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SECTION ONE:

THE FRONT ROW

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FROM THE CHAIR

JOINT REPORT BY THE: CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



This year was one that everyone at the Plus500 Brumbies was looking forward to with enthusiasm and anticipation as we looked to build on the successful end to the 2018 Super Rugby season. The 2019 season saw the Plus500 Brumbies return to the Semi-Finals of the competition for the tenth time as we picked up our fourth Australian Conference Championship, underlying the bright future that is ahead of the club. Central to this was the securing of Head Coach Dan McKellar and his assistants, Laurie Fisher and Peter Hewat, to longer term contracts allowing us to have a real sense of stability in our rugby program.

We have continuity and stability right across the organisation which is vital to us in an era in which rugby union has faced its challenges. A perceived disconnect to the local community, for so long a vitally important aspect of our club, is being readily and thoroughly addressed, and our end of season survey, which revealed some very positive messages, has led to a reduction in prices for season tickets for 2020 and early indications are that membership numbers for next season are looking strong.

Financially, we are delighted to report that, for the third year running, the Brumbies will make a small profit in the end of season accounts. In an environment in which much of the game's struggles has been put down to its non-profitability, the fact that the Brumbies, yet again, lead the way in this aspect is a testament to the hard work shown by our dedicated staff.

There is a real air of positivity around Brumbies HQ with the team setting records of their own throughout their successful 2019 season. We set a new season record with seven wins in a row and ten wins overall in a regular season, equaling the all-time record. We enjoyed eight wins in succession at home and scored a remarkable 430 points, equaling the most ever achieved in 2013. Sixty-eight tries were scored, spread amongst twenty-four different try scorers across season, the most ever. Thirty-seven players played Super Rugby of which four players (Banks, Powell, Kuridrani, Slipper) were involved in all eighteen matches, there were eleven debutants, including three from our Academy program. Joe Powell and Leslie Leuluaialii-Makin reached 50 Brumbies caps, Scott Sio reached 100 Brumbies caps and Christian Lealiifano reached 150 Brumbies caps and he also passed 950 Super Rugby points. Special mention for Josh Mann-Rea, as Bongo became the oldest Brumby ever when he played v Stormers in Cape Town: 38 years 69 days.

As is the nature of professional sport we say goodbye, and thank you, to twelve players this season. Christian Lealiifano, Rory Arnold, Sam Carter, David Pocock, Henry Speight, Wharenui Hawera, Lausii Taliauli, Ben Hyne, Josh Mann-Rea, Matt Lucas, Chance Peni and Jordan Jackson-Hope.

This was the second year of the Super W competition and the team reached the Finals for the first time. The team played five matches for three wins and played two games at GIO Stadium. Thirty players played Super W of which twelve were involved in all five matches, and there were sixteen debutants this year. Special mention to Michaela Leonard who made her debut for the Wallaroos playing in the Tests against Japan and New Zealand. Shellie Milward was also selected in the Wallaroos Squad for the Test Series against New Zealand. Congratulations to Head Coach Adam Butt, his staff and all the players on an excellent season.

As the women's game grows, and the levels of female participation increase accordingly, we are positive that this space will only get stronger in years to come. The introduction of a Women's Tens competition to run concurrently with Women's Premier Division was a real indication of the progress and increased interest in the game.

Our Academy Program continues to go from strength to strength and we are pleased to report on the progression of several of our young and talented players with Super Rugby debuts awarded to Tom Ross, Mack Hansen and Len Ikitau in 2019 and full contracts awarded to Lachlan Lonergan and Noah Lolesio for the 2020 Super Rugby campaign.

Noah Lolesio, Ryan Lonergan and Nick Frost were selected for the Junior Wallabies who were defeated by France by one point in the Final of the U20 World Championship Final in Argentina.

The Super Rugby Squad for 2020 is taking shape very nicely and it will include thirteen players who are products of the Brumbies Academy and Development pathways and nine of those players come from Canberra schools. We will continue to promote the exciting talent from both Canberra and the surrounding region, as well as selecting the best from interstate that fit into our culture, ethos and style of play at the Brumbies.



In the local senior club First Grade Grand Final Royals defeated Tuggeranong Vikings in a very exciting and tight encounter. Gungahlin Eagles were successful in 2nd and 3rd Grade, with Queanbeyan taking out Colts and 4th Grade and Uni-Norths Owls winning their first ever Women's title.

Goulburn defeated Gungahlin in the inaugural Women's 10's competition Grand Final, Crookwell defeated Taralga in the Monaro Grand Final and in the Southern Inland Grand Final Wagga Waratahs defeated Wagga Ag College.

The Canberra Vikings had a successful National Rugby Championship under the guidance of coach Nick Scrivener making it to the Grand Final against Western Force in Perth. After an even first half the Force provided to strong in the second half running out convincing winners.

Once again, our Community department has worked tirelessly to spread the game of rugby to our local schools, clubs and colleges in ACT & Southern NSW. Their efforts, particularly though programs such as 'Get into Rugby' have been a great success and help to, not only grow the game, but also spread the brand and ethos of the Brumbies to our community.

Participation numbers continue to grow and this season we had 3,235 senior and 3,969 junior rugby players participate in our organised rugby competitions throughout the ACT & Southern NSW, denoting an increase of 8.3% to 7,204 registered players on our 2018 figure of 6,647.

During NAIDOC week the Community team organised an excellent event at Brumbies HQ, in association with Sport Australia, the AIS and the University of Canberra. It was pleasing to see everyone working together to raise awareness, recognise and celebrate the unique role that Indigenous Australians continue to play in the life of our organisations, our city and region.

We held two very successful and entertaining events this year, close to 500 people attended our World in Union Lunch, which is the major fundraiser for the Community rugby and Pathways programs and initiatives and had 200 people attend our second Women In Business, Leadership & Sport Lunch.

Also, we would like to acknowledge the financial contribution from the 'Friends of the Brumbies' towards our Academy Programs. Without their support we would not be able to run these programs.

Sadly, one of our Life Members Shane Madden passed away in November 2018. Shane, who was granted Life Membership in 2008, was well known in the local rugby community having officiated as an ACT Rugby referee in over 300 games from the years 1987 to 2006 in the lower grades of the ACT senior competitions, as well as at Schoolboys, Juniors and Women's tournaments.

Our congratulations to Bob Brady and Maria Doogan, who at the AGM in December 2018 were deservedly made Life Members of the Union in recognition of their contributions to the game.

This year we launched our 2019 – 2021 Strategic Plan. Our three-year strategic plan and overarching vision to 'Inspire & Connect' will drive the organisations priorities and decision making through to 2021.

As ever we would like to thank all of our wonderful partners for their invaluable support of the Brumbies, in particular our Major partners, namely, Plus500, ACT Government, Land Rover, SG Fleet, University of Canberra, O'Neills and Poplars.

Thanks to all our loyal members and fans for your ongoing support. A special thanks to all the volunteers who are involved with the game week after week and our fantastic club sides throughout the region who are the true lifeblood of the game in Canberra and the surrounding region.

First and foremost, we are a Community Rugby organisation with a professional rugby team being part of that organisation.

We are very aware of the role we play in the local community, particularly building our relationships with stakeholders and the clubs throughout our region that compete in our thriving grassroots competitions.

We would also like to thank, and acknowledge, the Brumbies Board of Directors and all Brumbies staff for the roles that they have played in helping rugby in our community continue to grow.

2020 is going to be an exciting year for the Brumbies, as it is our 25th Anniversary and we are looking forward to our first Super Rugby match on Friday 31st of January against the Reds at GIO Stadium.

Matt Nobbs – Chairman
Peter Johnson - President
Phil Thomson – CEO

CONGRATULATIONS

2019 ACTRU AWARD WINNERS

2019 BRUMBIES AWARDS

Brett Robinson Players' Player Award:
ALLAN ALAALATOA

Helen Taylor Super W Player of the Year:
TAYLA STANFORD

Christian Lealiifano Spirit of Rugby:
CHRISTIAN LEALIIFANO

Super W Most Outstanding Young Player:
BROOKE GILROY

Shawn Mackay Most Outstanding
Young Talent Award:
JAHROME BROWN

Supporters' Choice - Women:
GEORGIA O'NEILL

Supporters' Choice - Men:
CHRISTIAN LEALIIFANO

Garry Quinlivan Service to Rugby Award:
CRAIG ROBBERS

Plus500 Brumbies Best back:
TEVITA KURIDRANI

Plus500 Brumbies Best Forward Award:
RORY ARNOLD

Canberra Milk Community Engagement Award:
ANDY MUIRHEAD

Graham Gordon Memorial Trophy for the
ACT Best & Fairest U20's Player:
NOAH LOLESIO

PREMIERSHIP TROPHIES

Premier Division First Grade:
CANBERRA ROYALS

Second Grade:
GUNGAHLIN EAGLES

Premier Division Colts:
QUEANBEYAN WHITES

First Division First Grade:
GUNGAHLIN EAGLES

First Division Second Grade:
QUEANBEYAN WHITES

Women's:
UNI-NORTHS OWLS

Turner Cup - Premiership Club Champion:
GUNGAHLIN EAGLES

Monaro First Division Club Championship:
ADFA

South Coast-Monaro Second Division:
CROOKWELL

SOUTHERN INLAND RUGBY UNION PREMIERS

1st Grade - Wagga Wagga Waratahs

Women's Xs - Griffith Blacks

2nd Grade - Wagga Wagga Waratahs

3rd Grade - Griffith Blacks

Presidents for 2019:

Albury - Mick Raynes

CSU Reddies - Ryan Giacca

Deniliquin - Paul Marshall

Griffith - Dan McGreal

Hay - Justin Campbell

Leeton - Tim Allen

Tumut - Jon Carmody

Wagga Agricultural College - Lachlan Green

Wagga City - Daniel Ribot de Bressac

Wagga Wagga Waratahs - Warwick Grant

CLUB RUGBY AWARDS

MacDougall Medal:
PEDRO ROLANDO (ROYALS)

Louise Ferris Medal:
GEORGIA O'NEILL (UNI-NORTHS OWLS)

ACTRU Volunteer of the Year:
CHRISTINE THOMSON (GUNGAHLIN EAGLES)

HS Quinn Trophy for Services to Rugby:
GEOFFREY SHEPHARD (GOULBURN DIRTY REDS)

Peter Lawler Trophy - Referee of the Year:
MATT HOGAN

Michael Hickey Memorial Trophy
- Coach of the Year:
MICK NEEDHAM (JINDABYNE BUSHPIGS)

PATRONS & HONOUR ROLL

Anderson Trophy for Sportsmanship:
BEN PRATT (TUGGERANONG VIKINGS)

Gus Vallance Memorial Trophy
- Highest Points Scorer:
PEDRO ROLANDO (ROYALS)

John Hunter Memorial Trophy - Highest Try
Scorer:
COREY TOOLE (EAGLES) & RORY SCOT (ROYALS)

First Division Best & Fairest:
MIKAEL WEBBER (GOULBURN DIRTY REDS)

Second Division Best & Fairest:
JOEL CROKER (TARALGA TIGERS)

Bill Priest Trophy - Monaro Rep Player of the Year:
JORDAN LEES (GOULBURN DIRTY REDS)

Bob Hitchcock Territory Shield:
TUGGERANONG VIKINGS

PATRONS

PATRON IN CHIEF

His Excellency General the Hon Sir Peter Cosgrove
AK MC (Retd), Governor General

PATRONS

Mr P J Lawler OAM
Mr D B Lewis OAM

HONOUR ROLL

WALLABIES

Allan ALAALATOA

Rory ARNOLD
Tom BANKS
Folau FAINGA'A
Christian LEALIIFANO
David POCOCK
Joe POWELL
Scott SIO
James SLIPPER
Rob VALETINI
Pete SAMU (2018)

JUNIOR WALLABIES

Nick FROST
Noah LOLESIO
Lachlan LONERGAN

WALLAROOS

Michaela LEONARD
Shellie MILWARD

AUSTRALIA A WOMENS SQUAD

Grace KEMP
Michaela LEONARD
Remi WILTON
Samantha WOOD

AUSTRALIAN SEVEN'S - WOMEN

Rachel CROTHERS
Sharni WILLIAMS

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 18's/SCHOOLS

Lachlan ALBERT
Tony ALOFIPO
Ton HOOPER
Alexander MASIBAKA
Reesjan PASITOA
Zephania TUINONA
Peter HEWAT (Coach)

NATIONAL YOUTH SEVENS GIRLS TEAM

Ella RYAN



PRESIDENT

Peter Johnson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman: Matthew Nobbs

Christopher Doogan – resigned 30/9/19

Vikki Fischer

Stephen Johnston

David Kenyon

Pat McCabe

Michelle Melbourne – resigned 9/7/19

Ann-Marie Perrett

Mark Sullivan

Christine Faulks – appointed 3/10/19

Christa Gordon – appointed 3/10/19

NB: refer to related document 'Corporate Governance & Finance 2019'

BRUMBIES EXECUTIVES

Chief Executive Officer: Phil Thomson

Chief Financial Officer: Mark Grieb

General Manager – Commercial Operations: Gavin Hunt

General Manager – Community Rugby: Craig Leseberg

General Manager – Professional Rugby and Pathways: Chris Tindall

Plus500 BRUMBIES RUGBY

Head Coach: Dan McKellar

Forwards Coach: Laurie Fisher

Backs Coach: Peter Hewat

Scrum Coach: Dan Palmer

Team Manager: Bill Swain

Media Manager: Russ Gibbs

Director of Athletic Performance and Innovation: Ben Serpell

Head Physiotherapist / Rehabilitation: Simon Rice

Team Doctor: Dr. Stephen Freeman

Team Physiotherapist: Dave Wellington

Performance Analyst: Eoin McVeigh

GPS Analyst / PHD Candidate: Carmen Colomer

Strength & Conditioning Coach: John Mitchell

Strength & Conditioning Assistant: Barry Horgan

RUPA Player Development Manager: Robin Duff

AFFILIATED BODIES

ACT JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

President: Martin Sullivan

Secretary: Greg Baynham

ACT SCHOOLS RUGBY UNION

President: Pat Langtry

Secretary: Michael Pini

ACT RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

President: Chad Burnell

Secretary: Robert Whyte

SOUTHERN INLAND RUGBY UNION

President: Warwick Grant

Rugby Manager: Jack Heffernan

SOUTH COAST RUGBY UNION

President: Peter Ryan

Secretary: Paddy Penton

ACT VETERAN'S RUGBY

President: Rod Eade

PREMIER DIVISION CLUBS

EASTERN SUBURBS RUGBY

President: Ken Snell

Coach: Tim Cornforth

GUNGAHLIN EAGLES

President: Eoghan O'Byrne

Coach: Marco Caputo

QUEANBEYAN WHITE

President: Ian Darmody

Coach: Paul Dillon

CANBERRA ROYALS

President: Jim Taylor

Coach: Wayne Southwell

TUGGERANONG VIKINGS

President: Brendan Allardyce

Coach: Nick Scrivener

UNI-NORTHS OWLS

President: Michael Axelsen

Coach: Sam Rolfe

WESTERN DISTRICTS LIONS

President: Angus McKerchar

Coach: Craig Robberds

Monaro IST Division Clubs

ADFA

President: Mitchell Egan

COOMA

President: Sean Nielson

GOULBURN

President: Peter Greaves

HALL

President: Jeremy Watson

RMC

President: Lewis Crothers

South Coast Monaro - 2nd Division Clubs Monaro

BUNGENDORE

President: Simon Titmuss

CROOKWELL

President: Ian McIntosh

JINDABYNE

President: Greg Cox

TARALGA

President: Dave Rees

YASS

President: Grant Brewer

BRAIDWOOD

President: Tony Cairns

South Coast

BATEMANS BAY

President: Matthew Ryan

BROULEE

President: Ian Filmer

Rep Teams

ACT U19

Coaches: Ruaidhri Murphy (Head Coach)

Manager: Deon Norval

BRUMBIES SUPER W

Coaches: Adam Butt (Head Coach), David Anable (Assistant Coach) & Tevita Siulangapo (Assistant Coach)

Manager: Maria Moreno

BRUMBIES PROVINCIAL

Coaches: Nick McCarthy (Head Coach), Michael Nicoletti (Assistant Coach) & Will Mitchell (Assistant Coach)

Manager: Jonathan Andreou

BRUMBIES RUNNERS A PROGRAM

Coaches: Daniel Hooper (Head Coach), Ruaidhri Murphy (Assistant Coach)

Manager: Bob Brady

ACT GRIFFINS

Coaches: Craig Robberds (Head Coach), Sam Rolfe (Assistant Coach) & Adam Butt (Assistant Coach)

Manager: Ryne Bowden

ACT Women's 7s

(run by University of Canberra)

Coach: Liam McGrath

ACT Youth Boys 7s

Coach: Lachlan Creighton

Manager: Deon Norval

ACT Youth Girls 7s

Coach: Damien Tyson

Manager: Samantha Maxwell

Brumbies Life Members

PJ Lawler OAM (1983)

DB Lewis OAM (1987)

RW Smethills OAM (1987)

RM Hitchcock OAM (1995)

DG Stafford OAM (1995)

CTA Murphy PSM (1997)

GJ Quinlivan (2006)

PJ McCann (2008)

BR Lenthall OAM (2014)

RI Cordy OAM (2015)

GA Larkham OAM (2015)

R Brady (2018)

M Doogan (2018)

A listing of former Life members who are now deceased can be found on the Brumbies website.

Judiciary

Chairman: Michael Somes

Deputy Chairman: Stuart Pilkinton SC

Committee: Peter McCann, Henry Kasprzak, Chris Lord, Andrew Gillespie, Robert Smethills OAM, Peter Lawler OAM, Margaret Hunter, Matt Bautz, Rebecca Curran, David Norris.

THOSE WE HAVE LOST



SHANE MADDEN

Shane, who was granted Life Membership in 2008, passed away on Friday 23 November 2018. He was well known in the local rugby community having officiated as an ACT Rugby referee in over 300 games from the years 1987 to 2006 in the lower grades of the ACT senior competitions, as well as at Schoolboys, Juniors and Women's tournaments. Shane was a Level 1 certified Referee Coach with the Australian Rugby Union and was a Member, and later Chairman, of the ACTRU Judiciary from 1987 until 2009. Shane was also Chairman of the Brumbies Disciplinary Committee from 1999 to 2009. Shane also served as an ACT Magistrate, beginning his role at the court in December 1996, also becoming the first Children's Court Magistrate three years later. Before becoming a Magistrate, he was a prosecutor with the ACT Director of Public Prosecutions. He also oversaw an Indigenous Sentencing Court and conducted the coronial inquest into the botched Canberra Hospital implosion.

