome tries with great exchange of passing and holding the ball for multiple phases, something that the other teams we play don't do.

Throughout the year we saw some great efforts in defence, seeing our opposition go backwards with ball due to our tackling was great to see, as well as some great try saving one on one tackles.

This is one area most of the kids still need to work on, which is to be expected in first year of tackling.

We were reliant on a couple of strong tacklers in each team each week. We have to be as enthusiastic about tackling as we are about running with the ball. Both defence and attack are equally as important in rugby.

A huge thank you to everyone that has supported us from the sidelines this year, it makes a huge difference to the kids when they are playing. All the parents have been a massive help this year, particularly at training when we have needed support and assistance running through drills or keeping the kids focused, we really appreciate it.



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A special mention to Lahi Taufa who refereed our games this year. To have a referee on the field and not just coaches, has made a huge difference, not just for us as coaches, but for the kids, including the opposition, who this year have had to learn all those intricate rules around what you can do and what you can't do when someone is tackled, to have a referee who can pull them up when something is done wrong and explain it, means they learn the right way now and will set them up throughout their rugby journey.

Most importantly a huge well done to the players, they have all done so well this year. Having two teams training together has meant sometimes it can get a little chaotic on a Friday night but good for all to stay connected and support each other on Saturdays, if needed. Training together as a squad has also allowed us to field cohesive teams during gala days if all players have been unable to attend. To all those players who stood by to assist the other team, it has been greatly appreciated.

Cooper Rodwell - has really stepped up this year. Cooper can accelerate really quickly and get into open space, scoring a number of long range tries throughout the year. His defence has improved throughout the season and makes a number of important tackles for us every week.

Harry Minett - has had a good consistent year. The step up to tackle football has suited him with running the ball as he is good at swerving and stepping between defenders, Harry has scored some great tries out of nowhere and has an ability to make defenders miss him.

Harrison Whitehead - very energetic player and always wants to be involved in the game. One of our leading try scorers this year and can score a try from anywhere and exceptional in defence. Has done some amazing try saving tackles where he has run down opposition from behind.

Katalina Taufa - has an ability to steal a ball from a ruck better than anyone and does it consistently, made a huge contribution every week. Katalina is a very smart footballer as well, is very observant too what is happening on the field and great at getting all the other players organised.

Spencer Nisbet - great to have in the team and has improved a lot throughout the year. Spencer is one of the fastest in the team and there is nothing better than seeing him in open space, he very rarely gets caught. Having played in the under 6's, he has transitioned to tackle by skipping an age group. As his confidence continues to grow, he will develop into an exceptional Rugby player.

Tatiana Viko - a very strong runner with the ball and has scored a number of great tries this year. Tatiana is a great listener and wants to improve each week, she puts in a lot of effort on the field. Is great at the breakdown and works hard supporting others when they make a break.

Vishnu Rajagopal - a very strong runner with the ball, his main strength this year has been his defence. Vishnu has this huge willingness to stop the opposition with the ball and will do everything in his power to do that, then get off the ground and do it again. The number of tries he has stopped this year has been immense as well as pilfering the ball at the breakdown. We could not have asked more of him this year.



UNDER 8 SKY SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 8 DURAL SKY

Back Row: Leandre De Reuck (Manager), Leon Yoganathan, Benjamin Le Roux, Cornelius Buitendag, Jarrod Murphy (Coach)
Front Row: Daisy O'Kane, James Ignathiou, Mason Downing, Nathan De Reuck, John Murphy

Benjamin Le Roux - is great to have around, an awesome team mate, always wants to be on the field and disappointed if he has to come off. Ben has improved throughout the year and is getting more involved in the game. Like a lot of the kids, his confidence has grown throughout the year and will continue to do so. He is starting to develop a strong running game and looking to offload for the benefit of his teammates.

Cornelius Buitendag - a very natural footballer and great runner of the ball, scoring some great tries this year. Cornelius is very strong in defence, one of the few players that moves towards the ball runner in order to make a dominant tackle.

Besides his tackling and running, the biggest improvement is listening to teammates to offload to those in a better position and to support at the breakdown.

Daisy O'Kane - awesome to have in a team, a great listener and tries her best every week. She loves to run the ball and has scored some great tries throughout the year. She is always keen to support her team and has developed into a good tackler resulting in some try saving tackles this year.

James Ignathiou - being his first year of rugby, James has displayed a natural ability and is an eager attacker and defender. His strong running game resulted in some impressive tries while also making plenty of tackles, many of whom have been larger than he. While Craig thinks he would make a perfect loose forward, I'd rather him play centre.



John Murphy - John has displayed enthusiasm at training and game day, always keen to support his teammates. He has made some great runs with deceptive speed, looks to offload to players in a better position and provides plenty of talk around the ruck.

Leon Yoganathan - another player that has skipped an age group. He always puts his hand up for a run and is one of our leading try scores this year, with powerful running, a great step and swerve, with the opposition having had trouble stopping him. Throughout the year he has developed the ability to offload and improved in his defence with some try saving tackles.

Mason Downing - he is the biggest improver this year and developed into a strong ball runner. He always looks to support his team at the breakdown resulting in some great tries by scooping up loose ball or receiving offloads. A keen defender, he is never afraid to chase down the opposition. Best thing about Mason, he displays a true love of the game and is always smiling.

Nathan De Reuck - he has been another big improver this year as his confidence improved. Loves to run the ball resulting in some good tries and supports his teammates at the breakdown. Makes some good tackles and developed into an effective pilferer resulting in more ball for the team.

Thanks everyone for a great and enjoyable year.

Leandre, Jarrod and Craig



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Back Row: John Summerhays (Manger), Max Chippindale, Max Summerhays, Alex Blackman, David Blackman (Coach)
Front Row: Lucas Godfrey, Soni Ala, Aiden Lucak, Chuck Bush, Leo Colosimo

This season for U9 Blue has been a great opportunity for the boys to adapt to the game as the rules change and they should be very proud of what they have achieved in 2023. While we have a strong group of individuals, this year has been one of learning how to play as a team and learning how to play in positions. When their defence and work at the breakdown have clicked, the boys have proven that they are able to match it with the best in the competition.

