



## WARRIORS WEEKLY

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### President's Message

Welcome to season 2018. A particularly warm welcome to all the U13s who have transitioned so well from U12 Village Club Rugby. Your support has been fantastic.

The focus of the last two months has been to prepare for round one. A lot of time has gone into rego, gear and organisation of teams. So thanks to all the volunteers who have helped. Special mentions: to our Registrar, Gina Whitehouse, who has successfully negotiated the new rego system and answered many of your queries; to Mary-Anne Tanner, our U13 Age Coordinator, who has put in a lot of work organising two full teams in that new age group; and to Anne Johnson who organised all the playing gear for 7 teams.

Thanks to all our coaches and managers who provided match reports **below** for the first round.

Just on our history. The club is a relatively new club, which was started in 2014 as Randwick's club for teenagers. Two of our primary aims are to give teenage boys who go to non-rugby schools an opportunity to play rugby and to give teenage boys who go to rugby schools an opportunity to play more rugby. Another primary aim is for the club to be a pathway to Randwick Colts.

Regards  
Craig Bell,  
Randwick Warriors President

### Randwick Rugby Colts

Talking about Colts, I encourage you to travel down to Coogee Oval this **Saturday 14 April** to watch the Colts v Warringah. The Colts this year include plenty of local Australian Schoolboys including Will Harrison, Australian Schoolboy Captain 2017, who has just signed with the NSW Waratahs.

In fact, Will is a success story of Sunday Teenage Club Rugby. As a Marcellin student, Sunday Teenage Club Rugby was the only extensive rugby open to him. It allowed him to keep playing rugby with his mates and opened him up to the Sydney and NSW Juniors Representative Pathway from club rugby.

Firsts kick off at 3pm with Seconds at 2pm and Thirds 1pm. There should be plenty of entertaining rugby.

### Randwick Rugby Grade

Definite date for the diary: local derby v Easts at Coogee Oval **Saturday 21 April**. Will be a big day. Up the Wicks!

## **Nagle Games This Week - 15 April**

11am - U13 Green

12noon – U14 White

1pm – U14 Green

2pm – U16

## **Match Reports for Round 1 – 8 April**

### *U13 Greens v Canterbury*

Well our A Division season kicked off in very hot conditions at the Nagle Park, and with the sun shining down you could have been excused for thinking we were playing cricket!

A great team try after some excellent phase attack got the lads off to a fantastic start. Excellent service from Darcy Stanfield to Caleb Sinclair- Harris and Daniel Wright had the big Canterbury lads stretched. However their big ball runners started to dominate and we missed too many tackles. A well-executed starter play try kept us in touch but defence was the problem. With several lads limping from the field or needing treatment we seemed to be down to the bare 15 players to finish the game.

A gutsy effort from all the lads that played all of the game with Jesse and Connor standing out for their work effort. With this game under the belt we will certainly be working hard to move big teams around have another crack next weekend. See you all at training on Wednesday for a tackle sessions, Final score 26-21 (tries to P Johnson, M Cleverley 2, 2 Conversions Daniel Wright, 1 to Caleb Sinclair Harris).

### *U13 Whites v Lane Cove*

The boys played a great first game together and this will only get better with time.

The first half was tough for the boys and finished at 21-0 down. The boys regrouped after some inspiring words from their coaches and played a fantastic second half with Declan Easton in particular strong at the ruck contest and Jett Mitchell proving very elusive.

Final score was a loss 35 to 14, tries to Jett Mitchell and Khan Symonds-Magee and conversions to Finn McAusland.

### *U14 Greens v Wahroonga*

Our new look 14's Greens A Division team ventured up to Cliff Oval to play Wahroonga on Sunday.

The first half was very physical with some solid forward play from Brayden Avega, AJ Preketes and Henry Handford. Good service from the halves led to several backline moves from Siteni Taukamo and Talanoa Penitani which resulted in a try to Josh Algie in the corner and at the break we were trailing 10-5.

We had a similar start to the second half conceding an early try. The boys then produced a spirited comeback with a good roll on from the forwards that gave us the space for Josh Algie to score again and with the conversion trailed 15-12. We lifted again in the next 10 minutes which got the crowd up out of the chairs, however a late try to Wahroonga sealed the result for them, not quite the ending we wanted but plenty of good signs from the team for this season.

### U14 Whites v Easts

Our 14's Whites C Division team continued the defence of the fortress at Nagle Park against old rivals Easts.

The team gained the early ascendancy with all the forwards rolling through the Easts pack. Excellent ball security provided some space for our new backline, we crossed the line 4 times with tries to Luca Derbyshire, Ed Sullivan, Logan Wright and Sam Kennedy and with two conversions from Tom Martin we led 24 – 0 at the break.

Easts lifted early in second half, we responded with some strong forward play from Kitiona Mahe and Jacob Bowen. Persistence paid off for Jasper Jarvis to cross the try line to give us a 29 – 0 lead. Shortly after one of the East boys sustained a neck injury which resulted in the ending of the game. Thankfully, the player was later reported to have bruising only.

Big thanks to Jimmy Eveleigh for leading the team song, a good start to the season for the boys.

### U15 Greens v Blacktown

This A Division clash was a rematch of the U14 B Division Grand Final 2017. Unfortunately, unlike last year, the Warriors did not come away with the chocolates.

In the first half, Kayde King, in a barnstorming debut at inside centre, capped off some really strong play to score near the posts. The second try was created by Harrison Marsh's great vision as his attacking kick was collected brilliantly by Rasharyn Marr for a long range try.

Ultimately, the Blacktown team came home strongly in the second half for a very competitive 17-12 win with their no 12 and 15 playing particularly well.

Special mention goes to new player Sam Sarfati who had a strong game at the breakdown, Michael Hill for his defence and energy, and vice-captain, Clem Halaholo, who showed everyone why his relentless dominance in attack and defence caught the eye of U14 Sydney selectors last year.

### U15 Whites v Balmain

The Whites have a full contingent of players including some new players enjoying the Game They Play In Heaven.

Balmain was very good with many players obviously better than C Division, but that often happens with one team clubs. The Warriors tackled tough and scrummaged really well, with Ollie Bakker a stand out.

In attack, Hamish Caple made some good carries and Charlie Rich scored a great long range try off the back of a dominant scrum.

Unfortunately, it wasn't to be the Whites day. Until next week!

### U16 v Dural

The mighty Warriors headed to Dural for a road trip and a lot of determination to go home with a win and what a win they came home with.

They defeated Dural 62 to 7 and all played great with passing the ball and testing out moves in round 1. Hugh Johnson was in form with his kicks as was Max Wright and also Harley Lester returning from league with force and 2 tries scored one a length of the field try. Overall what a game to kick start the season Let's go Warriors!