DAVID FOGG

David Fogg was a very passionate, loyal and much-loved member of the Royals club, and the news of his passing was met with great sadness. 'Foggy' as he was affectionately known passed away on Thursday 28 February 2019 after his courageous battle with cancer. David played with Royals in 1973 and was a highly successful businessman establishing Canberra's award winning Prostyle Building Group. Throughout the years David continued his love and close association with Royals, including being a long-term sponsor of the Club. David was a regular at Royal's home games where he shared a beer and yarn with friends. He also never missed the Royal's Annual Sportsman Tour. David will be sadly missed by the entire Royals club and his family, Jenny, Josh and Kobi, Aaron and Bec and Andrew and Emily.

JACK MAGUIRE

Jack Maguire played in a premiership team for Royals in 1977 and then went onto become a premiership winning player with the Whites. A prolific goal kicker and a memorable character he will be remembered by the Whites, Royals and his last club, Norths. Jack's formative years were at St. Brigid's School, Daramalan College and finally at Waverley College where he played in the first XV. After leaving school, Jack joined Royals following in the footsteps of his father "Happy" Maguire, a legendary representative half-back. Jack was a member of the Royals premiership team of 1977 and their 1978 semi-final side which lost to the Whites 13-4. He joined Queanbeyan in 1979 and played in the grand final which the Whites lost to Royals 13-12 following Michael O'Connor's, after the hooter, field goal. Jack went on to play with the Whites until 1984 and became the 21st player to achieve 100 first grade games for Queanbeyan. He was the club's and the competitions leading point scorer in 1980 (200 points), 1981 (215) and 1982 (217). In 1979 he was named the club's most consistent and in 1980 was the first-grade best and fairest. He represented the ACT on a number of occasions including a win over Queensland in 1977 and a victory over the touring Wales team in 1978.

STAN MELVILLE

Stan Melville was a Norths rugby legend who sadly passed away earlier this year. A former player, Melville was selected for Sydney City Colts to play Newcastle in a curtain raiser to the North Harbour versus South Harbour rep trials in 1961. He was included in the Sydney training squad in 1962 though was not selected to travel to New Zealand with the final selected team. The return of Stan to Canberra in 1963 witnessed a change in Rugby fortunes for both Northern Suburbs and ACT. It appears undoubted that Stan's experiences in Sydney were to have a profound effect on club and representative Rugby in Canberra. His enthusiasm, leadership and 'professionalism' had an immediate impact and led to greatly improved performances throughout the grades at Norths, such that by the end of the season the 1sts were premiers and 2nds and 3rds finalists. The ACT team made the final at Country Week and then went on to take the trophy for the following three years, while Norths played in 5 consecutive 1st grade Grand Finals, winning again in 1967. He was an outstanding 5/8 and captain of Norths.

NEVILLE PETERSON

A Canberra Rugby Union stalwart who played for four ACT Rugby Clubs, Ainslie, Majura, Dickson Old Boys and Northern Suburbs, as a prop forward, either Loosehead or Tighthead, Neville Peterson enhanced the props role with grunt, strength and attitude. He was rarely defeated in scrum encounters and added to his Rugby skills with highly effective ball running plays and had safe hands. Off field he provided unasked voluntary assistance to any of those clubs he played for, with his personal and rugby fellowship always noteworthy. Neville was a part of the Peterson rugby dynasty from Canberra's Northern Suburbs, his father and two younger brothers Phil and Donald played rugby during the 60's 70's 80's and 90's. There was a time when Neville played with his two brothers in the same team, Phil holding up the other side of the scrum and Donald in the hooking role.

We also send our condolences to the family and friends on the loss of Tom Gruzias, an ACT Rugby Union Representative player from the 1970's who also played number 8 for Western Districts in the local competition.



SECTION TWO:

SUPER RUGBY

SUPER RUGBY REVIEW | ALL THE STATS
| THE WOMEN'S GAME | SUPER RUGBY - OFF THE FIELD

super rugby review

Plus500 Brumbies season review



The Plus500 Brumbies might have fallen short of their ultimate goal of winning the 2019 Super Rugby Championship, being ejected from the tournament at the Semi-Final stage after a brave battle against the Jaguares in Buenos Aires, but few would have suggested that the campaign was anything but a wonderful success for Dan McKellar, his coaching staff, and the team.

After seven rounds of the 2019 Super Rugby season the Brumbies were in a bit of a pickle. They'd won two and lost five of their opening matches and were preparing to meet the Lions, beaten finalists in the last two Super Rugby Finals at GIO Stadium. Optimism amongst the supporter base online was, to say the least, at a low ebb. But, something was stirring within the corridors of Brumbies HQ. The coaching staff and playing group

had identified something after the Reds loss in Brisbane, a 14-36 defeat at Suncorp Stadium, that saw them travel to the Crusaders a week later in good spirits. So much so in fact that the reverse in Christchurch wasn't season-defining. What was, was the response.

A thoroughly professional performance to see off the Lions from South Africa, before a tour that saw the team win against the Stormers in one of the greatest battles in Brumbies history, it was a backs-to-the-wall defensive effort that was absorbing in its intensity. The group seemed tighter than ever and, despite running out of steam in the final quarter against the Jaguares in the Conference stages, used that bond to embark on a magnificent unbeaten run. Seven straight victories followed, the most ever in a single-season for the club. Let





that sink in a moment. This group achieved what the legendary squads of the past had never done. Seven wins. In succession. There's good form and then there's that.

The Brumbies were eventually crowned as Australian Conference Champions for the 4th time and reached the semi-finals for the tenth time in their history. Sixty-eight tries were scored, spread amongst 24 different try scorers across the season, the most ever. Thirty-seven players played Super Rugby of which four (Tom Banks, Joe Powell, Tevita Kuridrani and James Slipper) were involved in all eighteen matches.

Folau Fainga'a led the try scoring list for the club with a dozen, equaling the record for a season for a forward in Super Rugby, whilst Connal McInerney became just the fifth player in Super Rugby history to come off the bench and score a hat-trick of tries as the Brumbies rolled the Sunwolves in Tokyo.

In addition, there were eleven debutants, James Slipper, Toni Pulu, Irae Simone, Pete Samu, Tom Wright, Murray Douglas, Jahrome Brown and Vunipola Fifita, including three from our Academy structure as Mack Hansen, Tom Ross and Len Ikitau all broke into the first team squad. Joe Powell and Leslie Leuluaialii-Makin reached 50 Brumbies caps, Scott Sio reached 100 Brumbies caps and Christian Lealiifano reached 150 Brumbies caps whilst passing 950 Super Rugby points.

It may have come to an end on a cold Winters evening back in Argentina, the team never really settling into any rhythm as the Jaguares, roared on by a passionate and noisy 31,000 home spectators, booked their place in their first ever Super Rugby



super rugby review

Plus500 Brumbies season review



showdown against the Crusaders. And, whilst that marked the end of an era, and the departure of some of the Brumbies greats – Christian Lealiifano, Henry Speight, Rory Arnold, Sam Carter and David Pocock all leaving the ACT – there were glimpses of what was to come.

A special thanks to Garry Quinlivan and Ray Sweeny who again did an excellent job in setting up for training each day and to Mal Daisley for his help on home match-days. Their voluntary inclusion and involvement are valued by everyone and is an important cultural asset to the club. We look forward to Quinso, Ray and Mal's continued support and involvement in 2020.

I would also like to thank all the team and office staff, Board Members and volunteers who have supported us during the year for your efforts and hard work.

Bill Swain
Brumbies Team Manager



ALL THE STATS

Plus500 Brumbies Results & Line-ups 2019

TRIAL MATCH 1

Plus500 Brumbies 52 Melbourne Rebels 38

Saturday 26 January 2019 (Viking Park, Erindale)

Plus500 Brumbies 52 (T: Kuridrani (3), Ikitau (2), Wright, Peni, Muirhead, C: Hawera (3), Lolesio (3)) Rebels 38 (T: Tui, Faamausili, Haisila, Talakai, de Crispney, Brodie, C: Waaka (2), Goddard, King)

THE TEAM

1. James SLIPPER (1. Vunipola FIFITA 45'), Josh MANN-REA (16. Connal MCINERNEY 45'), 3. Leslie LEULUALII-MAKIN (17. Tom ROSS 45', 18. Angus WAGNER 75'), 4. Darcy SWAIN (19. Murray DOUGLAS 45'), 5. Blake ENEVER (5. Sam CARTER 42'), 6. Rob VALETINI (4. Darcy SWAIN 60'), 7. Tom CUSACK (20. Jahrome BROWN 45'), 8. Lachlan MCCAFFREY (7. Tom CUSACK 60', 8. Lachlan OSBORNE 75'), 9. Joe POWELL (21. Ryan LONERGAN 30', 9. Matt LUCAS 60'), 10. Wharenui HAWERA (10. Noah LOLESIO 60'), 11. Lausii TALIAULI (11. Chance PENI 45'), 12. Irae SIMONE (22. Tom WRIGHT 40', 23. Bayley KUENZLE 75'), 13. Tevita KURIDRANI (13. Len IKITAU 45'), 14. Toni PULU (14. Andy MUIRHEAD 45'), 15. Jordan JACKSON-HOPE (15. Mack HANSEN 45')

TRIAL MATCH 2

Plus500 Brumbies 34 Waratahs 28

Thursday 7 February 2019 (Goulburn Workers Arena, Goulburn)

Plus500 Brumbies 34 (T: Fainga'a, Taliauli, Simone, Kuridrani, Ross, C: Lealiifano (2), Hawera, P: Lealiifano) Waratahs 28 (T: Holloway, Swinton (2), Miller, C: Mason (2), Harrison (2))

THE TEAM

1. James SLIPPER (18. Vunipola FIFITA 23'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Josh MANN-REA 40'), 3. Leslie LEULUALII-MAKIN (17. Tom ROSS 40'), 4. Rory ARNOLD (19. Blake ENEVER 60'), 5. Sam CARTER (5. Darcy SWAIN 60'), 6. Rob VALETINI (6. Rob VALETINI 60'), 7. Tom CUSACK (20. Jahrome BROWN 60'), 8. Lachlan MCCAFFREY (8. Pete SAMU 45'), 9. Joe POWELL (21. Matt LUCAS 60'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO (22. Wharenui HAWERA 60'), 11. Lausii TALIAULI (11. Andy MUIRHEAD 11', 23. Chance PENI 60'), 12. Irae SIMONE (12. Tom WRIGHT 40'), 13. Tevita KURIDRANI (Len IKITAU 60', 18. Bayley KUENZLE 75'), 14. Toni PULU (14. Henry SPEIGHT 40'), 15. Tom BANKS (15. Jordan JACKSON-HOPE 60')

ROUND 1

Plus500 Brumbies 27 Melbourne Rebels 34

Friday 15 February 2019 (GIO Stadium, Canberra)

Plus500 Brumbies (22) 27 (T: Fainga'a, Arnold, Alaalatoa, Carter, C: Lealiifano (2), P: Lealiifano) Rebels (19) 34 (T: English, Maddocks (2), Phillip, Rangi, C: Cooper (3), P: Cooper)

THE TEAM

1. James SLIPPER (17. Scott SIO 53'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Josh MANN-REA 53'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUALII-MAKIN 61'), 4. Rory ARNOLD (19. Blake ENEVER 60'), 5. Sam CARTER, 6. Rob VALETINI, 7. David POCOCK (20. Pete SAMU 6'), 8. Lachlan MCCAFFREY, 9. Joe POWELL (21. Matt LUCAS 74'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO (22. Wharenui HAWERA 45'), 11. Toni PULU (23. Andy MUIRHEAD 10'), 12. Irae SIMONE, 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Henry SPEIGHT, 15. Tom BANKS

ROUND 2

Plus500 Brumbies 54 Chiefs 17

Saturday 23 February 2019 (GIO Stadium, Canberra)

Plus500 Brumbies (33) 54 (T: Kuridrani (2), Banks, Peni (2), McCaffery, Fainga'a, Mann-REA, C: Lealiifano (5), Hawera (2)) Chiefs (10) 17 (T: Moeakiola, Taukei'aho, C: McKenzie (2), P: McKenzie)

THE TEAM

1. James SLIPPER (17. Scott SIO 55'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Josh MANN-REA 65'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUALII-MAKIN 68'), 4. Rory ARNOLD (19. Blake ENEVER 66'), 5. Sam CARTER, 6. Robbie VALETINI, 7. Tom CUSACK, 8. Lachlan MCCAFFREY (20. Pete SAMU 55'), 9. Joe POWELL (21. Matt LUCAS 66'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO (22. Wharenui HAWERA 65'), 11. Chance PENI, 12. Irae SIMONE, 13. Tevita KURIDRANI 14. Andy MUIRHEAD, 15. Tom BANKS

ROUND 3

Hurricanes 43 Plus500 Brumbies 13

Friday 1 March 2019

(Central Energy Trust Arena, Palmerston North)

Hurricanes (19) 43 (T: Coles (2), Laumape (3), Blackwell, C: B. Barrett (4), J. Garden-Bachop, P: B. Barrett) Plus500 Brumbies (8) 13 (T: Fainga'a, Wright, P: Lealiifano)

THE TEAM

1. Scott SIO (17. James SLIPPER 51'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Josh MANN-REA 56'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUALII-MAKIN 62'), 4. Rory ARNOLD (19. Darcy SWAIN 62'), 5. Blake ENEVER, 6. Pete SAMU (20. Tom CUSACK 51'),

7. David POCOCK, 8. Lachlan MCCAFFREY, 9. Joe POWELL (21. Matt LUCAS 51'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO (22. Wharenui HAWERA 62'), 11. Chance PENI, 12. Irae SIMONE, 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Andrew MUIRHEAD, 15. Tom BANKS (23. Tom WRIGHT 70')

YELLOW CARD: 7. David POCOCK 63'

ROUND 4

Melbourne Rebels 29 Plus500 Brumbies 26

Friday 8 March 2019 (AAMI Park, Melbourne)

Rebels (3) 29 (T: Koroiβete, Maddocks (2), Genia, C: Cooper (3), P: Cooper) Plus500 Brumbies (19) 26 (T: Speight, Fainga'a, Penalty-Try, Valetini, C: Lealiifano (2))

THE TEAM

1. Scott SIO (17. James SLIPPER 55'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Josh MANN-REA 72'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN 64'), 4. Rory ARNOLD, 5. Sam CARTER, 6. Rob VALETINI, 7. David POCOCK (19. Murray DOUGLAS 64'), 8. Tom CUSACK (20. Pete SAMU 55'), 9. Joe POWELL (21. Ryan LONERGAN 72'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO, 11. Andy MUIRHEAD, 12. Tom WRIGHT (22. Wharenui HAWERA 72'), 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Henry SPEIGHT (23. Chance PENI 53'), 15. Tom BANKS

ROUND 5

Plus500 Brumbies 19 Waratahs 13

Friday 15 March 2019 (GIO Stadium, Canberra)

Plus500 Brumbies (12) 19 (T: Fainga'a (2), Penalty-Try, C: Lealiifano) Waratahs (5) 13 (T: Hooper, Newsome, P: Foley)

THE TEAM

1. Scott SIO (17. James SLIPPER 43'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Josh MANN-REA 57'), 3. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN (18. Tom ROSS 60'), 4. Rory ARNOLD, 5. Sam CARTER, 6. Rob VALETINI (19. Murray DOUGLAS 53'), 7. Tom CUSACK (20. Pete SAMU 46'), 8. Lachlan MCCAFFREY, 9. Joe POWELL (21. Ryan LONERGAN 66'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO, 11. Lausii TALIAULI (23. Mack HANSEN 76'), 12. Irae SIMONE, 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Henry SPEIGHT, 15. Tom BANKS (22. Jordan JACKSON-HOPE 72')

ROUND 6

Reds 36 Plus500 Brumbies 14

Sunday 24 March 2019 (Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane)

Reds (10) 36 (T: Higginbotham, Feauai-Sautia, McDermott, Hegarty, Paenga-Amosa, C: Hegarty (4), P: Hegarty) Plus500 Brumbies (0) 14 (T: Speight, Brown, C: Lealiifano (2))

THE TEAM

1. James SLIPPER (17. Scott SIO 31'-40', 52'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Josh MANN-REA 52'), 3. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN (18. Tom ROSS 58'), 4. Rory ARNOLD (19. Blake ENEVER 13'), 5. Sam CARTER, 6. Pete SAMU (20. Murray DOUGLAS 52'), 7. Tom CUSACK (21. Jahrome BROWN 71'), 8. Lachlan MCCAFFREY, 9. Joe POWELL (22. Matt LUCAS 61'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO,

11. Lausii TALIAULI (23. Jordan JACKSON-HOPE 52'), 12. Irae SIMONE, 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Henry SPEIGHT, 15. Tom BANKS

ROUND 7 - Bye

ROUND 8

Crusaders 36 Plus500 Brumbies 14

Saturday 6 April 2019 (Christchurch Stadium, Christchurch)

Crusaders (0) 36 (T: Reece (2), Jordan (2), Taufua, C: Mo'unga (3), Cameron, P: Cameron) Plus500 Brumbies (7) 14 (T: Lealiifano, Kuridrani, C: Lealiifano (2))

THE TEAM

1. James SLIPPER (17. Vunipola FIFITA 72'), 2. Josh MANN-REA (16. Connal MCINERNEY 56'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Tom ROSS 72'), 4. Darcy SWAIN, 5. Murray DOUGLAS (19. Sam CARTER 9'-20', 56'), 6. Pete SAMU (20. Jahrome BROWN 60'), 7. Tom CUSACK, 8. Lachlan MCCAFFREY, 9. Joe POWELL (19. Matt LUCAS 56'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO, 11. Toni PULU, 12. Irae SIMONE, 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Henry SPEIGHT (23. Andy MUIRHEAD 67'), 15. Tom BANKS (22. Jordan JACKSON-HOPE 67')

YELLOW CARDS: 11. Toni PULU, 19. Sam CARTER

ROUND 9

Plus500 Brumbies 31 Lions 20

Saturday 13 April 2019 (GIO Stadium, Canberra)