Lucas "Chippy" Godfrey is always sizing up gaps in the defensive line to exploit and loves nothing more than sideline opportunities to score in the corner. He is tenacious in defence, throwing himself relentlessly at attackers.

Aidan Lucak has a great football mind and when there is a loose ball on the ground, Aidan is often the one that ends up with it, securing possession for his team and inevitably finding a few metres of ground in the process.

Soni Ala is a 120kg prop (at least in his mind). He tramples defensive lines and will run over boys twice his size. The tackle is never complete when Soni had the ball. He is constantly busting out of tackles and applies the same mindset to his tackling.

Alex Blackman is opportunistic in defence, taking any opportunity to strip the ball from attackers and pouncing on loose balls to turn defence into attack. He is your go-to if you need someone to run it straight and retain possession.

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Chuck Bush covers more ground than anyone on the field. With ball in hand, he is prepared to run in any direction as long as it ends up at the tryline, as it so often does. He is a strategic and reliable defender and the master of the try-saving tackle.

Max Chippindale is the complete footballer with a strong fend and an uncanny knack for finding the tryline. His prolific scoring is matched by his defensive reliability, and he has been a tremendous asset to the team this year.

Max Summerhays is the guy to get the ball to when you are a few metres out. He is guaranteed to bust out of at least one tackle in every run and will be unstoppable when his confidence matches his size.

Leo Colosimo is a strategic footballer, always sizing up the opposition attack and ready to snap up an intercept when it presents itself or throw himself at the attacker when a tackle is required. His signature attacking move is the goose step.



UNDER 9 SKY SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 9 DURAL SKY

Back Row: Simon Daff (Coach), Oliver Izzard, Liam Kruger, Jack Lenane, Archer van Middeldyk, Rachel Lacey (Manager)
Front Row: Alec Hope, Cooper Daff, Lewis Milne, Noah Lacey, Ashton Daff

Another successful year for the U9 Dural Sky Team. We are into our last year of Mini's rugby before we move up to the graded competition in U10s. The growth in the boys this year has been outstanding! They have come a long way since the start of the season, showing improvements every week. We have focused on rucking, mauling and tackling and they have started to really enjoy their positions in the team.

We had many of the team return from last year, along with a few new faces joining the ranks. It's fantastic to see the friendships the boys have created over the last few years and watching them continue to grow and develop both individually and as a group.

I need to make a special mention to Rachel Lacy for being the team manager, you did a fantastic job and it's really appreciated by us all. To all the parents who helped on club duties and running the boys around the gala days, it makes a big difference when you have such a great bunch of parents to help along the way.

I look forward to seeing all the boys back next year, such a great bunch of kids who I hope stick together for many years to come. Winning games and individual rewards are fantastic, but it's the friendships they create along the way that the boys will remember the most.

Noah – Continued where he left off from last year with some great defence and bustling runs. Always keen to take the hit ups off the tap so he can charge into the line! Pleasure to coach and great team player.

Jack – The enforcer of our pack! Jack had a great year and led the way with some of his big hits and strong work in the rucks. Never takes a backward step and always in the rough stuff to win the team the ball. I look forward to watching Jack next season as we step up to the U10s!

Archie – Returned to rugby this year and had a fantastic season. I really enjoyed watching him develop his confidence over the season, he now loves getting his hands on the ball for a run and was keen to be involved every week! A great kid to have in the group.

Lewis – A great year for Lewis. He has come a long way this year with some excellent ball running and some top tries. He is always willing to listen and learn and showed this year with his improvement in defence he is ready for the U10s!

Oliver – Has come such a long way this year with his defence. He made some fantastic tackles out wide, and he has continued on from last year with some outstanding long range tries. Such a pleasure to have in the team and look forward to watching him next year!

Liam – Liam has grown in confidence every week. His tackling, ball running and work in the rucks has been outstanding! Every week he has been more involved and is always happy to cover any position. A great team player and fantastic to have in our group.

Cooper – Coops continued to show some silky skills and was solid in defence this year. His work over the ball in the rucks was great to see and won us penalties every week. Cooper also enjoyed games with the U10s this year, see you next year Coops!

Alec – He is our little stepper who never gives up. Alec made one of the tackles of the year this year and his ball running while bouncing off defenders has been great to watch. For a little player he has a big heart and I have enjoyed watching him pay this year.

Ashton – He is our little speedster who scored some great tries this year. His defence has come along way from the first round and is a cover tackle specialist! He has enjoyed his little darts from half back and I look forward to watching him run around again next year!



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UNDER 10 DURAL BLUE

Back Row: Michael Daff (Coach), William Hall, Tom Treak, Dion Pieterse, Lachlan Pym, Flynn Leach, Robert Hall (Manager)
Front Row: Nixon Schwebel, Alexander Mair, Jack O'Kane, Max Chippindale, Phillip Jnr Tuinauvali, Lucas Sidoti, Cooper Daff

This season was our first in the Junior Competition. Coming up from the minis last year, we ventured into the unknown not really knowing what level we were at with the rest of the Sydney Comp. We quickly found out we had a lot of work to do, with our first few games getting beaten by margins that looked more like cricket scores. We however worked hard on the breakdown and defence and the boys stepped up a level. The improvement in the boys was no more evident than when we won 25-12 against a team that had racked up 50+ points on us just 3 weeks earlier. This win fired up the boys!

It is great to see how far the boys have come learning to play in their positions - they have improved so much over the season. It was a tough year playing teams that were far more structured, but we gave it our all and the boys never dropped their heads.

I hope the boys enjoyed the season and have learnt a thing or 2 to get them ready for next year. I am sad to say goodbye to this year's group as I have coached most of them from U6.

I would like to thank all the parents who helped this year – Running Water, AR, Ground Marshall, Coaching, setting up the field, without your help the kids can't take the field. Thank you to the Sky Coaching team for helping with training and organizing players when we were short.

To our Manager Rob Hall – a Massive Thank you for all your help over the season. From helping coach, to making sure everyone knew where and what time they needed to be places - the backbone of the team.