Plus500 Brumbies (19) 31 (T: McCaffrey, Pulu, Kuridrani, Banks, Wright, C: Lealiifano (3)) Lions (8) 20 (T: Dyantyi, Jantjies, Mahuza, C: Jantjies, P: Jantjies)

THE TEAM

1. Scott SIO (17. James SLIPPER 50'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Josh MANN-REA 59'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN 67'), 4. Rory ARNOLD (19. Darcy SWAIN 67'), 5. Sam CARTER, 6. Pete SAMU, 7. Tom CUSACK, 8. Lachlan MCCAFFREY (20. Jahrome BROWN 53'), 9. Joe POWELL (21. Matt LUCAS 67'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO, 11. Toni PULU (23. Irae SIMONE 77'), 12. Tom WRIGHT, 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Henry SPEIGHT (22. Andy MUIRHEAD 67'), 15. Tom BANKS

ROUND 10

Stormers 17 Plus500 Brumbies 19

Saturday 20 April 2019 (DHL Newlands, Cape Town)

Stormers (10) 17 (T: Louw, Penalty-Try, C: Stander, P: Stander) Plus500 Brumbies (12) 19 (T: Samu, Arnold, Banks, C: Lealiifano (2))

THE TEAM

1. Scott SIO (17. James SLIPPER 51'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Josh MANN-REA 22-33', 51-61'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN 73'), 4. Rory ARNOLD, 5. Sam CARTER (19. Darcy SWAIN 65'), 6. Jahrome

BROWN (20. Murray DOUGLAS 65'), 7. Tom CUSACK, 8. Pete SAMU, 9. Joe POWELL (21. Matt LUCAS 61'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO, 11. Toni PULU, 12. Tom WRIGHT (22. Wharenui HAWERA 59'), 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Henry SPEIGHT, 15. Tom BANKS
REPLACEMENTS NOT USED: 23. Andy MUIRHEAD
YELLOW CARDS: 11. Toni PULU

ROUND 11

Jaguares 20 Plus500 Brumbies 15

Saturday 27 April 2019

(Estadio Jose Amalfitani, Velez Sarsfeld)

Jaguares (17) 20 (T: Cancelliere, Orlando, Creevy, C: Miotti, P: Miotti) Plus500 Brumbies (12) 15 (T: Fainga'a, Banks, C: Lealiifano, P: Lealiifano)

THE TEAM

1. James SLIPPER (17. Scott SIO 57'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Connal MCINERNEY 72'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN 72'), 4. Rory ARNOLD, 5. Sam CARTER (19. Darcy SWAIN 72'), 6. Jahrome BROWN (20. Murray DOUGLAS 68'), 7. Tom CUSACK, 8. Pete SAMU (20. Murray DOUGLAS 47'-57'), 9. Matt LUCAS (21. Joe POWELL 51'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO, 11. Toni PULU 23. Andy MUIRHEAD 53'), 12. Tom WRIGHT (22. Irae SIMONE 68'), 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Henry SPEIGHT, 15. Tom BANKS

ROUND 12

Plus500 Brumbies 26 Blues 21

Saturday 4 May 2019 (GIO Stadium, Canberra)

Brumbies (12) 26 (T: Fainga'a (3), Slipper, C: Lealiifano (3)) Blues (15) 21 (T: Faiane, Clarke, C: Black, P: Black, Plummer)

THE TEAM

1. James SLIPPER (17. Scott SIO 8-18', 41'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A, 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN 76'), 4. Rory ARNOLD (19. Darcy SWAIN 19'), 5. Sam CARTER, 6. Tom CUSACK (20. Murray DOUGLAS 61'), 7. Jahrome BROWN, 8. Pete SAMU (16. Connal MCINERNEY 80'), 9. Joe POWELL, 10. Christian LEALIIFANO, 11. Toni PULU (23. Andy MUIRHEAD 61'), 12. Irae SIMONE, 13. Len IKITAU, 14. Henry SPEIGHT, 15. Tom BANKS
UNUSED REPLACEMENTS: 21. Ryan LONERGAN 22. Tom WRIGHT

ROUND 13

Plus500 Brumbies 33 Sunwolves 0

Sunday 12 May 2019 (GIO Stadium, Canberra)

Plus500 Brumbies (19) 33 (T: Speight (2), Powell, Banks, Samu, C: Lealiifano (4)) Sunwolves 0

THE TEAM

1. Scott SIO (17. James SLIPPER 51'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Connal MCINERNEY 51'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN 53'), 4. Darcy SWAIN (19. Blake ENEVER 70'), 5. Sam CARTER, 6. Tom CUSACK, 7. Jahrome BROWN (20. Murray DOUGLAS 62'), 8. Pete SAMU, 9. Joe POWELL (21. Ryan LONERGAN 51'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO, 11. Toni PULU, 12. Irae SIMONE (22. Tom WRIGHT 66'), 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Henry SPEIGHT (23. Andy MUIRHEAD 66'), 15. Tom BANKS

ROUND 14 - Bye

ROUND 15

Plus500 Brumbies 22 Bulls 10

Friday 24 May 2019 (GIO Stadium, Canberra)

Plus500 Brumbies (12) 22 (T: Kuridrani (3), Simone, C: Lealiifano) Bulls (10) 10 (T: Liebenberg, C: Libbok, P: Libbok)

THE TEAM

1. Scott SIO (17. James SLIPPER 55'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Connal MCINERNEY 68'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN 68'), 4. Rory ARNOLD (19. Darcy SWAIN 55'), 5. Sam CARTER (20. Murray DOUGLAS 72'), 6. Tom CUSACK, 7. Jahrome BROWN (21. Rob VALETINI 61'), 8. Pete SAMU, 9. Joe POWELL (22. Ryan LONERGAN 74'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO, 11. Toni PULU, 12. Irae SIMONE (23. Tom WRIGHT 72'), 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Henry SPEIGHT, 15. Tom BANKS

ROUND 16

Sunwolves 19 Plus500 Brumbies 42

Saturday 1 June 2019

(Prince Chichibunomiya Memorial Stadium, Tokyo)

Sunwolves (12) 19 (T: Saumaki, Masirewa, Booth, C: Parker (2)) Plus500 Brumbies (21) 42 (T: Samu, Simone, Banks, McInerney (3), C: Lealiifano (6))

THE TEAM

1. James SLIPPER (17. Scott SIO 50'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Connal MCINERNEY 40'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN 67'), 4. Rory ARNOLD (19. Darcy SWAIN 57'), 5. Sam CARTER, 6. Tom CUSACK, 7. Jahrome BROWN (21. Rob VALETINI 46'), 8. Pete SAMU (20. Lachlan MCCAFFREY 52'), 9. Joe POWELL (22. Matt LUCAS 72'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO, 11. Toni PULU, 12. Irae SIMONE, 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Henry SPEIGHT (23. Tom WRIGHT 45'), 15. Tom BANKS

ROUND 17

Waratahs 24 Plus500 Brumbies 35

Saturday 8 June 2019 (Bankwest Stadium, Parramatta)

Waratahs (3) 24 (T: Phipps, Ashley-Cooper, Rona, C: Foley (3), P: Foley) Plus500 Brumbies (28) 35 (T: Arnold, Muirhead, Simone, Fainga'a, Cusack, C: Lealiifano (5))

THE TEAM

1. James SLIPPER (17. Scott SIO 49'), 2. Folau FAINGA'A (16. Connal MCINERNEY 57'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN 67'), 4. Rory ARNOLD (19. Darcy SWAIN 60'), 5. Sam CARTER, 6. Rob VALETINI (20. Lachlan MCCAFFREY 49'), 7. Tom CUSACK, 8. Pete SAMU (21. Jahrome BROWN 60'), 9. Joe POWELL (22. Matt LUCAS 72'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO, 11. Toni PULU, 12. Irae SIMONE (23. Tom WRIGHT 74'), 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Andy MUIRHEAD, 15. Tom BANKS

ROUND 18

Plus500 Brumbies 40 Reds 27

Saturday 15 June 2019 (GIO Stadium, Canberra)

Plus500 Brumbies (19) 40 (T: Muirhead, McCaffery, Penalty Try, Arnold, Wright, Douglas, C: Lealiifano (3), Loneragan) Reds (10) 27 (T: Hegarty, Paia'aua, Mafi, C: Hegarty (3), P: Hegarty, DG: McGahan)

THE TEAM

1. Scott SIO (17. James SLIPPER 52'), 2. Folau FAINGAA (16. Connal MCINERNEY 62'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN 52'), 4. Rory ARNOLD (19. Murray DOUGLAS 62'), 5. Sam CARTER, 6. Robbie VALETINI (20. Pete SAMU 66'), 7. Jahrome BROWN, 8. Lachlan MCCAFFREY, 9. Joe POWELL (21. Ryan LONERGAN 70'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO (22. Jordan JACKSON-HOPE 52'), 11. Tom WRIGHT (23. Len IKITAU 62'), 12. Irae SIMONE, 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Andy MUIRHEAD, 15. Tom BANKS

QUARTER FINAL

Plus500 Brumbies 38 Sharks 13

Saturday 22 June 2019 (GIO Stadium, Canberra)

Plus500 Brumbies (24) 38 (T: Samu (2), Speight, Powell, Lucas, C: Lealiifano (5), P: Lealiifano) Sharks (6) 13 (T: Esterhuizen, C: Bosch, P: Bosch (2))

THE TEAM

1. Scott SIO (17. James SLIPPER 51'), 2. Folau FAINGAA (16. Connal MCINERNEY 72'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN 72'), 4. Rory ARNOLD (19. Darcy SWAIN 72'), 5. Sam CARTER, 6. Robbie VALETINI (21. Jahrome BROWN 64'), 7. Tom CUSACK, 8. Pete SAMU (20. Lachlan MCCAFFREY 40'), 9. Joe POWELL (22. Matt LUCAS 72'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO, 11. Toni PULU, 12. Irae SIMONE, 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Henry SPEIGHT (23. Tom WRIGHT 72'), 15. Tom BANKS

SEMI-FINAL

Jaguares 39 Plus500 Brumbies 7

Saturday 29 June 2019

(Estadio Jose Amalfitani, Velez Sarsfeld)

Jaguares (20) 39 (T: Cubelli, Lavanini, Orlando (2), Boffelli, C: Diaz Bonilla (4), P: Diaz Bonilla (2)) Plus500 Brumbies (7) 7 (T: Fainga'a, C: Lealiifano)

THE TEAM

1. Scott SIO (17. James SLIPPER 48'), 2. Folau FAINGAA (16. Connal MCINERNEY 64'), 3. Allan ALAALATOA (18. Leslie LEULUAIALII-MAKIN 69'), 4. Rory ARNOLD (20. Murray DOUGLAS 69'), 5. Sam CARTER (19. Darcy SWAIN 57'), 6. Rob VALETINI (21. Jahrome BROWN 52'), 7. Tom CUSACK, 8. Lachlan MCCAFFREY, 9. Joe POWELL (22. Matt LUCAS 69'), 10. Christian LEALIIFANO, 11. Toni PULU (23. Tom WRIGHT 42'), 12. Irae SIMONE, 13. Tevita KURIDRANI, 14. Henry SPEIGHT, 15. Tom BANKS





The second season of the Buildcorp Super W saw the Women's team reach the Finals for the first time, losing to Queensland in the play-off for a place in the Grand Final, playing five matches for three wins, of which two games were played at GIO Stadium. It was a decent return under the leadership of Adam Butt in his first season in charge of this group of players.

Thirty players played Super W of which twelve were involved in all five matches, which included 16 debutants. In two years of the competition a total of forty-four players have now represent the Brumbies at this level.

The team scored fourteen tries overall and recorded a record 69-0 victory over the Rebels at Seiffert Oval in a standalone fixture played on a Sunday afternoon. This attracted a reasonable crowd with the team putting on a masterful display and number eight Tayla Stanford claiming the first hat-trick of tries in Brumbies Buildcorp Super W history.

Shellie Milward and Michaela Leonard were selected for Wallaroos with Leonard making her international debut against Japan before representing the team against the All Blacks, Milward joining her in the latter matches against the World Champions. Grace Kemp, Michaela Leonard, Remi Wilton and Samantha Wood were selected in the Australia A Women's squad for the Oceania Rugby Women's Championship in Lautoka, Fiji.

This season wasn't without its challenges, but the management staff and playing group can be proud of their respective roles in a program that continues to grow.



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SUPER W RESULTS

TRIAL #1

Saturday 3 February

NSW 70 Brumbies 7 (T: Perry, C: McDonald)
(Eridge Park, Bowral)

TRIAL #2

Saturday 9 February

Rebels 5 Brumbies 19 (T: Biola Dawa, Grace Kemp (2), C: Rachel Crothers, Emily McDonald)
(Greenfield Park, Albury)

SUPER-W: ROUND 1

Saturday 23 February 2019

Brumbies (0) 0 New South Wales (19) 26 (T: Hamilton (2), Murphy, Naiqama, C: Hewson (3))
(GIO Stadium, Canberra)

TEAM

1. Anna KOROVATA (18. Violeta TUPUOLA 28'), 2. Louise BURROWS (16. Harriet ELLERMAN 74'), 3. Peta COX (66. Stefanie STEWART-JONES 66'), 4. Emily SOGAL, 5. Michelle MILWARD (20. Sharyn LAWS 59'), 6. Michaela LEONARD, 7. Georgia O'NEILL (19. Grace KEMP 73'), 8. Tayla STANFORD (21. Irene MACARTHUR 65'), 9. Jane GARRAWAY (21. Remi WILTON 59'), 10. Carly HILL, 11. Brooke GILROY, 12. Samantha WOOD, 13. Michelle PERRY, 14. Ngawai EYLES (23. Claudia OBST 66'), 15. Rachel CROTHERS

SUPER-W: ROUND 2

Sunday 3 March 2019

Brumbies 40) 69 (T: Stanford (3), Crothers (2), Wilton (2), Perry (2), Read, Penalty Try, C: Wood (5), McDonald)
Rebels (0) 0
(Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan)

TEAM

1. Violeta TUPUOLA (17. Stefanie STEWART-JONES 61'), 2. Louise BURROWS, 3. Peta COX (18. Paige PENNING 73'), 4. Emily SOGAL (19. Grace KEMP 61'), 5. Shellie MILWARD (16. Harriet ELLEMAN 73'), 6. Michaela LEONARD, 7. Georgia O'NEILL, 8. Tayla STANFORD (20. Irene MACARTHUR 71'), 9. Remi WILTON (21. Jane GARRAWAY 69'), 10. Claudia OBST, 11. Brooke GILROY (23. Darcy READ 61'), 12. Sammie WOOD (22. Emily MCDONALD 49'), 13. Michelle PERRY, 14. Biola DAWA, 15. Rachel CROTHERS

SUPER-W: ROUND 3

Saturday 16 March 2019

Queensland Women 12 Brumbies Women 0
(Ballymore, Brisbane)

TEAM

1. Violeta TUPUOLA (17. Stefanie STEWART-JONES 58'), 2. Louise BURROWS, 3. Peta COX (18. Anna KOROVATA 69'), 4. Emily SOGAL, 5. Shellie MILLWARD (19. Sammie MAXWELL 69'), 6. Michaela LEONARD, 7. Georgia O'NEILL (20. Sharyn LAWS 71'), 8. Tayla STANFORD (16. Harriet ELLEMAN 71'), 9. Remi WILTON (21. Jane GARRAWAY 69'), 10. Carly HILL, 11. Brooke GILROY, 12. Sammie WOOD (22. Emily MCDONALD 64'), 13. Michelle PERRY, 14. Darcy READ (23. Biola DAWA 71'), 15. Rachael CROTHERS

SUPER-W: ROUND 4

Sunday 24 March 2019

Western Force (5) 12 (T: Neilson, Mason, C: Cope)
Brumbies (17) 17 (T: O'Neill, Wilton, Stanford, C: Wood)
(UWA Sports Park, Perth)

TEAM

1. Violeta TUPUOLA (17. Stefanie STEWART-JONES 53'), 2. Louise BURROWS, 3. Peta COX (16. Anna KOROVATA 68'), 4. Emily SOGAL (20. Ema MASI 59'), 5. Shellie MILLWARD, 6. Michaela LEONARD, 7. Georgia O'NEILL, 8. Tayla STANFORD (19. Sammie MAXWELL 69'), 9. Remi WILTON (21. Jane GARRAWAY 74'), 10. Carly HILL, 11. Biola DAWA, 12. Sammie WOOD, 13. Michelle PERRY, 14. Brooke GILROY (23. Lanietta YABAKI 71'), 15. Rachel CROTHERS
REPLACEMENTS NOT USED: 18. Harriet ELLEMAN, 22. Emily MCDONALD



SUPER-W: PLAY-OFF

Sunday 31 March 2019

Queensland Women (12) 39 (T: Cramer, Wong, Elisaia, Ngaha, Boyle, Turner, C: Cramer (2), Gould, P: Cramer)
Brumbies Women (7) 10 (T: Dawa, C: Wood, P: Wood)
(Ballymore, Brisbane)

TEAM

1. Stefanie STEWART-JONES (16. Anna KOROVATA 25', 17. Harriet ELLEMAN 63'), 2. Louise BURROWS, 3. Peta COX (18. Paige PENNING 71'), 4. Emily SOGAL, 5. Shellie MILLWARD (19. Sammie MAXWELL 71'), 6. Michaela LEONARD, 7. Georgia O'NEILL, 8. Tayla STANFORD (20. Ema MASI 16'), 9. Remi WILTON (21. Jane GARRAWAY 63'), 10. Carly HILL, 11. Biola DAWA, 12. Sammie WOOD, 13. Michelle PERRY, 14. Darcy READ (22. Emily MCDONALD 71'), 15. Rachel CROTHERS



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The Player Development Program (PDP) at the Brumbies is supported by the Rugby Union Players Association (RUPA) through the employment of a fulltime Player Development Manager (PDM). The PDP provides 'off-field' assistance to players under the following pillars established by RUPA:

- Career and Education
- Wellbeing
- Financial Management
- Personal Toolkit
- Cultural Diversity
- Integrity Obligations

Achievements under each of these pillars during 2019 are outlined below.

In 2019 a number of valuable initiatives were conducted at the Brumbies as a result of \$50,000 provided by RUPA to each Super Rugby club and the National Sevens program for innovative activities which enhance player wellbeing and performance. This funding is part of the player Collective Bargaining Agreement between Rugby Australia and RUPA. The activities conducted were agreed upon by Brumbies high performance staff in collaboration with the player group.

CAREER AND EDUCATION

Twelve players have been undertaking tertiary study including in the areas of business/commerce, teaching, criminology, construction management, sustainable agriculture and sports media. The PDM has assisted these players with enrolments, extension requests, exam supervision, degree planning, RUPA education grants and HECS remission requests. Congratulations to Sam Carter who won the RUPA Academic Achievement Award for his completion at the end of 2018 of a Business/Commerce degree. Six players completed a Certificate IV in Small Business, which included attendance at a networking event held by RUPA partner, Michael Page Recruitment. Another two players commenced a Certificate IV in Building and Construction. A number of players sought career planning assistance from the PDM while other areas pursued by players were a heavy vehicle licence plus fitness and agriculture-related courses. The PDM also assisted Brumbies Academy players with career and education advice and support particularly those already at, or just commencing, university. This included the six players awarded George Gregan scholarships at the University of Canberra in 2019 – the PDM provided an orientation session for these boys and worked with Academy staff to assist with

their transition into university and the Brumbies program.

WELLBEING

The PDM conducted a mental health awareness session for fourteen new players to the Brumbies. New players were also screened individually for mental health issues during their induction. Throughout the season the PDM monitored the daily ratings by players which are related to wellbeing and followed up players where needed. She also assisted players one-on-one with a variety of issues including those relating to relationships, mental health, difficult life events and rugby-related issues such as non-selection and injury. All exiting and incoming players were assisted by the PDM with their various transition requirements which included briefing the PDM at their next club if applicable, and assistance with accommodation (including references), visas, health insurance and changes in study and career options. The mental health status of departing players was a particular focus in discussions with these players. Partner and family support is also crucial to player wellbeing. In this area the PDM produced and distributed a partner/family handbook, hosted the partner/family box at home games, arranged partner social events, co-ordinated post-match change room visits, assisted family members with injured player access, facilitated attendance at Captains Run sessions, co-ordinated flu vaccinations by the Brumbies doctor, and worked with family members who either attended, or sent messages for, jersey presentations to players reaching significant game milestones.

The PDM also assisted partners with career advice and counselling assistance. She also provided parents with information and advice around their son when requested and if appropriate. In addition, for the Super Rugby match played on Mothers Day, the PDM assisted the Merchandise Manager with the names of each player's mother which were individualised on each jersey specially made for this match. The PDM assisted a number of Academy players with wellbeing issues where required and was available to Super W players if needed. The PDM updated and distributed to relevant staff the team critical incident protocol which culminated in the incident management team convening prior to the season to discuss the protocol and clarify procedures. The PDM assisted the wider rugby community by presenting mental health awareness sessions to Rugby Australia staff, player agents, and Super Rugby, Sevens and national teams medical staff including doctors, dieticians and physiotherapists.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The PDM arranged for financial advisers with specific understanding of Pasifika culture to visit the Brumbies to meet one-on-one with a number of Pasifika players. Two financial workshops were also conducted during the year covering a variety of topics including budgeting, investment, superannuation and taxation - these were both well attended by players.

PERSONAL TOOLKIT

In 2019 players gained skills in a range of areas. Eighteen players completed a presentation skills course, two completed a Barista course and six attended a pre-season media and public speaking workshop conducted by the PDM and Brumbies' Media Manager. Eight players also completed their Level 2 coaching certificate. The following events and activities were made possible through the RUPA wellbeing/performance funding. Leadership skills sessions were conducted with all players and specifically with current and emerging leaders. Players also learnt about the importance of resilience and character during a presentation by war correspondent, Michael Ware, while team building and communication was the focus during pre-season camp activities. One-on-one mental skills sessions were also conducted with Performance Psychologist, Jeff Bond, to enhance their performance around rugby.

A number of players lend their assistance in the charity area and the PDM has assisted where required. The following players have ambassador roles in the community service area: Andy Muirhead (Domestic Violence Crisis Service), Christian Lealiifano (Domestic Violence Crisis Service, Red Cross Blood Service), Henry Speight (Lifeline Canberra, Aspen Medical – Fiji Project), Lachlan McCaffrey (Youth in Union, The Fly Program), David Pocock (Reconciliation Week), Allan Alaalatoa (Our Watch) and Folau Faingaa (NKDU). In addition, unused Brumbies jackets and blankets from past years were donated to homelessness services and player partners donated a huge range of women's products to the Domestic Violence Crisis Service. All players were involved in the making of 8 prosthetic hands to be distributed internationally to people affected by landmines. Congratulations also to Andy Muirhead who won the 2019 Brumbies Community Engagement Award. Andy mentors a number of young people and has also organised players to undertake community service over and above the official

appearances required by the Brumbies, including visits to Bimberi Youth Justice Centre and the Children's Ward at Canberra Hospital.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

A number of activities were held which celebrated the Pasifika cultures within the team. A Pasifika Day, funded by the RUPA wellbeing/performance allocation, was held during pre-season for all players and team staff plus their partners and children. The day included players experiencing a variety of Pasifika-specific activities including a Samoan welcome ceremony and dancing activity, and a Fijian lovo and banquet. The PDM worked with the Pasifika players who provided the designs for the Pasifika jersey, worn for the Pasifika Round, which represented all six Pasifika cultures represented in the 2019 squad – Maori, Samoan, Tongan, Fijian, Cook Islands and Niue. The PDM also organised for Eddie Lealiifano and Roannie Ng Shiu to present a staff Pasifika cultural awareness session attended by staff from all sections of the Brumbies organisation including the commercial and community areas.

In addition, the PDM is a member of the Brumbies' Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Committee and as part of this role liaises with indigenous players and the wider playing group on RAP initiatives.

INTEGRITY OBLIGATIONS

Players are required by Rugby Australia to complete education including in the following areas in order to be eligible to play in the Super Rugby competition – Code of Conduct, Anti-Doping, Anti-Corruption and Betting, Concussion/Medical, Member Protection (including racism and inclusion), Illicit Drugs and Sports Supplements. In 2019 all Brumbies players completed the required education and met their Integrity obligations as contracted Super Rugby players. In addition, as a result of an agreement between Rugby Australia and RUPA, an Illicit Drugs hair testing pilot program was rolled out in 2019, for which the players received appropriate prior education.

In conclusion, the player development area remains an accepted and well-utilised part of the services provided to Brumbies players. The PDM would like to thank the Brumbies RUPA Player Director, Scott Sio, for his outstanding leadership around RUPA issues on behalf of the players and his support of the PDM and her role within the club.

Robin Duff

RUPA Player Development Manager (PDM)



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BACK ROW: (left to right): Simon Rice (Head Physiotherapist/Rehabilitation), Eoin McVeigh (Performance Analyst), Dave Wellington (Team Physiotherapist), Angus Wagner, Tom Ross, Folaun Fainga'a, Jordan Jackson-Hope, Joe Powell, Andy Muirhead, Tom Wright, Matt Lucas, Ryan Loneragan, Connal McInerney, Leslie Leulualili-Makin, Maile Nguamo, Dan Hooper (NRC Coach), Robin Duff (Player Wellbeing & Development Manager), Russ Gibbs (Media Manager), Brad Close (Intern Analyst)

MIDDLE ROW: (left to right): Carmen Colomer (GPS Analyst), Barry Horgan (Strength & Conditioning Coach), Tom Banks, Irae Simone, Toni Pulu, Bayley Kuenzle, Jahrome Brown, Pete Samu, Lausii Talaui, Blake Enever, Darcy Swain, Ben Hyne, Murray Douglas, Rob Valeitini, Chance Peni, Len Ikitau, Mack Hansen, Vunipola Fifita, John Mitchell (Strength & Conditioning Coach), Kate Pumpa (Nutritionist), Jeff Bond (Sports Psychologist)

FRONT ROW: (left to right): Gary Quinlivan (Equipment Manager), Chris Tindall (General Manager - High Performance), Laurie Fisher (Assistant Coach - Forwards), Tom Cusack, Josh Mann-Rea, Rory Arnold, Allan Alaalatoa, Scott Sio, Sam Carter, Dan Mckellar (Head Coach), Christian Lealifano, Bill Swain (Team Manager), David Pocock, James Slipper, Tavita Kuridrani, Henry Speight, Lachlan McCaffrey, Peter Hewat (Assistant Coach - Backs), Ben Serpell (Director of Athletic Performance & Innovation), Dr. Steve Freeman (Team Doctor)

INSET: Wharenui Hawera



SECTION THREE:

CLUB RUGBY

OUR CLUBS | FINAL SCORE | FROM THE REGION | FROM THE COAST |
MONARO REPRESENTATIVE | FOR THE RECORD
| THE VETERANS | BRUMBIES PROVINCIAL



The club season officially launched on 28 March at Brumbies HQ. The seven Premier Clubs outlined their expectations for the season, and it was particularly interesting to hear from the two clubs that were under new leadership for the upcoming season – Gungahlin and Uni-Norths. Griffin Legal were back on board as naming rights sponsor for the Premier Competition. Returning partners for 2019 were BarTV, Hahn Super Dry, McDonalds ACT & O’Neills. Joining us for 2019 were Rork Projects, Truefitt & Hill, PTP and Poplars. We also acknowledge the support of Club Lime on Grand Final day.

The chase for the Championship got underway on 30 March for Premier, 1st Division & 2nd Division, while the Women’s Premier Division and the newly created Women’s Development League 10s competition got underway on 4 May following a 4-week pre-season 10s tournament. Grand Finals concluded on the 17 August for Premier, 1st Division and Women’s, while the 2nd Division and Women’s 10s competitions concluded a week later.

Both the Boorowa and Young clubs moved zones for the 2019 season into Central West, but the Union saw the re-emergence of Broulee. With the addition of the coast club we had 20 clubs participating across the divisions and with introduction of the Women’s 10s competition 62 teams competing on a weekly basis. Live streaming of a weekly Premier Division 1st Grade Match of the Round along with the Final Series saw a reach of 149,100. This was well down on last years figures as we were impacted by a change of algorithm on the Facebook platform that effected live streaming. The Royals v Vikings Premier 1st Grade Grand Final had a live stream reach of 19,268 through the Brumbies Facebook page alone.

As in 2018, the pundits were tipping a two-horse race of Royals and Tuggeranong for the John I Dent Cup Premiership. However, it was the men from Gungahlin that were the early pacesetters leading the 1st Grade competition until the final round where a victory for Tuggeranong over Royals saw them jump from 3rd to claim the Minor Premiership. Gungahlin’s loss to Easts in the final round saw them drop to third. Again, the competition threw up some outstanding fixtures and memorable moments; Gungahlin defeated the 2018 Premiers Tuggeranong in the 1st Round at Viking Park, Wests and Tuggeranong ended their Round 2 clash with a 47 all draw, Tuggeranong put 54 points on Royals in Round 10 to claim the Bob Hitchcock Territory Shield and Easts got their only win for 2019 by defeating

the high flying Eagles in Round 17. Once again it was great to see a high number of Brumbies contracted players making appearances throughout the season in the local competition.

The conclusion of the regular rounds saw a top four of Tuggeranong, Royals, Gungahlin and Uni-Norths. The top four was pretty much settled with three rounds to go, though the positions outside of Uni-Norths in fourth took the final round for it to be determined. As in 2018, momentum played a major part in the finals with Gungahlin suffering losses in the last two rounds and being bundled out of the race in the Elimination Final to Uni-Norths. Royals again were the first team into the Grand Final defeating Tuggeranong in the Qualification Final. Tuggeranong again saw themselves in the Preliminary Final for the second year in a row and came up against a plucky Uni-Norths side that had nothing to lose. In a close match Tuggeranong were victors 34-31. In a Grand Final to remember Royals were able to reverse last years results and clinch the 2019 John I Dent Cup 32-31. The Doctor Bob Smethills Grand Final Player of the Match was Royals No 12 Jason Swain.

The Bob Hitchcock Territory Shield didn’t go on the line until Round 5 in 2019 when Royals put it up for challenge in their first home game of the season against Uni-Norths. Royals held off a strong-finishing Owls to retain the Shield. Royals went on to defend the Shield twice more with wins over Queanbeyan and Easts. Following seven successful defences across 2018 and 2019, Royals succumbed in Round 10 to Tuggeranong who went on to retain, and claim, the Shield for 2019 following successful defences against Uni-Norths, Wests and Royals.

The 2nd Grade competition saw the two in-form teams contest the Grand Final with the competition front runners Gungahlin, who recorded 14 wins from 14 games during the regular season, taking on Tuggeranong. Despite their strong regular season form, it was Tuggeranong who qualified first defeating Gungahlin in the Qualification Final 46-22, while in the Elimination Final, last year’s Premiers Queanbeyan held off Royals 16 points to 8. Stung by their opening finals series loss, Gungahlin redeemed themselves the following week with a commanding 51 to 20 win over Queanbeyan. Gungahlin then reversed the Qualification Final result taking out the Spence Cup 24-11. Gungahlin fullback Jamie Kotz was named the Player of the Match.

In the Colts competition, it was the Gungahlin Eagles setting the pace. However, they followed a similar vein to their 1st Grade side losing the qualification final by 1 point to Royals before bowing

out to Queanbeyan in the Preliminary Final. Queanbeyan contested the Preliminary Final following their success over Tuggeranong 24-21 in the Elimination Final. Queanbeyan had the momentum into the Grand Final defeating Royals 27-21. Queanbeyan lock Zeph Tuinona was named the Player of the Match.

First Division saw a six team final series introduced for the 2019 season following 14 rounds and three competition byes. In 1st Grade Gungahlin Eagles claimed the Minor Premiership and took on the second placed Goulburn Dirty Reds in the Grand Final. 1st Grade's Top 6 was rounded out by Royals, ADFA, Hall and Queanbeyan. The first week of the finals saw both Royals and Hall eliminated following losses against ADFA and Queanbeyan respectively, while the Eagles defeated Goulburn to see who sat on which side of the draw heading into the Preliminary and Elimination matches. Gungahlin Eagles were the first team through to the Grand Final with a hard fought 24-21 match against ADFA, while Goulburn avoided elimination by defeating Queanbeyan 30 points to 12. In the Preliminary Final Goulburn defeated ADFA 33 points to 27 to set up the clash with Gungahlin. In a tight contest, Gungahlin came out on top 28 – 21 with Benjamin Stuart from Gungahlin named by the Referees as Player of the Match.

In First Division 2nd Grade, Royals took out the minor premiership only losing two matches through the 14-game regular season with the Top 6 seeing Queanbeyan, Vikings, Uni-Norths, Gungahlin and Wests join them to compete in the post season. During week one of the final series, Queanbeyan defeated Royals while Wests eliminated Gungahlin and Vikings eliminated Uni-Norths. Week 2 saw the Minor Premiers comprehensively beaten by Wests 31 to 8 eliminating them from the finals race, while Queanbeyan defeated Vikings 15-12 to be the first team into the Grand Final. In the Preliminary Final Wests winning form continued defeating Vikings by 1pt (20-19) to put the team that finished 6th one win away from premiership glory. However, it was not to be in a match that at one stage saw both teams down to 13 players, Queanbeyan finished the stronger with a 22-5 win. Queanbeyan's Dan Penca was named Player of the Match.

The South Coast Monaro 2nd Division Competition, saw the reintroduction of Broulee into the Division seeing an eight-team competition. ADFA again had strong enrolment numbers but decided at the beginning of the season to combine this 3rd side with RMC and contest the First Division 2nd Grade competition. Taralga were the competition pace setters taking out the Minor Premiership with only one loss in the regular season, that being their final round game against Jindabyne. They then went on to lose their next match the Qualification Final against arch rivals Crookwell setting up a do-or-die fixture against Jindabyne who were successful the previous week against Batemans Bay. Taralga were able to turn around the result from the last time these two teams met progressing to the Grand Final with their 32-27 win. A massive crowd of approximately 1,500 people piled into the Crookwell Memorial Oval to see these two arch rivals of Monaro Rugby battle it out. The match was an epic encounter with neither side giving an inch as defence reigned supreme. Heading into half time break Taralga held a slim seven-point advantage and were looking to back up their 2018 triumph. However, Crookwell fought back to level the scores and with time close to expiring, the Dogs were in again crossing the line for the match winning score. As referee Brett Bowden blew the final whistle Crookwell

were crowned the 2019 Premiers 14-7. Toby Wilson from Crookwell was named Player of the Match.

Growth in women's participation across the region saw two competitions formed for the 2019 season – a 15-aside competition (Women's Premier) and a 10-aside competition (Women's Development League 10s). Five of the 7 Premier clubs had teams in the Women's Premier Competition with Tuggeranong, Uni-Norths and Royals returning for 2019. Both Easts and Wests closed out the team numbers by reforming sides. Gungahlin and ADFA who competed in the 15 aside competition in 2018, decided to enter teams into the 10s competition.

Easts were the front runners all season finishing the regular rounds as Minor Premiers with two losses from eight games. This was a wonderful achievement for the new team. In second was Uni-Norths, with Tuggeranong, Royals and Wests rounding out the other ladder placings. The final series saw all teams competing. By finishing in top spot, Easts had the first week off and Uni-Norths faced Tuggeranong to see who would face Easts in the Qualification Final, while 4th placed Royals took on Wests in an Elimination game. Uni-Norths were successful in defeating Tuggeranong 29-10, with Royals comprehensively defeating Wests by 94 points. Week two saw Uni-Norths as the first team into the Grand Final with a shut out of Easts 47-0. Royals continued their superb final series form defeating last year's premiers Tuggeranong 41-7. In the Preliminary Final Royals again were the giant killers defeating the Minor Premiers 28-10 to set up what was looking to be an epic clash against Uni-Norths. However, it was not to be with Uni-Norths clinical in their 40-19 win. Uni-Norths fullback Rachel Crothers was named Player of the Match.

In the Development League 10s, alongside previously mentioned Gungahlin and ADFA, there were teams from Uni-Norths (who had an influx of interested players) along with Goulburn and Bungendore. Goulburn's return as a standalone team saw them go through the season undefeated, posting some large scores along the way. The final series involved the Top 2 sides facing off in a Grand Final with Goulburn joined in the decider by Gungahlin. With the match played as a curtain raiser to the South Coast Monaro 2nd Division Grand Final Goulburn were able to keep their clean record intact by holding off a strong finishing Gungahlin 34-17. Goulburn player Catherine Cudaj was named Player of the Match. Following a successful first season, we look forward to this division growing into the future and using it as a platform to develop their teams into Women's Premier sides.