Best and fairest : PJ
Most Improved: Jack

Michael Daff Coach, Rob Hall Manager



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UNDER 10 DURAL SKY

Back Row: Eoin Power (Coach/Manger), Samuel Scaife, Benjamin Eaton, Connor Roseby, Josh Matthews, Ethan Bishton, Carmen Lucak (Coach/Manager), Mark Matthews (Asst Coach)
Front Row: Luca Monardo, Christian Barbara, Aidan Lucak, Joshua Lucak, Xavier Power, Archie Zahra, Gabriel Alzona

The season started aplomb with both returning and new players to Dural who were playing rugby for the first time. We started the season off slowly as the team got to know one another and learn about their positions in the team as well as playing full-length field for the first time. We welcomed Sam, Ben, Gabriel, Connor and Aidan to our Sky team.

The season started with trial matches that the boys got to play more established teams where they got to learn for the first time the importance of playing as a team and had to quickly develop the dark arts of defending. As the official season started, the team hit the ground running, winning their first 2 matches, with a friendly rivalry beginning to develop between us and Hunters Hill that would play out some joyful epic matches that had parents on both sides screaming and their coaches' hearts missing a few beats along the way.

During the season the team improved their skill levels, whereby a few opposition coaches highlighted the team's ruck work which would prove to be a catalyst on how we would score quite a few tries with some brilliant stealing of the opposition ball during rucks. What pleased the coaches was where the boys started from and to where they are now with their levels of play, tackling, ruck play, maul and scrummaging improving as the games and weeks passed by.

Samuel Scaife – Prop

Our best and fairest in season 2023. Sam is the wrecking ball in our team, loves to tackle, great with carrying the ball into contact and has light feet when it comes to scoring within 20 meters of the tryline. Sam became our place kicker, mister reliable, during the season.



Luca Monardo – Hooker

This was a new role for Luca, and I would say it's the hardest position for a forward to learn as it's the most technical when it comes to scrummaging. Luca showed great enthusiasm in developing both ruck and scrummaging - skillset.

Benjamin Eaton – Prop

Benji is new to the team and is a joy to coach as he is always willing to learn and develop. His tackling has improved as the season has progressed and he is always there to support the ball carrier to ensure the team keeps possession.

Joshua Lucak – Lock

Joshua has been great this season developing his skills around the scrum and ruck. He has combined well with Aidan to protect the ball in the ruck and has worked at his support play.

Aidan Lucak – Lock

Aidan has showed great enthusiasm when getting involved in the ruck, he has become adept at getting turnover ball for the team. We look forward to seeing him grow in this position and cause havoc in the ruck.

Josh Matthews – Number 8

Josh is one of our speedsters, with a high work rate in attack and defence who is always searching for any opportunity to get the ball across the try line.

Archie Zahra – Scrum half

Archie did a great job this season as halfback, it's a hard position to manage. Always eager to get involved whether it's tackling, ruck work or running the ball. It's been great to see his skills progressing.

Gabriel Alzona – Fly half

Gabe should be very proud of his first season of rugby. He had some great touches and solid defence at fly half. We look forward to seeing him develop his skills.

Xavier Power – Centre

Xavier has had a great season leading from the front with his strong defence and ruck support as well as his skillful running rugby, scoring a few long distance tries.

Connor Roseby – Centre

Playing in his first season of rugby Connor is our most improved player for 2023. He is a natural ball runner with a great step and is eager to make tackles. We have no doubt he will continue to develop his skills the more rugby he plays.

Ethan Bishton – Wing

Ethan is another one of our gun speedsters who is always looking for space to run in. He is developing his skills in the ruck and is becoming solid in defence.

Christian Barbara – Wing/Fullback

Christian is always looking for an opportunity to get involved in the game whether it's running straight with the ball or making a tackle. He has done well to float between the fullback and wing positions.

Best and fairest - Samuel Scaife

Most Improved - Connor Roseby

We would like to thank all the parents for trusting us with the responsibility for coaching their sons over the 2023 season, assisting with ground duties, running the lines as assistant referees and controlling the mobs as ground marshal. And a special word out to Charlotte who has refereed some of games.

Joint Coach and Manager - Carmen Lucak and Eoin Power

Assistant Coach - Mark Matthews



UNDER 11 BLUE SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 11 DURAL BLUE

Back Row: Tyler Watkin, Ben Booyesen, Sullivan Brown, Riley Swift, Declan Mason

Middle Row: David Mason (Coach), Jacqui Brown (Manger), James Powell, Xavier Eason, Cooper Roberts, Dan Wassell (Coach)

Front Row: Isaiah Wassell, Fabrizio Mesiti, Cooper Mardell, Matthew O'Kane, Koby Stone, Hudson Clark

After a slow start to the 2023 season the boys have yet again proven they belong in the A grade competition.

It has been a pleasure to coach and an honour to watch them grow each week. A highlight, as always, is seeing this group of wonderful boys continue to be respectful on and off the field, even if at times the coaches need to be pulled into line.

Ben Booyesen - our tackling machine with the best technique in the comp. Ben loves contact and gets the team going forward at will. Ben's commitment to the team must be commended and was rewarded with the Eastwood captaincy this year.

Cooper Mardell - Mr Utility. Cooper was reliable, covering several positions throughout the year. Always eager to learn, we are looking forward to seeing Cooper's growth in the next few years with his commitment to training and his ability to take any task we throw at him a highlight to us coaches.

Cooper Roberts - a successful first year at Dural for Cooper. Worked hard in the tight with some strong carries throughout the year. Looking forward to helping Cooper develop further in years to come.

Declan Mason - Polling second in the MVP votes, it was another strong season for Declan controlling the team at number 10. A developing kicking game has given our attack more options throughout the season which will hopefully progress again next year.



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Fabrizio Mesiti - our passionate Italian winger. Fabs comes to each game and training with a huge smile on his face, lifting the spirits of those around him. Fabs is always willing to learn and a pleasure to coach. His elusive footwork is exciting to watch!

Hudson Clark – Hudi has speed to burn and off the back of that we saw him score some great tries throughout the season. He continues to impress us with his love of footy and eagerness to learn and grow as a player.