On behalf of the Union, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge all clubs, players, coaches and volunteers for your endeavours, on and off the field, in another thoroughly enjoyable club rugby season. Thanks also to the Community Rugby Committee for their input and direction. I would also particularly like to acknowledge the efforts and voluntary contribution of the ACTRU Judiciary and thank the ACT Rugby Referees Association for their officiating of club rugby games throughout season.

Mat Vowles
Competitions and Rugby Services Manager

FINAL SCORE

GRAND FINAL RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION SECOND GRADE

Queanbeyan Whites 22 Wests 5

FIRST DIVISION FIRST GRADE

Gungahlin Eagles 28 Goulburn Dirty Reds 21

SOUTH COAST MONARO 2ND DIVISION

Crookwell Dogs 14 Taralga Tigers 7

COLTS

Canberra Royals 21 Queanbeyan Whites 27

WOMEN'S

Uni-Norths Owls 40 Canberra Royals 19

SECOND GRADE

Tuggeranong Vikings 11 Gungahlin Eagles 24

GRIFFIN LEGAL JOHN I DENT CUP

Canberra Royals 32 Tuggeranong Vikings 31

PREMIER DIVISION COMPETITION

Team - 1st	W	L	D	Df	BP	Pts
Vikings	10	2	2	283	14	58
Royals	12	2	0	227	9	57
Gungahlin	10	3	1	172	15	57
Uni-Norths	6	8	0	-12	11	35
Queanbeyan	5	9	0	-53	8	28
Wests	3	10	1	-177	10	24
Easts	1	13	0	-440	7	11
Team - 2nd	W	L	D	Df	BP	Pts
Gungahlin	14	0	0	331	13	69
Vikings	11	3	0	339	12	56
Royals	8	6	0	141	13	45
Queanbeyan	5	7	2	-42	8	32
Uni-Norths	5	8	1	1	8	30
Wests	3	10	1	-243	1	15
Easts	1	13	0	-527	1	5
Team - Colts	W	L	D	Df	BP	Pts
Gungahlin	12	2	0	298	9	61
Royals	10	4	0	203	10	52
Queanbeyan	10	4	0	123	8	50
Vikings	10	4	0	243	9	49
Uni-Norths	3	11	0	-227	5	17
Wests	3	11	0	-325	3	15
Easts	1	13	0	-315	6	10

SOUTH COAST MONARO - 2ND DIVISION

Team	W	L	D	Df	BP	Pts
Taralga Tigers	16	1	0	493	13	79
Crookwell Dogs	11	6	0	134	14	58
Jindabyne Bushpigs	10	7	0	318	15	55
Batemans Bay Boars	10	7	0	192	14	54
Braidwood Redbacks	8	9	0	-15	6	40
Bungendore Mudhooks	7	10	0	-64	8	37
Yass Rams	6	11	0	-212	6	31
Broulee Dolphins	0	17	0	-846	0	0



1ST DIVISION COMPETITION

Team - 1st	W	L	D	Df	BP	Pts
Gungahlin	13	1	0	410	12	65
Goulburn	11	3	0	427	10	54
Royals	10	4	0	232	11	51
ADFA	9	5	0	338	10	47
Hall	9	5	0	148	8	44
Queanbeyan	8	6	0	15	7	40
Vikings	5	7	2	-129	5	30
Wests	4	8	2	26	9	29
RMC	5	8	1	-28	5	28
Uni-Norths	4	7	3	-251	4	26
Easts	1	13	0	-664	1	5
Cooma	0	12	2	-524	1	5

Team - 2nd	W	L	D	Df	BP	Pts
Royals	11	2	0	225	8	53
Queanbeyan	9	3	1	165	10	49
Vikings	8	4	0	209	10	46
Uni-Norths	8	5	0	8	8	40
Gungahlin	7	6	0	185	9	38
Wests	5	6	1	23	11	37
ADFA	7	6	0	19	6	36
ADFA/RMC	7	6	0	-42	5	33
Hall	5	7	0	-57	5	29
Goulburn	2	11	0	-274	6	14
Cooma	0	13	0	-461	1	1

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Team	W	L	D	Df	BP	Pts
Easts	6	2	0	134	6	30
Uni-Norths	5	2	1	119	5	28
Vikings	5	3	0	57	3	24
Royals	3	4	1	-1	3	17
Wests	0	8	0	-309	0	0

WOMEN'S 10s DIVISION

Team	W	L	D	Df	BP	Pts
Goulburn	12	0	0	447	8	57
Gungahlin	8	4	0	251	8	41
ADFA	6	6	0	30	5	31
Uni-Norths	3	9	0	-263	1	15
Bungendore	1	11	0	-465	1	6





The 2019 senior and junior competitions were again highly successful across the ten senior and eleven junior clubs. In the senior competition, several changes were introduced this year to add variety to the season and provide exposure to representative level rugby. These included the rivalry rounds, the City v Country representative round and an all-Women's round, which was well-received and lifted the profile of women's rugby in SIRU.

As agreed by the SIRU Council, the minor premiers hosted the grand final which was held in Wagga Wagga. The Wagga Waratahs had another successful season as the minor premiers and winning back-to-back premierships in 1st and 2nd grade and their Women's team were grand finalists for the first time. Griffith Rugby Club were the 2019 Women's and 3rd grade premiers. Wagga Waratahs, Wagga Ag. College, Griffith and Deniliquin Drivers all had teams playing in the Grand Final. Last year's Women's premiers, CSU, had another strong season and finished minor premiers this year. In the senior men's, participation numbers overall were healthy at over 850 players, however the changing demographic for some Clubs resulted in declining numbers which impacted on their capacity to field three or four teams. The transition from a Women's 7s to a 10 Competition exceeded all expectations and added another exciting dimension to the competition.

The SIRU Representative teams successfully retained the title for the 9th year in succession in the Brumbies Provincial Championship. Fifteen SIRU players were selected in the Brumbies Provincial squad and played in the Capital Cup post season. The SIRU Women's Representative program gained momentum with games against Uni-Norths in Canberra, and Newcastle-Hunter in a curtain-raiser before the Wallaroos game against Japan.

The participation rates in Junior Rugby have increased significantly to over 1300. Several successful Gala Days were conducted across the Zone in the lead up

to the finals series and Grand Final which was held at Cootamundra. SIRU conducted several school-based programs throughout the year and more recently entered a partnership with the Ramsay Program, aimed specifically at developing the rugby skills of the 15-17 year age group.

The season was once again very difficult for the referees in the Zone and clubs were asked to actively recruit suitably qualified members to fill the breach. The Board is grateful for the ongoing support from the referees and will continue to work closely to ensure games are well supported with credentialed game day officials. This year the SIRU Board introduced a SIRU Volunteer of the Year award to acknowledge the significant contribution of volunteers and recognise the important role they play in fostering the growth of rugby in their local communities. This initiative was well received.

The amazing support from the Southern Inland Rugby community, their officials and volunteers contributed to making 2019 season an outstanding success. The success of the senior and junior competitions at the club level and the delivery of a range of school and development programs would not be possible without the dedication and support of all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes including in particular Jack Heffernan, Competitions & Rugby Services Manager and Development Officers, Zac Elliott and Tom Martin. I would also like to thank the SIRU Board and Craig Leseberg at Brumbies Rugby who has provided SIRU with advice and assistance.

After several years as a Board Member this was my first year as President of SIRU. It has been a busy year for the Board with overseeing a new competition format as well as focussing on developing the SIRU Strategic Plan and updating the SIRU Constitution.

Warwick Grant
President
Southern Inland Rugby Union



South Coast Rugby Union commenced season 2019 with the reformation of the Broulee Dolphins who entered a senior team in the South Coast Monaro competition after a two-year absence. This increased our number of Clubs to three – Batemans Bay, Braidwood and Broulee.

The South Coast Monaro competition had a total of eight teams nominate with all clubs competitive and regular weekly entertaining games played at a high standard.

Batemans Bay performed best of the three local Clubs and looked good with only one round remaining when they sat in second position on the ladder. Too many late injuries resulted in the Club dropping to 4th in the final round and they were then eliminated in the first round of finals.

Crookwell won the 2019 premiership with excellent late season form. Congratulations to everyone involved in the “Dogs” achievement.

In addition to the senior teams, all three Clubs had Junior teams participate weekly - Braidwood, Batemans Bay and Broulee all had teams participate in the ACTJRU or Goulburn competitions at various age groups for both boys and girls’ teams.

The South Coast “Marlins” representative team again performed strongly with selections from Batemans Bay, Braidwood, Broulee and Bungendore. Congratulations to all players selected.

A lot of work still remains for South Coast to grow player base and eventually have a standalone competition within our boundaries. Ulladulla to Eden is a long distance but if clubs and Rugby administrators can continue to cooperate anything is possible. All this starts at our next AGM where I encourage fresh ideas and energy to ensure we continue to witness regular senior and junior games on the Coast.

**Peter Ryan, President
South Coast Rugby Union Inc.**

south coast rugby union

from the coast



With Broulee Dolphins re-entering competition it provided a platform for more South Coast players to participate with the inclusion of Batemans Bay, Bungendore and Braidwood.

Unfortunately, we had numerous other players pulling out due to injury and other commitments. We selected 22 quality players including myself to bring the best team forward for the tournament.

The reformation of a one-day tournament gave all players a day of playing and opening up selection for Brumbies Provincial. This seemed to work well, providing experienced and non-experienced players a representative platform to compete in at a central location in Canberra.

I offered coaches from all clubs an opportunity to participate. With limited preparation time the South Coast performed extremely well, with all players keen to return next year.

Michael Nicoletti
Head Coach, South Coast Rugby

In 2019 the Brumbies Provincial Championships was held in Canberra on the Saturday of the June long Weekend with each of South Coast, Monaro, and Southern Inland competing. The Monaro side was selected following a nomination process and one training session was held. A good turnout attended, and a Monaro side was selected from a good cross section of clubs.

The Provincial Championships was a one-day event with each team playing the other in a 50-minute match at ANU North Oval. The Monaro side performed well. The team managed to defeat the South Coast rep side by 24-7 in a strong performance and were very competitive with the powerful Southern Inland team but sadly for the Monaro players the score blew out late with Southern Inland pulling away to a 38-12 victory.

A number of Monaro players stood out across the day with seven players gaining selection in the original Brumbies Provincial side: Jack Kearns (ADFA), Jordan Lees (Goulburn), Alec Palmer (Goulburn), Matt Caldwell (Jindabyne), Connor Hoban (ADFA), Ben Cheetham (Goulburn), Mik Webber (Goulburn).

Thanks goes to Coaches Vic Amsteins and Matt Todd for their time and perseverance in getting a competitive unit together.

Daniel Hooper
Brumbies Academy Head Coach

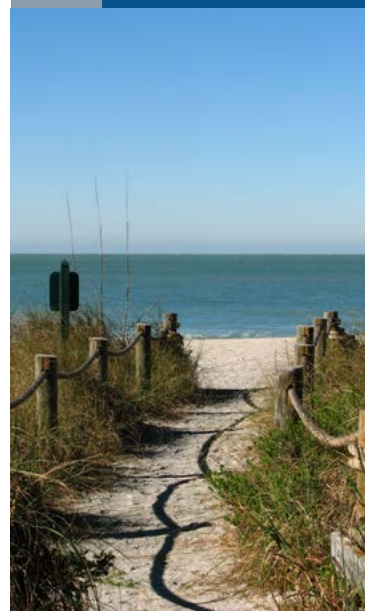


ORIGINAL SQUAD SELECTION

POSITION	NAME	CLUB
1	Connor Hoban	ADFA
2	Sam Oliver	Hall
3	Brendan Robertson	RMC
4	Ben Cheetham	Goulburn
5	Michael McKillop	Goulburn
6	Matt Fragicomo	ADFA
7	Jack Kearns	ADFA
8	Mikael Webber (c)	Goulburn
9	Jackson Reardon	Goulburn
10	James Murphy (vc)	Hall
11	Jordan Lees	Goulburn
12	Laim Pepper	Jindabyne
13	Alec Palmer	Goulburn
14	Matt Spratley	Goulburn
15	Matt Caldwell	Jindabyne
16	Tom Griffiths	RMC
17	Charlie Kupu	RMC
18	Henry Cooper	Goulburn
19	Ben Robinson	Hall
20	Matt Todd	ADFA
21	Tayne Mann	ADFA
22	Simon Graves	Goulburn
23	Brendan Nikora	Jindabyne

combined south coast monaro rep squad

for the record



the veterans

ACT veteran's rugby



The ACT Veterans Rugby Club kicked off 2019, its 25th anniversary season, on 17th February with our annual Clare Holland House Cup 'Red v Blue' intra-club game played in memory of our good mate Tony Ryan. Thanks to the generous and ongoing support of Molonglo Financial Services / Bendigo Community Bank, we were able to donate some \$2,500 to Clare Holland House. This was the first of eight sponsored charity matches to be played in 2019 which, combined have raised \$25,500 for local ACT Charities and community groups. A full list of all the matches is provided below.

Apart from playing numerous fund-raising matches throughout the year, the Vets also participated in a range of 'just for fun' games and events. After the early season rush of sponsored events, a Red v Blue game was played on 17 March a couple of weeks ahead of the Vets' annual Fool's Day Festival on Saturday 6 April. This year's Fools Day was one of our best yet with 10-12 sides from Sydney and the surrounding bush and coastal areas joining us for a day of rugby, friendship and fraternity.

The rugby was great, with the Cosgrove Shield for Sportsmanship won by our friends the Southern Rough Riders. We were fortunate enough to have both of their Excellencies with us for the day to present the "roughies" with the shield. The day included a very successful after

match function at our local watering hole, Mercure Canberra.

The following weekend on 14 April, the Vets played the Navy Old Salts at Canberra Stadium in the annual charity match played as a Brumbies' curtain raiser. This year's performance appeared to have inspired the Brumbies to a great win over the Lions. Sunday 19 May was our Ladies Day fixture where, in addition to playing a Red v Blue game of 9-all draw rugby, we also thanked our wives and partners by supplying them with an endless round of food, drink and flattery.

After another Red v Blue match on 2 June, a group of around 15 Vets travelled to Forbes for the weekend of 29/30 June, to attend the Forbes Rugby Old Boys Gentleman's Lunch which, apart from lunch, involved a game of rugby with former Wallaby Dean Mumm turning out for Forbes. Much good fun was had before a very long drive home the next day. Closer to home, on 6 July, a strong turnout of Vets travelled to the ever-delightful Hall Showground to take on the Hall Bushed Rangers.

Next a very special Red v Blue game was played on 28 July with Steve 'Bernie' Larkham joining us for a farewell hit out before heading off to take on his next challenge as the coach of Irish club team Munster. Speaking after the match, Bernie



complemented the Vets on the improved standard of play. We concluded that the apparent improvement, and Bernie's participation, was not a coincidence.

One week later, a group of Vets travelled to Crookwell on 3 August to play in the Dated Dogs' Carnival and, few weeks later again on 21 September, another group headed off to Bathurst to play in the Bathurst Bulldogs Rugby Fest. In between trips away, the annual 'Fathers and Related Offspring' game was played at home on Sunday 1 September (Fathers' Day). The kids' skills and agility were a delight to see, and the less said about their fathers' skills is probably for the best.

On Sunday 7 September the Vets continued our support of the ACTJRU by donating the George Gregan Cup for the winner of the U/18's Boys Grand Final and, for the first time, the Louise Burrows Cup for the winner of the U/18's Girls Grand Final. Through the support of our sponsor TSA Management, both cups came with equal prize money for the boys and the girls. In October the Vets had a weekend (12/13 October) of touch football against the Lilywhites from Sydney, followed by the last home game of the year on 19 October being the combined Commandant's Cup and Paladin Risk Cup. October wrapped up with

the Vets' annual trip to Tathra for the Crab Festival. The Vets' Annual Dinner was held on 2 November at which we celebrated 25 years of living the dream and our motto, 'When Too Much Rugby Is Never Enough'. The Vets would like to thank all of our sponsors for their continued support, without which we would not be in a position to have supported our local charities for the last 25 years.

Our current sponsors include Paladin Risk Management Services (Major Sponsor); Elysium EPL; Crestron; TSA Management; The Dock – Kingston; Molonglo Financial Services (Bendigo Community Bank – Calwell, Curtin, Jerrabomberra and Wanniasa); Telstra Security / Akamai; Michael Thompson Photography; ASG Group; Mercure Canberra (Olims Hotel); Steve and Ruth Lambert; Sadil Quinlan Real Estate; and Trophylink. The Vets would also like to thank our other key supporters including: Brumbies Rugby; Royal Military College of Australia; and our Auditor, Mr Peter Mellor. We look forward to the 2020 season when we will celebrate 26 years of old bloke's rugby in the ACT.

Rod Eade
President
ACT Veterans Rugby

DATE	CHARITY GAME / EVENT	SPONSOR	BENEFICIARY
17 Feb	Clare Holland House Cup – Tony Ryan Memorial Match Vets Red on Blue Match	Molonglo Financial Services Bendigo Community Bank (Calwell, Curtin, Wanniasa & Jerrabomberra)	Clare Holland House \$2,500
1 Mar	AFP Commissioner's Cup Vets v Australian Federal Police	Crestron	Menslink \$4,500
14 Apr	Paladin Risk Cup Vets v RAN Old Salts played as a Brumbies Curtain Raiser	Paladin Risk Management Services	Legacy \$1,250, Canberra Hospital Foundation \$1,250
5 May	Chief's Cup Vets v Australian Command & Staff College	Un-sponsored this year	
15 Jun	Telstra Security / Akamai Cup, Vets v RAAF Mirages	Telstra Security / Akamai	Canberra Legacy \$4,000
8 Sep	Louise Burrows Cup ACT Junior Rugby Union 18 Girls Championship Royals v Wests	TSA Management	Winners – Royals \$1,250 Runner up – Wests \$750
8 Sep	George Gregan Cup ACT Junior Rugby Union Under 18 Boys Championship St Edmunds v Marist	TSA Management	Winners – St Edmunds \$1,250 Runner up – Marist \$750
3 Oct	The Dock Charity Trophy & The Heart Foundation Cup Vets v HMAS Canberra III	The Dock, Kinston Foreshore & TSA Management	Canberra Hospital Foundation \$2,000 (The Dock) Heart Foundation \$1,500 (TSA)
19 Oct	Commandant's Cup & Paladin Risk Cup Vets v Royal Military College Duntroon Staff and Cadets	Paladin Risk Management Services	Legacy \$2,250 Menslink \$2,250



In 2019 the Brumbies Provincial program saw changes with NSW Country pulling out of the normal annual fixture. The new program saw the Brumbies Provincial team face off against the Brumbies U19 and the ACT Griffins (the Griffins match essentially becoming a City v Country match).

Each team played the other in 50-minute matches, and the Provincial team, made up of our best players in our Country Zones (Southern Inland, Monaro and South Coast) performed above expectation. A new initiative this season saw the Provincial side include three “wildcard” players, i.e. players currently playing in Canberra, but who had played their club rugby in our country zones previously.

Against the Griffins, who were full of John I Dent Cup Premier Grade stars, the Provincial side led at one point 10-5. The Griffins scored a couple of late tries to win the match 24-10 but it was an outstanding effort from the Provincial team who gave the Griffins a real scare.

In Provincial’s second match against the Brumbies U19, they again started strongly scoring the first try of the match through Vaughan Scott. The U19 though proved too strong as the game wore on with their speed and skill level hurting the Provincial side late in the game. The final score was 36-10 but the consensus was that the Provincial team had performed very well across the Capital Cup.

There were some good individual performances across the day and ultimately the five players from the Provincial team were selected in the “Capital Cup Tournament Team” a XV selected from the three teams participating – Tom Boyle (#2), Rob Whiltshire (#3), Eroni Naua (#5), Riley Turner (#12), Vaughan Scott (#14).

Thanks goes to Nick McCarthy, Jono Andreou and the rest of their support staff who worked tirelessly to prepare the Provincial team for the tournament. It’s not easy assembling a team of players spread over an area of over 600km, but the team performed very well despite the limited time together.

Head Coach: Nick McCarthy
Assistant Coach: Michael Nicoletti, Will Mitchell
Manager: Jonathon Andreou
Medical: Tom Kelly
Trainer/Development: Zac Elliot

RESULTS
 CAPITAL CUP – Saturday 7th September 2019 (Gungahlin Enclosed)
 GAME ONE – Brumbies Provincial 10 lost to ACT Griffins 24
 GAME TWO – Brumbies Provincial 10 lost to Brumbies U19s 36

Daniel Hooper
 Brumbies Academy Head Coach





SECTION FOUR:

OFF THE FIELD

COMMERCIALLY SPEAKING | IN THE COMMUNITY | EDUCATING RUGBY | DEVELOPING
TOMORROW'S STARS | PATHWAY TO THE TOP | BLOWING THE WHISTLE
| THE SIN-BIN | CULTURAL AWARENESS



CORPORATE HOSPITALITY

Season 2019 saw continued growth in corporate hospitality numbers. We ran an expanded program of offerings including the traditional open corporate boxes and corporate suites which continue to be a favored option for our clients who want to entertain guests in a more private environment. The Rugby Lounge presented by Bartercard continued to be a popular function and averaged over 200 guests at each home game, with inclusions such as an inclusive food and beverage package, MC with guest speakers, an acoustic musician and platinum match seating. This season we introduced a new product “The Champagne Bar” presented by Synergy which reflected the markets desire for a more premium entertainment option which was a well-received addition.

SPONSORSHIP

2019 was a year of consolidation for Brumbies Rugby sponsorships. The portfolio of partners was also expanded with new partners including Poplars Jerra, Civium, Oldmate, Fenway Public House and Rork Projects. There has been a strong number of renewals for the 2020 season made in recent months such as naming rights partner Plus500 and major partners Land Rover, SG Fleet Poplars Jerra and the University of Canberra all re committing. The 2019 season was great value for the Brumbies Rugby Sponsors with Nielsen Sports reporting that with the additional two finals games our Gross Viewership increased 27% on last year, with the Quarter Final against the Sharks the highest rated game at 111k viewers in total. These two extra games coupled with the media coverage surrounding both the team’s performance and the upcoming Rugby World Cup helped to supply partners with \$16.3m in Total Q1 Media Value, which was a 37% increase on the 2018 season. The 2020 season is looking positive, with the high number of renewals and introduction of new business. The Partnerships team will continue to maintain strong relationships, add value for its current partners in the 2020 season and look to expand its partner portfolio even further in the coming year.

EVENTS

2019 saw some memorable events and functions being held for Brumbies Rugby. The year started with our Season Launch which was held in the Howling Moon Roof top bar at Canberra Rex Hotel. Hosted by Brumbies Board Member Pat McCabe, guests were able to mingle with players before hearing from two of our new recruits in James Slipper and Toni Pulu along with 2019 Captain Christian Lealiifano. All three senior squad coaches also gave us their thoughts on the upcoming season. The annual Brumbies Fan Day was again a great experience for all involved with a coaching session held for the first 30 minutes of the event which the kids enjoyed interacting with their favorite Plus500 Brumbies and Tabcorp Super W Brumbies Women. The annual Brett Robinson Awards night was a successful night with just over 300 guests made up of both Plus500 Brumbies, Tabcorp Super W Brumbies, VIPs, Volunteers, Foundation Members, Members, Supporters and staff. We saw a new MC for the evening in Justin Harrison with co-host Josh Man-Rea working the floor with a Q&A with players. Winners included Canberra Milk Community Engagement Award – Andy Muirhead, Super W Most Outstanding Player – Brooke Gilroy and the Brett Robinson Award went to Allan Alaalatoa. The inaugural Christian Lealiifano Spirit of the Brumbies award was launched of which Christian was the first recipient, a respectful tribute to one of Brumbies most respected players. The World in Union lunch was held at the Hotel Realm. We were lucky enough to receive the backing of our new Insurance Broker Gow-Gates who generously came on board as the official sponsor of the event. Themed around the Rugby World Cup and its host Japan, the room was dressed accordingly, guests enjoyed J-Pop as a Cultural experience and learned about the art of Sumo Wrestling with a Sumo demonstration kindly performed by the Sumo Federation of Australia. Along with raffle tickets, silent auctions and a live auction, the fundraising continued with the sale of the first Brumbies branded Gin generously provided by the Wild Brumby Distillery. The Brumbies second Women In Business, Leadership & Sport Function was held at the Hotel Realm, attracting 200 guests. The luncheon, hosted by one of the Brumbies Directors, Anne-Marie Perret was a great success, receiving some fantastic feedback from guests.

MERCHANDISE

The 2019 season was our first with new Brumbies apparel partner O’Neills. With O’Neills controlling almost every aspect of their production processes themselves, the transition from Classic to O’Neills went smoothly resulting in almost all kit being available to HPU staff and players at the commencement of pre-season training. With the additional control O’Neills have they have been able to provide a better price point for many merchandise items, most noticeably for the jerseys, for which we were able to drop the retail prices from \$155 / \$125, to \$99 / \$89 over the various ranges (men’s, ladies, youth), which had a positive effect on the total number of jerseys sold throughout the season. 2019 was also the first season we were allowed two themed game day jerseys. This year we opted for a Mother’s Day and Pasifika themed jersey. The Pasifika players had significant input into the Pasifika jersey design which was an amazing looking jersey and sold over 400 units. Game day sales were up by 22% on 2018, whilst the online shop was 28% up in the same period. Overall merchandise revenue was up by 11% on 2018.

MEMBERSHIP & TICKETING

Membership revenue was slightly down in 2019 falling 4% short of the 2018 figure, which is the smallest decrease in membership revenue year on year since 2016. This demonstrates that we have begun to arrest the declining trend of the last several seasons with the view of returning to positive membership growth in the near future. The slow on-field start to the season as well as other outside factors made it difficult to attract new members at the start of the season and capitalise on the positivity surrounding the back end of 2018. For the first time in 3 seasons, we have been able to execute a full automatic rollover of memberships for the 2020 season, with early indications of a positive retention rate for 2020. Tickets sales reached positive territory by the end of the 2019 season on the back of some strong on-field results as well as some wonderful innovations in gameday experience including our Pasifika Round. In 2019, daily ticket revenue was up 4% on 2018 which will create a flow-on effect for future membership and ticket sales.



MARKETING

The major membership ATL campaign took place mid-February through to mid-March and incorporated TV, radio, print, and digital plus was supported by social and EDM. Throughout the season advertising spend was split evenly to promote each home game, across the different media platforms and paid social ads. 2019 saw the second season of Super W and the Brumbies Women, who played their first home game as a double header in the lead up to the Brumbies v Chiefs game where once again the Super W \$5 Early Bird Offer was provided. A lot of increased effort was placed on the game day experience which was well received throughout the season. Key themes for the season included Military Round, Mother’s Day celebration and Pasifika Round. With the departure of the Brumbies Marketing Manager at the commencement of the 2019 season, this function was outsourced to Nerio Communications for the remainder of the season.

MEDIA

The Brumbies held over fifty Official Media Conferences throughout the season (January 2019-August 2019) with further media conferences held throughout the Griffin Legal John I Dent Cup Season. In addition, we ran media conferences around the short Super W season previewing games and raising the profile of our Super W players. The majority of these conferences were held at Brumbies HQ although others took place at GIO Stadium, Opposition Venues, Canberra Airport and other locations. Our players, of which all were utilised at one point or another, featured in a myriad of publications and on TV with the main players in Canberra, The Canberra Times, WIN TV, ABC TV & Radio, Nine Entertainment and AAP attending nearly all media opportunities. Regular post-match media conferences at venues were well attended also. This resulted in over 60,000 items of media coverage on the Brumbies over the past 12 months with 4,218 in print, 5,250 on TV, 4,673 on radio and 51,187 online.

Our social media numbers once again increased on our previous numbers over the course of the 2019 season (4.2% increase on 2018) with figures as of end September 2019 standing as follows:

Facebook – 162,681

Twitter – 54,200

Instagram – 62,800

There was again a strong focus on the promotion of community rugby through the John I Dent in 2019, this focus on grass roots rugby and the Brumbies in the broader community is only anticipated to grow in 2020 in both Canberra and the surrounding regions.

Gavin Hunt, GM Commercial Operations

ACT & SOUTHERN NSW — PARTICIPATION REPORT

Final junior registered player numbers in our region are;

- Junior Rugby; 3,969 registered players (total numbers in 2018 were 3,936)

The 2019 season saw a total of 3,235 senior and 3,969 junior rugby players participate in our organised rugby competitions throughout the ACT & Southern NSW, denoting an increase of 8.3% to 7,204 registered players (the 2018 figure was 6,647) combined across junior and senior regular XV's competition numbers.

Final senior registered player numbers in our region are;

- Senior Rugby 3,235 registered players (total numbers in 2018 were 2,711)

The table below illustrates that our senior XV's competition player numbers across the ACT&SNSW region have increased by 524 players (19.3%) while our junior XV's competition player numbers increased by 33 players (0.8%).

TOTAL ACT & SOUTHERN NSW PARTICIPATION NUMBERS

ACTSNSW	CLUB/COMMUNITY				SCHOOLS			
	XVs Juniors	XVs Seniors	7s	Touch 7s	Get into Rugby	7s	Touch 7s	Promotional Activity
2019 ACTUALS	3,969	3,235	5,042	1,527	8,329	4,392	1,858	15,650
2018 ACTUALS	3,936	2,711	3,708	1,474	6,808	3,984	1,090	11,661
% GROWTH	+0.8%	+19.3%	+35.9%	+3.5%	+21.0%	+10.2%	+70.4%	+34.2

Please note: Schools data above denotes Rugby Development Officer and Brumbies player activity in schools across the ACT&SNSW. Club/Community is reflective of all junior and senior competitions in the region across the variants of XV's, 7's and Touch 7's. Promotional Activity captures one-off promotional experiences.

PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS

There is a continued focus on driving 'Get into Rugby' in our primary schools which saw an additional 8,329 students (up from 6,808 students in 2018) connecting with rugby over five successive weeks. Our Touch 7's programs continue to grow with an additional 1,527 participants (up from 1,474 participants in 2018) registered for club-based competitions this season. Additionally, our focus on 7's has seen growth of 35.9% in the club/community space and 10.2% in the school environment.

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

The total number of junior players participating in the region increased by 0.8% (33 players). The Girls 10's saw very modest growth to 248 participants (up from 242) across girls U14 & U16 and U18. Most decline appears to be centred around the U10, U11 & U12 age groups (-84) in the ACTJRU while other age groups are either static or experiencing moderate growth. The Southern Inland Junior Rugby Union (SIJRU) competition also saw an increase in player numbers from 913 to 995 in 2019. The Touch 7's competition engrained in the junior competition also increased from 279 registered players to 315 continuing the steady growth in this non-contact variant of rugby.



SENIOR COMPETITIONS

In 2019 the number of senior registered players (male & female) participating in the ACT & Southern NSW increased by 524 or 19.3% across the region. The increase in senior participation is primarily in females and casual registrations which appears illustrative of the more social participant who wants greater flexibility.

The ACT Premier Division competition saw seven (7) Premier Club's fielding teams in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th grade and Colts for the duration of the season.

The First Division Competition involving regional teams from across the Monaro again combined with the Premier Club 3rd & 4th Grade competition involving twelve (12) clubs and twenty-three (23) teams, while the Second Division Competition continued in its combined format with the South Coast in an eight (8) team competition for our smaller regional clubs.

The Women's Competition team numbers remained static at five (5) teams in 2019 with Tuggeranong, Royals, Uni-Norths and the inclusion of Easts and Wests. This competition experienced growth of 31.6% from 117 to 154 this season. Importantly the inaugural Development League 10's contained an additional 123 players directly aligned to our clubs across the region. This included Gungahlin and ADFA shifting from Premier Rugby with the addition of Goulburn, Bungendore and Uni-Norths who field two teams.

The Southern Inland Rugby Union (SIRU) saw an increase of 87 players in their senior participation numbers. While the zones Women's 7's was elevated to a Women's 10's competition and had 208 registered players (up from 126) in the region across eight teams.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- ACT&SNSW overall growth of 8.3% in XV's
- ACT&SNSW seniors 19.3% growth in XV's (from 2,711 to 3,235)
- Touch 7's overall participation elevated by 32.0%
- 'Get into Rugby' activity increased by 20.1% to 8,329 primary school participants
- Southern Inland junior's growth in XV's of 8.9% (from 913 to 995)
- Southern Inland senior's growth in XV's of 10.7 % (from 810 to 897)
- Southern Inland Touch 7's from 279 to 316 or 13.2% increase in 2019

Craig Leseberg

Deputy CEO & General Manager Community Rugby





Coach Education opportunities in 2019 covered Smart Rugby, Foundation Coaches (Level 1 Accreditation) and Developing Coaches (Level 2 Accreditation) across the ACT & SNSW areas. 2019 also saw use of the Australian Rugby Union Online Learning Portal again to deliver courses. This online Learning Portal has gained traction with more and more coaches now using the system. The Portal contains a number of other online courses available to coaches, not just programs related to the traditional Australian Rugby Accreditation programs. Many of these courses include programs from the Australian Sports Commission, and via World Rugby.

The mandatory SmartRugby safety coaching program was again an online program with 185 ACT based coaches having completed or updated their Smart Rugby accreditation this year in the first nine months. Our coaches in our Southern NSW regions are not included in this number as the system is unable to recognise Southern NSW coaches from those in the rest of NSW. Last year the total number was 231 coaches over the full 12-month period, so we are on track to have similar numbers completing SmartRugby again in 2019.

The Coaching Kids Rugby Course (CKR) continued to be an online program in 2019, with our Development staff presenting skill sessions at Junior club trainings to compliment the online course that our junior coaches can do. Foundation Courses (Level 1 Coaching) were conducted six times throughout 2019, one more than 2018, with one held at Leeton NSW, two held at Wagga

NSW (one as part of the Ramsay Project) and the other 3 in Canberra at Brumbies HQ. 2019 saw another year of strong participation, with 92 attendees, up from 78 attendees in the 2018 Annual Report period.

As in the past few years, we held multiple Developing Coaches courses (Level 2 Accreditation courses) again in the previous 12 months with a total of 3 courses held. A course was held late in November last year with 14 coaches attending. This was followed by courses in March (13 attendees) and July (6 attendees who were unavailable for the March course).

The March and July courses were "Introduction to Developing Coaches" courses which covered all theory areas of coaching and the coaches just need to complete their practical assessments later this year. This means a total of 33 local coaches have gone through a Level 2 program in the past 12 months. All 3 courses were held in Canberra and we will look to have a Level 2 course held regionally again in 2020 dependent on demand.

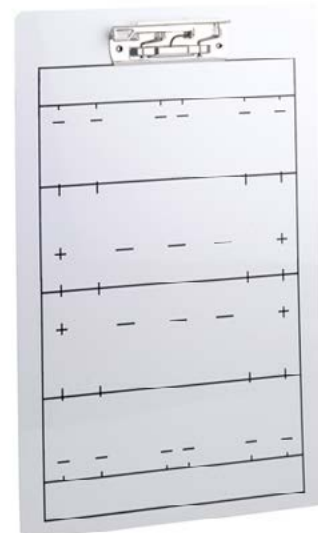
In 2019 both the Level 3 and level 4 Coaching programs (administered by Rugby Australia) were still on hold, but it is hoped these courses will be open again in 2020 for our aspiring coaches. There are pilot programs being run at the end of 2019 to trial a new format in the Level 3 space.

Daniel Hooper
Head of Academy (And Coach Education Manager)



coach education

educating rugby





After such an amazing 2018 for the development team at the Brumbies, 2019 was always seen to be a challenging year, but once again the Brumbies region has experienced growth in all our key areas of focus.

The “Get into Rugby” program, which sees school experience rugby in some cases for the first time over a period of 5 weeks with sessions each week through that period has again taken off throughout our schools. Our non-contact version of the game Touch 7s continues to show promise with growth not only in our school spaces but again in the Southern Inland catchment with their female competition that runs alongside the junior 15s gala day’s events.

Our schools continue to have a huge appetite for our school-based Gala Days with numbers climbing another 21% on last year’s numbers. Our SIRU catchment has seen the biggest uplift in 2019 with more females showing interest in both 7s and 10s version of the game. 2019’s Primary School 10s knockout competition continues to be a growing force for rugby enjoyment within our primary schools from all over our regions signing up to compete in their regional events, the winners of each competition making their way to Canberra to compete in the Primary School Championship as curtain raisers to the Brumbies home game at GIO Stadium.