Isaiah Wassell - our starting hooker who punches well above his weight. Zai continues to improve each season which is a joy to watch. We hope his love of rugby continues to grow along with his confidence out on the field.

James Powell - big Jimmy loves to get the ball in his hands and provided crucial go forward throughout the season. His commitment to training and games, even throughout an injury spell this year, is to be commended. Looking forward to seeing Jimmy progress again next season.

Koby Stone - is a real leader within the team with typical scrum half attributes - stirring up the opposition and keeping the refs on their toes. Koby's all round game improved again this season making some great tackles and learning when to run from scrum half.

Matt O'Kane - our most improved for the 2023 season. A strong scrummaging, hardworking front rower that has grown into an integral part of our team. Matt's ball carrying improved drastically this season getting the team good forward momentum when required.

Riley Swift - a welcome addition to the club and our team. Riley settled in to playing inside centre throughout the season. His skillset and his approach to strong contact holds him in good stead for the upcoming years.





Sullivan Brown - Mr Consistent. Sully had another great season working hard up front. At as many breakdowns as possible to secure the ball in attack and always with a high tackle count at the end of the day. His great work ethic and acceptance to feedback will see him continually develop.

Tyler Watkin - our MVP! Ty has had an incredible year. He has seen the light and made the move to the forwards bringing him closer to the action and allowing him to dominate in both defence and attack. Also winning MVP at state champs for Eastwood, the sky is the limit with Ty.

Xavier Eason - after a delayed start to the season, Xav bounced back to again become a go to player in our backline. Some strong carries and ever reliable in defence. We look forward to Xav growing further next year.



A special thank you also to Oliver and Gerhard who filled in at different stages throughout the season.

Thank you to all the parents, we are lucky to have such a great bunch of families. For getting the boys to training and games and washing jerseys. A special thanks to Mark, Richie, Tod, Neils & Nick for their assistance in running touch or looking after rowdy crowds.



Finally, to Jacqui Brown, our superstar manager. Thanks for organising everything throughout the year. So much work goes on behind the scenes and the team would be lost without you.

David Mason & Dan Wassell.





UNDER 11 DURAL SKY

Back Row: Oliver Twyford, Juan Jacobs, Gerhard Grobler, Benjamin Robertson, Logan Bester
Middle Row: Kent Robertson (Coach), Zak Taylor, Liam Handschuh, James Watson, Aaron Godfrey (Coach)
Front Row: Finley Gardner, Nixon Armstrong, Oliver Hathaway, Elijah Bitcon, Tobin Sonn, Mason Godfrey

After a fast start to the year winning our first game by 70 our team went through a rough period of narrow losses and a five-game losing streak. However, the boys continued to train hard and apply their training and coaching into the games and never became disheartened.

Evidenced by the fact that at the back end of the year the boys have managed to beat three teams quite convincingly that beat us earlier in the year. Many of the players were in their first year of rugby this year, hopefully they can continue to play together as they have improved every week.

They have been a pleasure to coach, a funny and entertaining group of boys, has been a fun year.

Archie Taylor – Archie does everything well on the field, a great ball runner, defender and great at the breakdown. Always there to protect his teammates. A real asset to the team.

Elijah Bitcon – A real quiet achiever! Let's his performance do the talking, towards the back end of the year has turned into an awesome ball runner. Hope he continues to grow and get his hands on the ball more next year.

James Watson – A really nice young man. Always tries his best and can run the ball well. Well-liked by all his teammates.

Liam Handschuh – Very good technical understanding of the game. Picks up concepts from training and puts them in to practice on the field, will continue to grow and improve next year.

Zac Taylor – Always happy and smiling at training and games. Starting to realise his size and what he might be capable of on the field, has grown a lot as a player this year.

Juan Jacobs – On his day JJ is a devastating ball runner and tackler. I'm sure the opposition don't like playing against him!

Gerhard Grobler – Our most improved player. Second in our MVP voting. Awesome ball runner, scores tries from anywhere and can really put a hit on in defence. Look forward to seeing what he can do in the future.

Logan Bester – A late addition to the team. Logan is a very good athlete and with a bit more training and game time will be a very good Rugby Player.

Oliver Twyford – Very reliable player. Always ready to get in there and have a go in defence and is a very good ball runner and makes plenty of metres for us.

Mason Godfrey – Mason is a good defender and ball runner and can find the try line. Good service and helps lead his team around the field.

Nixon Armstrong – Nixon is far and away our best tackler, constantly bringing down much bigger players. Can run the ball well and has a great step, also and provides great service to his back line.

Ben Robertson – Spray Tan Dan, a good ball runner and defender, can play a whole game and not have a hair out of place. Ben is Rugby's answer to David Beckham.

Oliver Hathaway – Our MVP! Ollie has scored a ton of tries and kicked plenty of goals this year. An amazing ball runner and his defence is improving every week. An asset to the team and has single handedly won us a few games this year.

Finley Garder – Mr Reliable. Always at training and games. For a little guy, runs it straight and hard and never afraid to get in there and try and wack someone in defence.

Tobin Sonn – Tobin has been a pleasure to coach. Always happy and smiling, loves his footy and improves every week. Puts his body on the line. Rarely makes a mistake, very solid player.

Thanks to all the parents. A really great group of people with great kids, it has been a pleasure to coach your sons this year. Special thanks to all the Dad's that have helped at training through the year. Cameron, Steve, Jay and Fourie. Cameron for running the line and Steve for running the water on game day.

Thanks to Kate for managing the team this year, couldn't do it without you!

Aaron & Kent



UNDER 12 BLUE SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 12 DURAL BLUE

Back Row: Xavier Farrugia, Jack Austin, Alex Jones, Dominic Tyler, Malakai Bevan

Middle Row: Tristan Prosser-Shaw (Coach), Cooper Williamson, Aidan Liston, Lachlan Hall, Joshua Masiello, Drew Owen, Kyle Austin (Manager)

Front Row: Aidan Studders, Cormac O'Keffee, Lachlan Dorahy, Archibald Darby, Tristan Prosser-Shaw, Eremasi Bevan, Nixon Grady, Vakalahi Taufa. Absent: Luke Allogia

After making the grand final last year and narrowly missing out on victory, we came back this season with high hopes of another positive campaign. With all players returning and the addition of a couple of new ones, we were set to hit the ground running.

We started the season with mixed fortunes, a couple of wins, losses and a couple of draws, eventually pulling together a good run with a few wins to put us in contention once again for finals. However, it was not meant to be, finishing outside the top 4.

It has been a challenging season, as some boys transition into high school, while others remain in primary. Managing load was a key element as we succumbed to many injuries, impacting training and ultimately our matchday strength.

However, the boys always gave it their best and can hold their head up high playing some excellent rugby.

Whilst we aim to win every game, we also need to aware that there is still a lot to learn, expanding our skillset, growing as a team and playing together and for each other is all part of development in the u12's.

As always, I would like to thank the ever-efficient Kyle for both his coaching and management, ensuring we are where we need to be, when we need to be there.

Thank you to the parents for your time, effort, energy and emotion you put into each of these young men, supporting them through their rugby journey and driving them all across Sydney.

I look forward to seeing you all back again next season

Tristan
Coach

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UNDER 12 SKY SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 12 DURAL SKY

Back Row: Heath Flemming (Coach), Jake Bothamley, Peiu Viko, Alexander Borovnjak, Ethan Zubrycki, Aston Howard, Bernard Waterson (Manager)

Middle Row: Shane Duck (Coach), Christian Eaton, Liam Matthews, Max Winston, Scarlett Zubrycki, Emmett Flemming, Riley Austin-Smith, Adam Weir (Coach)

Front Row: Oliver Morrison, Caleb Little, Sam Waterson, Angus Weir, Lachlan Fletcher, Fraser Duck, Vito Colosimo, Jack Buchanan

Absent: Matthew Bigwood

Thankfully 2023 has been a very different year on many fronts. The season began relatively drama free, and we managed to train and play grading galas without any significant disruption, even despite some heavy weather on grading gala days. It felt like a new beginning after a few disruptive years, and after bushfires, rampant flooding and pandemics, there are only locusts left to worry about. Fortunately, they haven't appeared in significant numbers.

We did have some roster changes in our Sky squad, and so we were glad to welcome to the Dural Rugby family a new group of players who helped us field a healthy team of 20 players eager for the challenge in front of them after a bottom half finish to our 2022 season.

A critical change for us as a coaching team was a conscious effort to "start where we left off". In previous years, we've perhaps allowed the perception that we can start small or that new players to the squad mean we set expectations lower, or it's "just the start of the season". Consciously as a coaching group, we subtly challenged this and asked the playing group to step up and raise their bar from the first training session. The results of this approach were gratifying and probably taught the adults much more than it taught our players about what the team is capable of, and indeed the team met this challenge. They should be very proud of their efforts, regardless of scoreboards or ladders, as we have seen personal and group progression well beyond what we might have imagined 12 months ago.

As part of the Under 12 Cohort, we've fostered a "Dural Rugby" identity and sought to take advantage of our scale and depth in under 12s. We want to thank Tristan, Kyle and the boys from 12 Blue for their support. While watching training from the sidelines probably looks quite random, many of our Tuesday U12 squad nights have been expressly designed to support the training and development needs of the Sky team that we identified after specific games. Several players have stepped up and supported our 12 Blue brothers on game day after playing a game. This shows character, courage, and club spirit to step up when you are already running on empty against a higher-graded opposition. On each occasion, our players rose to the challenge. Well done.

To develop our players, as coaches, we tried to give the team the tools for success. Whilst imperfect, we created some multi-week and longer-term coaching strategies that would give the team skills, knowledge, and gameplay options to adapt to different opponents' strengths and weaknesses and compete against all comers. And a lot of the time, it worked! We communicated to our parents what our focus and key points from training were to allow messages to be reinforced at home and to show the team that there was a plan, and to their credit, the players seemed to respond well.

Our team in August 2023 is versatile, hungry for the ball, hungry in attack and defence, adaptive to changing situations, and unrecognisable compared to 11 Sky in August 2022. It represents a team that was waiting for us to unlock their potential and is maturing in their understanding of Rugby. There is more to do, but 12Sky seems ready for the challenge.

Finally, we had three boys who successfully achieved Eastwood selection and represented the Woodies at the State Championships, where they played some wonderful rugby, had some wins and losses and can be proud of how they represented themselves, their club and their district.

An important message to the playing group over the summer: We have limited time together each week. As coaches, we can tell who is putting in the extra effort away from the team, to improve their skills and develop fitness and stamina. We play a physically demanding game with specific skills required to excel.

Our challenge to each and every player is to put in some work over the summer so that you return to us with more to contribute to the team than where you are today, so we can continue to raise the bar together. As we transition into Under 13s we face changes to the modified game Laws that require us to hit the ground running in early 2024 so we will be ready to compete come Round 1.

Bring on the finals.

Coach's comments and excerpts from Best and Fairest deliberations

Alex B - Took on the new responsibility of fullback as we moved to 15-a-side rugby, and was safe under the high ball, reliable in defence and adaptable in attack.

Angus W - made some big tackles and good runs but worked his ass off most of the game" "his work rate at the breakdown was as good as I have seen it all season. He ran well and tackled well also.

Aston Howard - has taken on physically demanding roles this season as a permanent front rower in a dominating pack and has shown himself as an enthusiastic ball carrier. His ball security is improving each week as he hits the defensive line.

Caleb Liddle - good support play, played his position well (didn't just stay in the forwards but helped out in the back line), made a heap of tackles, and for a small kid, wasn't afraid of getting stuck in.

Christian Eaton - contributed to a strong pack in the back row this year and in particular has proven very adept as our kicker at restarts. As a result, we have had some success at regaining possession and resuming our attack from the restart. Enthusiastic participant in pick and drive.

Emmett Flemming - for being one of the biggest in the pack he gets around the park injecting himself in the rucks and mauls, always putting in maximum effort and when he sees a chance to run he puts his head down and charges forward.

Ethan Zubrycki - thought he ran a little straighter with the ball in hand. Ball security was good. Not to mention a freak kick to win the game. I thought he had an improved game and when he straightens up is playing much better. Kicking was good and his tackling was there today. He also injected himself into the breakdown well and timely.