Our Development Camps held at the AIS again were a hit, especially with our younger girls and boys, all converging on the AIS to focus on skill development in a safe and very controlled environment. The involvement of the elite squad was again welcomed this year, with the Plus500 Brumbies players and our Super W Squad members attending several of our programs. Players performed the role of supporters, presenters, role models, recruiters, and of course coaches in several of our offerings throughout the year and we thank the two squads for their continued support.

DEVELOPMENT CAMPS — BOYS

The Brumbies Development Camps held at the AIS again saw some format changes with our junior boy’s camps going back to one camp for boys aged 12 to 14 years old.

Camps focussed on passing, decision making and the tackle contest, all major elements of the game. Being held at the AIS allowed the boys to experience world class facilities, giving them a real feel for what it’s like to be a professional athlete. The camps provided the players with the opportunity to live and train as professional athletes, as well as offering quality coaching. The Plus500 Brumbies players again made themselves available across the camp, both with some coaching and mentoring to the boys. We would like to thank Tom Banks, Ryan and Lachlan Lonergan, Leni Ikitau and Nick Frost for their time across the two days.

DEVELOPMENT CAMPS — GIRLS

The 2019 Girls Development Camps again saw 2 separate camps, one for girls 12 to 15 and another for girls 16 to 18 years old. This is the second year we have been able to split the age groups, with numbers again growing, especially in the younger age group. The opportunity to continue to nurture the ever-growing female space in rugby is something we here at the Brumbies feel is very important for the future success of our Super W Program, Youth 7s Nationals and the support of providing AON7s with prepared athletes. Pathways for our girls are becoming clearer and clearer, and these camps in some cases are the start point of those pathways. 2019 again saw girls come from all over the country and with Touch 7s being a huge driver of girls playing the game in our SIRU region, the 2019 camps have seen an up take of much younger girls from our non-contact version of the game, now wanting to take up the contact version of the game. Exciting times for all involved with the plan to create a tackle competition in SIRU for the 2020 junior season. We had girls from league, AFL, Soccer, Swimming, Horse Riding, Touch/OzTag cross over and give rugby a go. The future of the women’s competition in the ACT & SNSW region is very healthy

with a large group of talented youth girls taking up the sport and loving every moment of it.

BRUMBIES KIDS CLUB

The old School Holiday Program has been re-invented with a switch from a rugby focus to more of a, lets come and have fun day and while you're here, hang out with some Plus500 Brumbies and Super W players. The Brumbies Kids Club is designed to attract a different audience of kids and target our kids that are not currently engaged in rugby. The kids club is aimed at kids aged 5 to 12 years old. This event will be hosted in both Wagga Wagga NSW and Canberra. Over the two events we are targeting 250 registered participants. These events not only had some rugby orientated games but also consist of Jumping Castles, Face painting, colouring- in competitions, and our very first chillout zone as temperatures got into the 30s through these events. Again, we thank the 18 Brumbies and 10 Super W players that were able to support these events.

GALA DAYS

Brumbies 7s and 10s School Gala Days have always been a massive part of the development officers' program, it's one of our biggest offerings for our schools to experience rugby in a fun and exciting 1-day format. With a busy schedule that begins very early in the year, our gala days' work between Term 1 and go through till the end of Term 3.

Brumbies Development Staff hosted 18 Gala Days in both primary schools and high schools across the 3 regions. 2019 saw our Gala Day offerings allow 430 teams compete in either 7s or 10s across the ACT & SNSW region. Two Hundred and sixty-six teams competed in our High School and College 7s and 10s Gala Days across ACT, SIRU and South Coast/Monaro regions. Again it was our South Coast/Monaro zone that continues to have the biggest appetite for our Gala Days, with 121 teams competing in 6 different events across the zone, with ACT running 4 events across the year with 85 teams and SIRU showing a 13% increase in their numbers across their 2 events. What's exciting for us here at the Brumbies is that we are continuing to grow in participation numbers in our High School and College Gala Days, but for us, how we transfer these numbers across into our club space is something that we aim to really improve in for 2020. The Gala Day season begins with schools competing in their regional events to qualify for the High School/College Finals which are held Canberra in late September at Southwell Park, Lyneham.

ACT

High Schools and College 7's – 31 teams
Stephan Larkham 10's – 10 teams
High School and College Girls 10's – 14 teams
Brumbies High Schools and Colleges 7's Finals Day – 30 teams

Total – 85 Teams

SIRU

Wagga Wagga Girls High School 7s – 18 teams
Wagga Wagga Boys High School 7s – 42 teams

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE FINALS WINNERS:

7/8 Boys: Monaro High School – South Coast/Monaro
7/8 Girls: TRAC - SIRU
9/10 Boys: Kildare Catholic College - SIRU
9/10 Girls: Narooma HS – South Coast/Monaro
11/12 Girls: Radford College - ACT
11/12 Boys: St Edmunds College – ACT

Total – 60 teams

South Coast/Monaro

South Coast High School 7s - 28 teams
Cooma High School 7s – 15 teams
Goulburn High School 7s - 23 teams
South Coast High School 10s - 18 teams
Snowy Mountains High School 10s – 12 teams
Goulburn High School 10s – 25 teams

Totals – 121 teams

MATT GITEAU CUP

The 2019 Matt Giteau Cup is our major Canberra School Gala Day which again saw teams from across Canberra merge on the famous Campese Oval to battle it out to be named Matt Giteau Champion. 39 Primary Schools teams from across the ACT competing for the title, teams come from both the public and private school system with an uplift of 4 teams from the 2018 tournament. With the days main objective to drive participation the Matt Giteau Cup saw 585 kids in year 3,4,5 and 6 participate in the 10-aside tournament.

Wallaby and Brumbies legend Matt Giteau once again attended the day and presented the winning teams with their trophies, also our very own Plus500 Brumbies squad and Brumby Jack were seen looking over some future stars. The tournament was hosted by the Queanbeyan



Whites Juniors, who have been great host of this event for the last few years.

The winners of the day were:
Year 3/4 Division-Marist
Year 5/6 Division-Marist

BRUMBIES PRIMARY SCHOOL 10'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2019 Brumbies Primary School Championships saw 12 teams meet to decide who would be declared the 2019 Brumbies Primary School Champions. Just like our High School/College events, teams compete in their regional events to get through to the main event which again is held in Canberra, but this event plays as a curtain raiser to our Plus500 Brumbies game v Sunwolves of Japan. With 39 teams competing in the ACT, 63 teams in the South Coast/Monaro zone and 62 teams from our SIRU region, 2019 again saw an uplift in schools competing in our Gala Day events, a massive 164 teams competed across the Brumbies Regions to get the chance to be crowned Brumbies Primary School Champions. With rugby being played in such a high spirit across the afternoon with teams from all 3 regions competing in a knockout format, we would like to give a big thank you to our volunteers and parents that allow such a great afternoon of footy.

Winners:
Year 3/4 Division-Marist – ACT
Year 5/6 Division-Cootamundra Public School – SIRU

GET INTO RUGBY

With such an amazing 2018 for our Get into Rugby Program, the development staff knew they were up for a year of challenges, but challenges are what makes this team so driven. 2019 again saw a massive increase in our numbers. With the target of 6,000 participants, our numbers jumped 32% with just under 9,000 students participating. To reach such numbers we needed to have more schools involved and this year we saw just under 50 schools across the Brumbies region participating in the program. The program

is supported by the Australian Sports Commission and Sporting Schools Australia, which allows schools access to grants to help run the program. Get into Rugby run's over a 5-week period which gives our development officers a great opportunity to have more visits with the one school, which in turn see's the kids get more unique rugby experiences. With just under 9,000 kids active in the Get into Rugby program for 2019, the challenges to continue the growth of this program across our regions will be one the team are looking forward to in 2020.

SCHOOLGIRLS RUGBY

2019 saw the Schoolgirl program continue to take giant leaps in its development. We again saw growth in this space with the ACTJRU Competition again seeing growth in their 10s competition, with the biggest growth being in the 14s and 16s space, but what's more appealing for the future of our women's game is that between the ages of 4 and 18, 941 girls have been playing rugby across the Brumbies region. The newly formed Schoolgirls Invitational again went ahead for the 2nd year but 2019 saw the competition move to Sydney and be re-named Schoolgirls and U18s Invitational. 2019 saw a team from QLD compete for the first time which saw teams from all states competing, except for the Northern Territory. With Rugby Australia having a much bigger influence in the tournament, it was great to see the standard of Rugby improving from the year before. This continues to be a great pathway for our ACT girls with 46 girls getting the opportunity to compete against some quality opposition. For the first time a Merit Team was selected from the tournament with 3 of our girls being recognised for the performance, Aaliyah Lomas, Ella Ryan and Grace Kemp. From this tournament our ACT Schoolgirls 15-a-side representative team was selected to travel to Sydney to play NSW CHS Schoolgirls team. Always a very tough assignment, with zero victories in almost 16 years. But with our ACTAS Academy deep into its second year, girls were much stronger, fitter and better skilled to take this challenge on. Physicality was always an issue, but the Brumbies Schoolgirls team showed plenty of it, along with solid skills to break the drought and win the game 29-14.

With the Super W landscape changing every year and with the talent coming through, we could see several of this crop of schoolgirls pushing for spots in the Super W 2020 program. Thank you to James Erwin, Brett Quester and Danielle Ryan for their coaching and organisation of this team, and for their ongoing commitment to girl's rugby in our region.

SUPER 7'S SERIES

In its 4th year the Super 7s Series once again made positive changes but this time these changes saw the tournament go from 4 focussed weekends around our region to the one weekend event held in Wagga Wagga and the inclusion of a men's division. In the past years Super 7s was designed to allow our Youth Girls more rugby but now with the ACTJRU Competition the 4-weekend tournament was just too much for some clubs. With good positive feedback from our clubs across the regions the new and improved Super 7s became one weekend. Still based in Wagga Wagga, the event was moved from Paramore Oval to the home of SIRU rugby, Conolly Park. Saturday 9th November saw 20 Male and Female teams converge on Conolly and Sunday 10th November saw 23 Youth Boys and Girls compete. With 43 teams across the weekend, a massive 12 team uplift from 2018, but with the inclusion of a men's division we believe the Super 7s event will only continue to grow. Teams from the Hunter, Central West, Western Sydney, Victoria, South Coast, Canberra and the Southern Inland region all battled it out to be crowned the Super 7s Champions. This year saw the inclusion of our very own Brumbies youth teams and Melbourne Rebels using the tournament as preparation for Nationals at the end of November. We would like to again recognise our sponsors in Wagga Wagga City Council, International Sports Tours and Range Orthoptics, who joined us in 2019 to support of Officials across

the weekend, a big thank you to everyone for your ongoing support. The football across the weekend was played at a high pace and in the spirit of what rugby is all about, and we would like to thank all the volunteers, coaches, managers who help make this event happen and we look forward to seeing them all again in 2020.

Winners

Men – Western Sydney Barbarians (NSW)

Women – Rivcoll Reddies (SIRU)

Youth Boys 17s – Brumbies (ACT)

Youth Girls 17s – Brumbies (ACT)

Youth Girls 15s – Western Wasps (NSW)

CONCLUSION

There has again been strong growth and interest in all our development offerings, especially within the female space. It is easily the faster growing aspect of our game and we look forward to this continuing in 2020. The team has seen strong growth in all of our school-based offerings, this is evident in our numbers for Get into Rugby program and our 7s Gala Days we run across the year. 2019 has seen us again buck the national trend with growth in all aspects of the rugby development program. The challenge we face and will face each year is ensuring this growth continues, and importantly, that we continue to develop our offerings that allows growth within our Junior and Senior clubs. Much credit must go to the hard-working development staff this year. It's no secret that as a sport our level of funding is far smaller than our rivals, however our staff, through constant support of each other, long hours, endless weekend work have again achieved excellent results in a challenging environment. We look forward to 2020 with a renewed focus on increasing our rugby participation across all aspects of community rugby in the ACT & SNSW.





The Brumbies Pathways program, Junior Academy & TID network provided support, direction and coaching to representative programs including: Brumbies Super W, ACTJRU U12s to U16s, Brumbies U15 JGC & Brumbies U16s JRC, Brumbies Schoolboys, Brumbies Academy U18s, Female 7s ACTAS Academy, Brumbies 7s (Youth Girls, Boys & Men's), Coach Accreditation, Regional Academies & Clubs, ACT Schools and Club programs.

BRUMBIES RUNNERS PROGRAM

2019 saw a heavily bolstered Brumbies Runners program with a total of four matches played. These matches were vital in providing quality football to our Super Rugby squad members who were not required in the Super Rugby Matchday 23, as well as our Senior Academy players, our Australian U20 squad members, and some of our leading local club players. The team performed strongly through the program ultimately winning three out of four games, including victories over all other Super Rugby franchises we played (Melbourne Rebels and NSW Waratahs). Again, a number of players were able to earn opportunities in the Super Rugby matchday squad based off their Runners performances through the season.

Head Coach: Daniel Hooper
Forwards Coach: Ruaidhri Murphy
Manager: Robert Brady
Trainer: Barry Horgan

GAME ONE: Brumbies Runners 49 beat Auckland A 14

Scorers – Tries: Hansen (2), Brown (2), Farrell, Scott, Douglas, Conversions: Lonergan (6), Goddard

The Runners faced an Auckland A side comprised of Auckland Mitre 10 Cup NPC players, Auckland Academy players, and young developing Auckland club players. The match played at Queanbeyan saw plenty of enterprising play. Wing Mack Hansen was dangerous throughout making a number of linebreaks, whilst Jahrome Brown stood out in the backrow for the home team. The Brumbies Runners showed the benefit of a hard pre-season and looked a level above with their physical conditioning and skillsets. The Auckland side kept coming back at the Runners, but the Runners team also defended strongly and were excellent in transitioning into counter-attack.

GAME TWO: Brumbies Runners 59 beat Melbourne Rebels A 15

Scorers – Tries: Hansen (4), Ikitau, Lucas,

Swain, Kuenzle, McInerney, Conversions: Lucas (7)

Both the Brumbies and Rebels A teams travelled to meet halfway for this match at Greenfield Park in Albury. Both teams put out strong sides with almost all starters in each team being contracted Super Rugby squad members. On a hot day the Brumbies proved too strong, looking fitter and faster than their Melbourne opponents and running away with a strong victory scoring 9 tries in the process. Mack Hansen again stood out scoring 4 tries in the match to go with his 2 tries in the first game against Auckland.

GAME THREE: Brumbies Runners 40 beat NSW Waratahs A 17

Scorers – Tries: McInerney, Scott, Enever, Brown, Wright, Kuenzle, Conversions: Hawera (4), Jimenez

The Runners 3rd match was played as a curtain raiser to the Brumbies v Waratahs Super Rugby match at GIO Stadium in Canberra. 2 strong sides took the field, with the Brumbies Runners getting out to an early lead thanks to their strong attacking Maul. Some strong defence from the Runners earned turnovers enabling the side to take a 19-7 lead into halftime. In the second half the Brumbies fitness and speed was again to the fore and the side built a handy lead eventually winning 40-17, an impressive result against our traditional rivals. Brumbies halfback Matt Lucas was a standout, directing play well throughout the match and Brumbies newcomer Tom Wright demonstrated his attacking prowess with a 70m breakaway try.

GAME FOUR: Brumbies Runners 17 lost to Japan Wolfpack 66

Scorers – Tries: Peni (2), Frost, Conversions: Kuenzle

In the final game, it was the Japan Wolfpack standing between the Brumbies Runners and an unbeaten season with the match to be held at GIO stadium. The Japan Wolfpack team was essentially the Japanese National team (and coached by National team coach Jamie Joseph) who were in preparations for their 2019 Rugby World Cup campaign. The Wolfpack ran out a very impressive side laden with International stars and the team proved too fast and slick for the Brumbies Runners. The Runners fought hard holding the Japan side to 38-12 with just over 20 minutes remaining but the speed of ruck ball and skill levels of the experienced Japanese team proved too much and the side ran out to a comprehensive 66-17 win. Chance Peni stood out for the Runners, scoring two well taken tries and was always threatening, while Nick Frost scored an excellent try showing his speed. The match

was a great experience for the Runners to face International teams of test match standard, and much experience was gained for the numerous young Academy players who were involved in the match.

Bob Brady again managed the team through the Runners program and as always we thank Bob for his time and contributions to bettering the program.

ACT GRIFFINS PROGRAM

2019 saw the re-emergence of the ACT Griffins, our representative program for our local Senior Club Rugby players. They played four games across three matchdays with the coaching reins taken by Wests mentor Craig Robberds. Craig was joined on the coaching staff by Adam Butt, Royals 1st Grade assistant coach, and Sam Rolfe, who led the Uni-Norths Owls to their second successive Finals appearance in 1st Grade.

A strong squad was assembled featuring the cream of local 1st grade rugby, and additionally our club players in the NRC squad not required on that particular weekend were also used in Griffins matches. The team completed their 4-match program unbeaten, the only tarnish on their record was a 19-19 draw with the Brumbies U19s in the Capital Cup.

Head Coach: Craig Robberds

Assistant Coach: Sam Rolfe, Adam Butt

Manager: Ryne Bowden

Medical: Megan Dennis

Trainer: Kieren Norcott

CAPITAL CUP: Saturday 7th September at Gungahlin Enclosed oval

GAME ONE: ACT Griffins 19 drew with Brumbies U19s 19

GAME TWO: ACT Griffins 24 beat Brumbies Provincial 10

On Saturday 7th September the ACT Griffins participated in a 3-way competition with the Brumbies U19s and Brumbies Provincial teams playing two matches on the day. The competition, the inaugural "Capital Cup" was a competitive day of rugby with the Griffins securing a draw against the Brumbies U19s and a win against the Brumbies Provincial team. The Griffins had little preparation time for this first competition, and whilst the side lacked a little cohesion at times due to this short prep time, they certainly threatened and scored some entertaining tries. Callum Richardson performed strongly on the wing across the day with Lachie Osborne also to the fore in the forward pack with some strong carries. In the midfield Aaron Collins metres with tough carries, and Lincoln Smith was also strong from fullback with his counter attack.

GAME THREE: ACT Griffins 50 beat Illawarra 14

For the Griffins second matchday (but 3rd game) the team headed to Dapto on the NSW South Coast to face off against the Illawarra Sub Union. The Illawarra side was a Barbarians selection and contained a couple of Central West players, including NSW Country Cockatoo's, so the side were expected to provide some resistance on their home patch. The Griffins came out of the blocks fast and through good continuity and speed of play racked up a 29-0 halftime lead. With numerous changes, and an Illawarra fightback, the game evened up in the second half with the Griffins

eventually winning 50-14. Canberra Vikings NRC squad member Angus Allen was a standout scoring 2 tries and showing his dominance in Attack and Defence.

GAME FOUR: ACT Griffins 31 beat ACT Pasifika 0

The Griffins final match was played at Viking Park as a curtain-raiser to the Canberra Vikings v Fiji Drua NRC match. Due to the Wallabies World Cup match, and other NRC matches, the Vikings/Drua match was a 12pm kickoff meaning the Griffins game was scheduled for the unusual kickoff time of 10.00am. Both sides named strong teams on paper, but it took both teams awhile to get used to the early kickoff. Eventually the Griffins fitness and speed, and recent training/playing form allowed them to build a strong lead and run away with the match by 31-0.

Thanks goes to Craig Robberds and his coaching/management staff for their time and energy in helping with the rebirth of the Griffins. With the Griffins program back this year, we hope to build the program for 2020 with a view to playing against other State based sides in an exciting tournament format. Watch this space!

BRUMBIES U19s TEAM

2019 was the second year of the reinstated National U19 Championships which again took place in Canberra. The U19s tournament sees QLD and NSW use their NRC team brandings for their sides and the event was played at the AIS. This tournament is used as the selection tool for the Australian U20 team for the following year. The 2019 Brumbies U19 team trained for 5 weeks following the completion of the John I Dent Cup competition and performed well overall. A highlight for the side was to win the inaugural Canberra "Capital Cup" which was a 3-way tournament between the ACT Griffins, Brumbies Provincial and the Brumbies U19s.

Capital Cup Results (7th September @Gungahlin Enclosed)

Brumbies U19s 19 drew with ACT Griffins 19

Brumbies U19s 36 beat Brumbies Provincial 10

U19 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

ROUND ONE – 28th September – Brumbies U19 45 beat Melbourne Rebels U19s 14

ROUND TWO – 6th October – Brumbies U19 14 lost to Sydney City 43

ROUND THREE – 9th October – Brumbies U19 25 lost NSW Country U19 36

FINALS – 12th October

Head Coach: Ruaidhri Murphy

Development Coach: Dan Hawke

Manager: Deon Norval

Assistant Manager: Kelvin Armstrong

Medical: Ben Pattenden, Joey Humphries

S&C: Ben Norcott, Paddy Brown

Trainer: Matt Toward, Mark Wagg

Program Manager & Attack Coach: Daniel Hooper

BRUMBIES U19 SQUAD FOR THE 2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Apenisa Driti, Jean-Benit Madjagga, TJ Sione, Mika Eli, Davea Teoteo, Liki Chan-Tung, Callum MacDonald, Zac Perrin, Zane Marolt, Jack Kearns, Kane Kilmister, Connor Smith, Rory Scott, Luke Reimer, Joel Atkins, John Lalotoa, Joe Caputo, Isaac Crowe, Dennis Waight, Jack Gilmour, Liae Tuilagi, Corey Toole, Tom Haddad, Brendan Jimenez, Haloti Fonusa

BRUMBIES SENIOR ACADEMY

2019 was the second year since the re-establishment of the Brumbies Senior Academy to compliment the work being done in the Pathways and Junior Academy levels. The 2019 Academy was broken into two tiers, Tier 1 had 15 players whilst tier 2 had 10 players.

The Academy program is effectively a 12-month training program for our elite up and coming players. Each training block starts early in November of the previous year and runs right through to the end of August with the majority of players then transferring into either the Brumbies U19 program, or the Canberra Vikings NRC program through September and October.

Academy highlights from 2019 include;

- 16 players were selected for the Brumbies A team (Brumbies Runners) in 2019.
- 7 players were selected in the Canberra Vikings NRC squad
- 8 players were selected in the Brumbies U19s team
- 3 players were selected in the Australian U18s
- 2 players were selected in the Junior Wallabies
- 10 players were selected in the ACT Griffins team
- 2 players from last year's Academy made their Super Rugby debut in 2019

Academy Head Coach: Daniel Hooper

Academy Head of Performance: Ben Norcott

Academy S&C Assistant Coach: Patrick Brown

Resource Coaches: Ruaidhri Murphy (Forwards), Andy Clark (Skills), Dan Hawke (Skills)

Physio: Megan Dennis, assisted by Ben Pattenden

WOMEN'S / YOUTH 7S

The ACT Academy of Sport Women / Youth females 7s program continued to grow and is now producing players of national interest in its second year. Damien Tyson and the ACT Academy of Sport (ACTAS) staff are producing some quality future players with the support of the Brumbies and Rugby Australia.

BRUMBIES JUNIOR ACADEMY

The Brumbies Junior Academy continued to identify and develop talented U15 to U19 Rugby players from Canberra and the region. The program continues to run throughout 11 plus months of the year to cater for the demands of 15s and 7s players representative programs. Players of 2018 are graduating up and are now progressing through to senior Academy and Brumbies train on status.

ACT JUNIORS REPRESENTATIVE U12S — U16S

The ACTJRU Representative program kicked off their selection process with core skill, position specific and fitness programs which lead into open trials over a series of weeks. This selection format continues to work and has a positive effect on the selection process / education of players. The executive committee, coaches and squad support had a positive impact on the development of players who make the squad and those miss out and go back to their Clubs and Schools with improved skill and fitness sets.

The ACTJRU representative programs had some positive results in the NSW State Championships making the finals in U13s, U14s and U16s. The U13s won the NSW State Championship title. The three finalists' squads and their staff were acknowledged by the Brumbies by parading at the GIO Canberra Stadium prior to the quarter final play-off match against the Sharks from South Africa. We are grateful to the Albury Steamers for generously providing the venues and hosting trial matches for Brumbies U15s and U16s, Brumbies Schoolboys, Brumbies U18 Academy and Brumbies Super W squads.

SOUTHERN INLAND SPORTS ACADEMY

The Southern Inland Sports Academy entered its second year with some of their inaugural 2018 scholarship players graduating up to the Super W squad, Brumbies Junior and Senior Academies, Brumbies U15, Brumbies U16, ACT Schoolboys, Brumbies Academy U18s, Brumbies U19s and Southern Inland representative level, Junior and Senior SIRU grade sides.

BRUMBIES U15 JUNIOR GOLD CUP (JGC)

The synthetic Woollahra Oval was the venue for Southern Division of the Junior Gold Cup. The side was competitive in all games but finished fifth in the southern division.

BRUMBIES U16 JUNIOR RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP (JRC)

The AIS hosted the Junior Rugby Championships (U16s Nationals). The Brumbies side finished fourth of eight sides. Head Coach - Charlie Fairfield-Smith, Assistant Coach - Angus Balmaks, Managers - Andrew and Katharine Balmaks, Physio - Dave McCaskie and S & C - Jimmy Dale, all did an outstanding job during this program. A number of these players will be invited into the Brumbies Junior Academy Squad for the 2019/20 program.

BRUMBIES SCHOOLBOYS

The ACT Schoolboys commenced with open identification sessions followed by ongoing work and identification of the squad prior to the ASC v CSC match. A trial v Victorian Schools was conducted on the June long weekend in Albury. The side was competitive in every game at the Championships losing just one match to NSW 1, finishing third.

BRUMBIES JUNIOR ACADEMY & ACADEMY U18S PROGRAM

The Brumbies Junior Academy commenced work in early November 2018. Patrick Brown ran the S & C programs along with Patrick Doan who covered rehab. Megan Dennis and her crew did some quality rehab and triage work with the squad and other representative programs. The program continues to develop innovative gym and field work that transfers to field performance. Specialist coaching including David Pocock and other Brumbies were used in skill development for the Brumbies / Wallaroos representatives, Junior and Seniors Academy players.

The Brumbies Academy U18s game program commenced in 2019 with a four-match program spread from early March to September. The squad had wins against the Rebels Academy, Force Academy, QLD Academy and a loss to the NSW Academy. Six players were selected in the Australian U18s / Schools squad that defeated the Fiji U18s, NZ Barbarians U18s and NZ U18s on their NZ tour, coached by Peter Hewat, Super Rugby Coach. Brumbies Academy or Brumbies signed players included:

- Tony Alofipo (Wests / Erindale College – Brumbies Junior Academy);
- Tom Hooper (Tuggeranong Vikings – Brumbies Senior Academy);
- Zephania Tuinona (Queanbeyan Whites – Brumbies Senior Academy);
- Reesjan Pasitua (St Joseph College, Nudgee – Brumbies Academy);
- Lachlan Albert (St Ignatious' College - Brumbies Academy); &
- Alexander Masibaka (Force Academy played Brumbies Academy v NSW & QLD).

The coaching group that covered the entire program included Daniel Hawke, Ben McGee, Nick Jones, Hugh Alexander, Rod Hayes and Andrew Clark. This coaching group was varied due to other commitments, but all coaches added great value to the performance of the squad along with Manager Deon Norval, Physio Megan Dennis plus her team and S & C Coach Patrick Brown. Talent ID for the Junior Academy continues right throughout the year and inclusion can occur at any time.

BRUMBIES MEN'S, YOUTH FEMALE (U17) AND YOUTH MALE (U17S) 7S

The 2018 Brumbies 7s squads were competitive at Nationals, with the youth sides fielding younger sides for experience. RA will look to present different platforms for selection into the Men's 7s squad in 2020.

Youth Girls – Reached the final (Runners Up – 2nd)

Youth Boys – Reached the Qualifying Finals

Men – Reached the Minor Place Play Offs

SOUTHERN INLAND SPORTS ACADEMY PROGRAM (JUNIOR GIRLS & BOYS)

The Southern Sports Academy Rugby Union program expanded to operate out of Wagga Wagga and Griffith with some positive performances by players in National and State Tournaments. The program is supported by Total Ag Solutions Pty Ltd, the Brumbies, NSW Government and local Government Councils. The program provides a great tool for talented youth male & female Rugby players from the region, in 15s and 7s Rugby formats. The Southern Inland Sports Academy staff, Dave Richard Skellern, Jono Andreou, Zac Elliott and Jack Heffernan put quality time and effort into the program, and it continues to produce great players.



INTRODUCTION

Season 2019 saw many changes in the ACT Rugby Referee Association with the new president, Chad Burnell taking the reins for 2019. Again in 2019 we faced issues regarding referee numbers, especially in the senior ranks, and this was going to be tested through the introduction of a new Women's 10s competition expanding the already growing area of the game. The start of the season came with a lot of enthusiasm with 8 Referee kids Rugby Courses, run by Caitlin Aquilina, and two Foundation Courses and only 2 games in the first half of the season being unappointed. As the season moved on and the Junior competition starting it became harder to fill all games appropriately with many referees doubling up on games. There were also many opportunities for growth and development for referees through exchanges to other associations such as to SIRRA and VRRRA. The ACTRRA also had some exchanges come from NSW Rugby Referees, VRRRA, SIRRA and from Canterbury in New Zealand. ACT were also provided many opportunities to referee curtain raisers and half-time games at GIO stadium during the year as well. The New Southern States Referee Manager, Shane Barr has been working hard with the association in order to help educate and provide even more opportunities to expand individuals refereeing. ACT referees gave many referee's opportunities to referee many formats of the game with 10s, 7s and XV aside games all being played throughout the year as well as the traditional and new 7s tournament's which include the Bowral 7s, Queanbeyan 7s, Super 7s and other 7s tournaments around the country. There were many opportunities for referees this year to referee representative rugby with ACT referee's being well represented at most events.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

In 2019, ACTRRA had a total of 122 ACTRRA members registered to Rugby Xplorer (new registration system implemented in 2019) compared to 123 ACTRRA members registered in 2018. 112 ACTRRA members refereed one or more games in 2019 compared to the 102 members in 2018 (10% increase). This is due to the introduction of 29 new referees into the zone with 26 of these completing an RKR course in 2019 and 4 of these returning or coming from another zone. Further, two Foundation Courses were run in 2019, with one focussed on junior representative players. A total of 48 people attended the two courses, and now need to complete the final requirements to progress to their Level 1 Accreditation. The retention rate from 2018 to 2019 was 81% where 83 referees who refereed one or more games in 2018 continued to referee one or more games in 2019 with a 28% influx of first-time referees and/or new referees to the zone. Sixty referees referee juniors only and 52 referees refereed both Seniors and Juniors.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2019 also saw the continuation of Monthly development nights throughout the 2019 season with a mixture of senior referees, players and coaches coming in to present. All events were held at Brumbies HQ starting with a group fitness session being run by an A or B Panel referee. These nights were fun and full of great information for all referees at all levels. Rugby Australia this year introduced 4 webinars concentrating on 4 different areas of the game again with a mixture of new referee's, experienced referees, coaches and players all presenting. These Webinars were held all over Australia with the 1st Webinar being held here at Brumbies HQ. Blue card education and refreshers were also held through clubs and schools in order to create and keep awareness of the blue card going in the referee ranks as well as informing parents. 2020 will see this continue as Rugby Australia puts a larger emphasis on concussion education.

A Level 2 Referee Course was run in 2019, with 8 attendees from ACTRRA now working towards their Level 2 Accreditation.

CONCLUSION

A big thank you needs to go out to all referee's in the ACTRRA and SIRRA associations who all worked hard in 2019 to fill all appointments. It was a hard year with an increase in games but a promising year with new and returning referees joining the ranks. In some younger age groups, some referees could not be appointed due to an overflow in that level. We hope that all referees will continue through to 2020 with more games expected especially through the growth of the women's game.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Brumbies rugby would like to congratulate the following ACTRRA members who were selected by Rugby Australia to perform at a representative level

Brodie Ingram – Referee/Assistant Referee Super W, NRC, URC

Reuben Keane – Referee/Assistant Referee Oceania 7s, Super W, URC

– Debut referee for NRC (RD 2 NRC Brisbane City v Sydney Rays)

Harry Fenton – Assistant referee Super W, JRC

Caitlin Aquilina – Referee/Assistant Referee Schoolgirls Nationals, URC, AON 7s

Kirra Burke – Referee/Assistant Referee Schoolgirls Nationals, AON 7s

Rhianna Burke – Referee/Assistant Referee Schoolgirls Nationals, URC, AON 7s, JRC

Hayden Pepper – School student Scholarship 2019

Hayden Perkins – Assistant Referee URC

Petrus Van Aswegen – Assistant Referee URC, U18s Championships



There has been a significant improvement in the conduct of the players during this year, with a reduction in the number of players who received either a yellow or red card to only 53. This reduction did not, however, reflect itself before the Judicial Committee which was similar to last season with an increase of only one case.

The Committee sat every Monday evening except for three occasions and heard 41 matters, an increase of three on last year. Fifteen clubs were represented, an increase of two. A number of clubs had a significant number of players appear, with one club having eight players appear compared to only one last year. There remains a significant amount of work to be done by the clubs to educate players in relation to matters of discipline.

All divisions of the competition, except for Women's Rugby, were represented at hearings. The number of players in the Premier Division 1st Grade to appear before the judiciary has dropped by three from last year, however the number still remains high.

There were three Code of Conduct matters heard in 2019, a reduction of three from last year. These matters can be very complicated and may involve the appointment of an investigator. I would like to thank Dick Cordy for his splendid work in relation to investigations.

The bulk of matters were admitted but fifteen were denied, an increase of three from last year. Of these eight were found to be not proven.

The most common offence dealt with by the Committee was for physical abuse such as punching or kicking. There were 21 matters alleging a breach of this Law an increase of nine from 2018 showing a disappointing lack of discipline which all will continue to strive to change.

The bulk of matters were found to be in the mid-range of offences which reflects the recent changes to the Disciplinary Rules relating to attacking the head of another player. The sanctions applied varied, with a suspension of between two and four weeks being the most common. One matter, however, attracted a penalty in excess of nine weeks.

I thank all those who sat as members of the Committee during the year. There remains, however, a need for non-legal members and I ask retired players to consider volunteering. I would also like to thank Craig Leseberg, Mathew Vowles and Caitlin Aquilina for their support and assistance.

Michael A. Somes
Chairman

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Our RAP is a crucial step that recognises the unique role that sport plays in removing barriers and creating opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, to support closing the gap. To play a role in the provision of opportunities that enrich the lives of young Indigenous males and females is vitally important and immensely valuable.

Since the development of our RAP we have also established an Indigenous Cultural Advisory Group (ICAG) which includes members of our Indigenous community including Michele Abel and Trevor Ellis. The formation of this group was critical to supporting the development and implementation of our RAP and most importantly connecting with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on our reconciliation journey.

Our clear objective, as we continue our reconciliation path, is to utilise the game of Rugby and its qualities to drive richer engagement and openly connect with Indigenous communities and organisations within the ACT & Southern NSW. The Brumbies Indigenous Rugby Program is vital to enabling this vision to be realised.

Our NAIDOC Week event provided a wonderful opportunity to partner with three like-minded and iconic Canberra organisations in Sport Australia, the AIS and the University of Canberra. Working together to raise awareness, recognise and celebrate the unique role that Indigenous Australians continue to play in the life of our organisations our city and region. The staff from each organisation genuinely embraced the occasion and contributed to a great day that included an opportunity to play Buroinjin (traditional Indigenous) and Touch 7's in a tournament format on our main field.

Ngunnawal Elder Serena Williams conducted a welcome to country and smoke ceremony accompanied by Chaden Walker on the didgeridoo in a powerful and moving display. Dale Huddleston from the Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Cooperation also conducted interactive Indigenous artwork workshops over the course of the afternoon.

The event gained some wonderful exposure in a short space of time. A great illustration of the unifying qualities of education and sport and their power in removing barriers and creating opportunities.



KEY MILESTONES

- Our joint NAIDOC week celebration at the University of Canberra on 9 July 2019 with Sport Australia, the AIS and the University of Canberra.
- Indigenous Round was held on Friday 24 May against Bulls from South Africa at GIO Stadium. A Welcome to Country ceremony was performed by Ngunnawal Elder Serena Williams also accompanied the pre-match Smoke Ceremony on the pitch. There was a half-time demonstration of Buroinjin.
- Staff and players participated in Reconciliation Day at Glebe Park on 27 May 2019. Brumbies Players, Development Staff and our mascot Brumby Jack also attended the day and interacted with families.
- For the second year a local Indigenous Round was held on the 1 June in Round 9. All Premier 1st Grade sides playing on that day wore indigenous themed socks in their club colours that utilized the hoof prints of our region's wild horses.

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