Fraser Duck - Gave good service in a tough game when the ball was constantly under threat. Made plenty of cover tackles and tried hard all game. Fitness and stamina on point.

Jack Buchanan - Provided excellent defence on the outside and is working hard to be a positive member of the team.

Jake Bothamley - Worked hard to develop his rugby skills and knowledge and has made a good contribution to the team in his first year.

Lachlan Fletcher - I thought he had the best game I have seen him play. There were probably flashier kids out there but he put what he had been taught at training on Friday night into practice and drove the opposition off the ball a few times which is a massive step up for him in terms of contesting. Well done.

Liam Matthews - I thought he had his best game of the season. I'm giving him points because of the way he put into practice what was being taught at training around the breakdown and clearing out through the ball. He was vastly improved.

Matthew Bigwood - Matt came to us from the UK with a good understanding of rugby but with no contact experience, so he had to adapt quickly. He quickly slotted into the team and performed well in our back line.

Max Winston - worked hard all game even though he was really tired. Took it fearlessly to a bigger forward pack, had some damaging runs and made good tackles. He was involved in everything, had good runs, counter-rucked a few times and he definitely led them in the scrums.

Oliver Morrison - New to the game, Ollie has worked to develop his understanding and positional awareness and has shown improvement in his contact skills over the season.

Peiu Viko - Played well first game scored 2 tries, great support, great defence.

Riley Austin-Smith - Riley has shown significant progress from last season in his contact and gameplay and took on a new position as a reserve #9 giving us greater depth in the squad.

Sam Waterson - I thought he had a gutsy game and fought hard. Sam was a mongrel again and got under the opposite team's skin just by beating them at the break down.



Scarlett Zubrycki - If she's not on the field, the score line is different - her attack and cover defence was a level above. We would not have one the game if she wasn't there - both attacking and defending. She does need to watch her fend, though.

Vito Colosimo - Another good game. He was in his correct position all day. Tackling was on point again. He was a great support player on the outside.

12 Sky Team Awards:

BEST AND FAIREST was scored independently each week by all three coaches and blindly tallied to get a broad view of player contribution to the key values we articulated early on: Effort, discipline, players extending themselves, demonstrating the skills and ideas that we coach at training in game conditions, being a good team member, commitment to training.

High scores for Best and Fairest were earned by a group of players – Sam, Max, Angus, and Ethan. Ultimately, however, the Best and Fairest tally was won by Scarlett Zubrycki, who proved to be very coachable, willing to learn, able to follow the plan, redefined "maximum effort" at games and training, and positively impacted attack and defence on the field.

TEAM PLAYER While the Best and Fairest award was a statistical process, the Team Player award was chosen by the team management group as a means to reward behind-the-scenes and unnoticed effort and commitment to the team and its outcomes.

The award goes to Ethan Zubrycki, recognising his infectious positive attitude, his diligence, and significant efforts away from training on his own time to make himself a solid and dependable goalkicker, his performance under pressure, and his commitment to the team.

MOST IMPROVED For slotting into a new position for us this year at Fullback and proving solid in defence and adaptable in attack from the back. His understanding and awareness have improved significantly year on year also. Well done Alex Borovnjak.

Head Coach Heath Flemming
Assistant Coach Adam Weir
Assistant Coach Shane Duck
Assistant Referee Enda Winston – Thanks so much for doing such a good job!

Manager Bernard Waterson

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GRAND FINAL
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UNDER 13 DURAL BLUE

Back Row: Dave Lavercombe (Manger), Jett Watkin, Luke Papallo, Kaiden Laing, Toby Ralph, Zac Piper

Middle Row: James Watkin (Coach), Levi Randell, Levi Perrett, Luka Kurcubic, Beau White, Noah Lavercombe, Ryan Coinakis, Hugh Perrett (Coach)

Front Row: Lucas Clarke, Beau Fletcher, Nate Mezzomo, Harry Oxford, Finnley Taylor, Ian McEwan, Brody Stewart, Jack Miller

It's been a great season of growth after the disappointment of last year. Watching the group play together with their vast array of rugby abilities, playing some amazing rugby in both attack & defence has been very rewarding from a coaching point of view. This result is attributed to our new additions to the group Toby, Rzyer, Beau Fletcher, Jack, Luca, Randell, Ian64 and Kaiden & the constant commitment & improvement of individuals that make the team what it is today.

The big focus points of the coaches this year was to be:

1. More disciplined in Defence
2. Improve our one on one tackles
3. Play rugby in the right parts of the field.

When we get this right as a group it's been amazing to witness especially our discipline in Defence with the Ducks having 8 games out of 12 keeping the oppositions to 1 try or less. Which also gives us the best for and against leading into the final series.

It's no coincidence the more we trust each other and work hard in defence the more points we score and the less points the opposition score.

Rugby is such a mental game, with the difference between our best and our worst performance often coming down to poor mental preparation AKA sleep! Which is a great life lesson for the boys to prepare for games by getting off the Xbox on a Saturday night and getting some much-needed rest for the big Sunday game. When the Ducks are on they are on!!

All the boys are honestly great boys and a pleasure to coach, their commitment to training and selfless attitudes to the team has made our job so rewarding this year. On behalf of Dave, James and myself we would like to thank all the parents for being great examples to their boys around TEAM first mentality and committing to something bigger than yourself...

Thanks so much for all your efforts.



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UNDER 13 SKY SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 13 DURAL SKY

Back Row: Ashley Rogers, Harry Harding, William O'Neill, Lincoln Keen
Middle Row: Patrick O'Neill (Coach), Jack Harding (Coach), Tom Lean, Patrick Hart, Cameron Hart (Coach)
Front Row: William Revill, Declan Leach, Dylan Twyford, Vaihola Olivetti, Hamish Lemsing, Aidan Lemsing
Absent: Artin Nikaeen, Isaac Moana, Oscar Sultana, Ryan Knipler, Theo Colloraf

A challenging season for the boys this year with some mixed success, but ultimately subject to mechanisms outside of their control with player numbers & injury's impacting.

Starting the season with 17 team members, one of which was benched with a broken hand & since withdrew for the rest of 2023 the boys had their work cut out. Other injuries were further incurred with multiple concussions, a hamstring, interstate departure and a further season ending injury to a key forward leaving the squad in a threadbare position.

This left us in a tenuous state making us reliant on support under forbearance from our age group peers, but thankfully the Dural U12's stepping up and providing bodies to play up at multiple home games (with thanks to Bernard & Tristan) avoiding potential forfeits.

None the less, this group of young men has shown perseverance and character in spades. Always trying their best with moments of individual brilliance and core rugby skills demonstrated.



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It has been a pleasure to watch these young men grow in rugby as they have worked hard at training with their rugby disciplines.

A key highlight being early success in the grading rounds & defeating St Pats Strathfield (2nd on the table) both home and away. Consistent effort in scrum and breakdown in the forwards with disciplined field movement and running rugby in the backline. Provokes thought as to what could be with some depth on the bench.

As always, a massive shout out and thanks to the Parents who have been positive and supportive throughout the season. Special mention to Richard Basladynski (Touchie) who donated a bicep (the surgery went well to repair) & Mike Lean who always stepped up to assist in the drills.

Best & fairest – Tom Lean
Most Improved – Ash Rogers

Coaches: Pat O'Neill, Cam Hart & Jack Harding
Manager: Stu Harding



UNDER 14 BLUE SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 14 DURAL BLUE

Back Row: Cameron Bester, Noah O'Keeffe, Samuel Price, Mark Olivetti, Riley Paki, Mason Rowhiti

Middle Row: Nathan O'Keeffe (Manger), Patrick Dorahy (Coach), Dewan Jacobs, Alex Eason, Jack Treak, Billy Tulloch, Lachlan Halmarick, Lucian Bester, Zac Welley, Justin Welley (Trainer), Matthew Hutson (Coach)

Front Row: Jake Hutson, Henry Borovnjak, Luca Scannone, Tyson Tuinauvai, Edward Darby, Ethan Cooper, Joseph Gilbert, William Gelling Dorahy, James Day

Absent: Jackson William Greenaway, Nathan Treak (Asst Referee)

The end of 2022 season saw our experienced head coach, Gareth Tulloch head off for early 'part time' retirement or a 'well-earned rest'. With big shoes to fill, I decided to take on the role of head coach for the U14's with the trusted help of Matt Hutson, Justin Welley and Nathan O'Keeffe.

After finishing the 2022 season strongly, we yet again set our sights on another year in 'A' grade. With plenty of our strong, seasoned U13's staying on and some new recruits, things looked good to achieve this goal.

The focus for the pre-season, was to set the standard for the level of commitment required to progress this team into a very tough, competitive 'A' grade competition.

Of course, the soul focus was to see the boys progress, have fun with their mates, learn and improve their rugby skills/knowledge/team spirit, for future years to come. To achieve these goals, we placed a big focus on; fitness, effort = results, teamwork, technique, ball skills, positive talk and skill progression in the game we all love. The boys worked very hard throughout the pre-season, boxing, refining skills, working on match fitness and learning to love the formidable 'Bronco'! Throughout this process, we were also looking for a natural leader, it was soon evident to the coaching team, that Jack Treak was putting in the effort, leading by e.g., encouraging his teammates and therefore very worthy of the captains' honours.



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The trials for 'A' Grade saw some very tough hit outs with Hills, Blacktown, Scorpions, Newport and Randwick. The gallant performances from our boys, saw them deservedly qualify for 'A' grade. After a few rounds, for various reasons, it was evident, we were one step of the pace for most of the 'A' grade sides. This led to our natural transition into 'B' grade for the rest of the playing year.

Our first game in 'B' grade was 'v' Hills rugby, our arch-nemesis that resulted in a 'W' for our boys. It was a seesawing, exciting game. At 19 all in the second half our boys played some exciting rugby to win convincingly, 40-19. This game set the standard for the rest of the year, the boys progressed through the rest of the season playing some exceptional, skillful and exciting to watch Rugby.

Sadly, the second half of the season saw the unexpected loss of one our dear 'Dural' family members, R.I.P Alfie Murray Darby. Alfie, you will always be remembered, and we will always honour your life and look after your big brother Ed. The support from the hill's community, Dural Rugby and the broader rugby community during this extremely tough time for the Darby family was so encouraging. I was especially proud of the support and love our boys displayed, for their good mate and his family through this difficult time. These values cannot be taught but are more important than any other skill.

Forwards that want to be backs: We implemented a pod system this year that encouraged forwards in and amongst the backline from broken play. More often than not, big agile athletic forwards like Dewan, Jack and Lucian found space, resulting in tries or the setting up of tries. If this failed, the back-up was to pass the ball to Riley to run 60m's.

Backs that want to be backs: The 14's have a back line that is exciting to watch and will only get better with time. Whilst we don't always get it right, our objective is to spread the ball wide through the hands, develop moves and score in the corner. This is made possible through good halves (Zac, James and Jake), centre combinations (Will and Sam), linking with great outside backs (Tyson, Mason) , linking with exciting finishers (Ethan, Luca and Jackson).

Forwards that want to be forwards: Then there are the die-hard forwards who play tight keeping close to the action. Players like Riley, Alex, Noah, Ed, Cameron, Henry, Lachlan, Joey, Mark, Billy ensured we retained the ball where possible, pilfered when we could and showed solid defence.

Backs that want to be forwards: N/A
I will play anywhere: With injuries this year we had a lot of players playing out of position, which saw some interesting combinations. Shout out to Billy who put his hand up (and was capable) to play anywhere on the field and did it with enthusiasm and a smile.

The regular season saw us finish third on the ladder below Hills and Blacktown. The boys have put a lot of work in this year and have grown as a team. I really hope they beat Blacktown in the semi-final and go onto to take on Hills or Collaroy in the Grand Final, certainly not out of their reach.

Most improved: It is with regret that we are losing this humble player this year. Tyson has been an outstanding, under rated player, who rarely makes a mistake or misses a tackle. His efforts this year have been outstanding and improvement out of site. Best of luck in the USA, we will miss you champion.

Best and Fairest: This player was a welcome addition to Dural rugby and he did not waste anytime showing us what he is capable of. This forward seemed to be everywhere, cover defence, ruck and maul, powerful runs, big tackles and shows an exceptional knowledge of the game. Well done, Lucian, we hope you enjoyed your first year at the club.

Reps: After having successful individual campaigns representing Eastwood, it was no wonder the following Dural rising stars made Sydney Rugby Union. Well done to Riley, Jack, Ethan and Dewan for progressing to this very competitive level of rugby. These four players have had an amazing season and have been crucial to the success of our team. Thanks to all the parents, helpers and volunteers for their efforts this year.

Most importantly, thanks to the kids, is has been a pleasure coaching these amazing boys, we hope they can stay together for many years to come.

Best Regards,
Head Coach Pat Dorahy

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UNDER 15 BLUE SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 15 DURAL BLUE

Back Row: Nathaniel Barone, Cooper Fradd, Lincoln Montgomery, Cyrus Bloomfield, Patrick Withford

Middle Row: Andrew Valencour (Coach), Joseph Montgomery (Coach), James Fitzhenry, Oscar Millard, Hamish Matthews, Gary Roberts, Puatonga Olivetti,

Talen Risati, Murray Liston (Coach), Yvette Montgomery (Manager)

Front Row: Owen Madirazza, Joshua Liston, Taylor Hatton, Patrick Valencour, Samuel Kable, Liam Boys, Riley Davis, Matthew Thompson

Absent: Kayden McPherson, Lachlan Paxton

We are pleased to present the season report for the U15 Dural Blue Rugby Union team for 2023. This report highlights our team's performance, achievements, and notable developments over the course of the season.

The U15 Dural Blue team showcased exceptional dedication and sportsmanship throughout the season. Our primary focus was on skill development, teamwork, and creating a positive environment for players to flourish both on and off the field. We had several challenges with injuries, school football tours and representative commitments leaving us short on the bench, yet we only dropped two games for the season.

Our team demonstrated remarkable unity, supporting each other both in victories and challenges. This camaraderie contributed significantly to our overall success.

All the boys consistently worked on improving their fundamental skills in attack and defence, this was evident in our gameplay and reflected the dedication of the players.

The team faced far stronger opponents this year with varying playing styles, which required quick adaptation during matches. This challenge helped our players develop versatility in their gameplay which made for a much more enjoyable season.

A collective coaching group from both Blue and Sky allowed us to train as a squad, focusing on nurturing players' potential in the age group. Regular training sessions, tactical discussions, and team-building activities enhanced both individual skills and collective cohesion for both teams.

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Our players' hard work and commitment, combined with the guidance of the coaching group, have paved the way for a promising future for this group of young men.

We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone involved, including players, coaches, parents, and supporters, for contributing to the team's success. We would like to make a special mention of thanks for Yvette for all her organisation and assistance in keeping the whole group managed and informed throughout the season.

Best and Fairest award goes to Joshua Liston, Josh's impact on the game in the second half of the season was exceptional both in attack and defence, he demonstrated a solid understanding of the game and his position as Hooker. Well done Josh.

Coaches Murray Liston, Andrew Valencor and Joseph Montgomery
Manager Yvette Montgomery



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UNDER 15 SKY SEASON REPORT

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UNDER 15 DURAL SKY

Back Row: Jacob Revill, Harrison McNally, Jamen Rimoni-Filipo, Zachariah Jones, Nikolas Walsh,
Middle Row: Robin Clark (Coach), Brandon Viko, Mitchell White, Aiden Kovacs, Adam Foster, James Frost (Coach)
Front Row: Elias Sukkar, Ben Clark, Matthew Hayward, Isaac Frost, Jack Taylor, Boston Roberts,
Absent: Adam Hough, Jen Clark (Manager), William Crozier, William Elliott

This year saw over 50% of the team being new players to join Dural Sky. This breathed new life into a team that had a difficult last year. They bonded quickly and were eager to learn. It was a slow start to the year as the players learned and adapted to their positions. Pre-season looked very positive but grading mismatches put us on the back foot early, especially when you are trying to build a team with confidence.

As the season got underway, we re-grouped well and started to put in some excellent performances. Players improved week on week as their combinations and skills started to develop.

This contributed to some good early season wins. Just when we thought we were on a roll, injuries and illness hit. Week after week we struggled to put a 15 on the field. While Sky played valiantly, we just couldn't find a win. The team played to a standstill.

While the opposition rang the changes our exhausted and injured kept on playing (our bench looked quite depressing). Even so, when we lost it was by the smallest of margins. This was true credit to each player that took to the field and gave their 100% effort. Our best 15, was probably one of the best in the grade, we just couldn't get them all there on the same day.

Overall, this was a much-improved Dural Sky in 2023. While some players development was exceptional, every player improved some part of their game this season from when they started. There were several of most improved or best and fairest each game. This made the coaches' choice a difficult but pleasing one.

I would especially like to thank Jen Clark for managing the team. James Frost and Steve Taylor for helping train the team. The empty bench gave the trainers somewhere to rest. A big thank you to all the parents for your support whether it was doing ground duties, washing jerseys, or just getting your boys there and cheering them on.

I hope the players enjoyed the season as much as I enjoyed coaching them.

Best & Fairest: Adam Foster

Most Improved: Jamen Rimoni-Filipo

Coaches - Robin Clark and James Frost
Manager - Jen Clark





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



WALLA TAG ROUND 1

Kicks off 13th Oct

2023

from 5:30pm

DURAL RUGBY CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All are welcome to attend.

Date and location to be confirmed - keep an eye on our Facebook and website.

2024 WINTER SEASON REGISTRATION

Dates to be confirmed -
January 2024.

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and Facebook page

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U6-17



WALLA TAG

WHEN:

Fridays, 13th Oct - 1st Dec 2023
(Washout rounds if needed 8th & 15th Dec 2023)

TIME:

From 5.30pm

WHERE:

Bernie Mullane Sports Complex, Marella Ave Kellyville

WHO:

U6 - U17 girls, boys or mixed teams



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